

Florida Odyssey of the Mind

Standing Rules

2016-2017

MEMBERSHIP:

The Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association (FLOMA) membership reflects the current policies of Creative Competitions, Inc. (CCI) and is subject to restrictions and/or changes established by the Board of Directors of Creative Competitions, Inc. Any member of Creative Competitions, Inc. located in the State of Florida shall be eligible for membership in the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association upon payment of the annual association membership fee. Any member of Creative Competitions, Inc. meeting all eligibility requirements shall be allowed to participate in sanctioned Odyssey of the Mind (OotM) tournaments at local, regional, state and world levels. Eligibility requirements (including tournament fees) shall be set forth in the current Florida Odyssey of the Mind Standing Rules.

FEES:

Association membership and/or registration fees may be charged by the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association at both the regional and state levels. Fees will be determined by the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association Executive Board at any regular or special meeting.

Fees must be paid on or before the deadline as stated in this document and will be collected and managed by the designated Business Administrator or the Association Treasurer.

TEAM REGISTRATION FEE: Each team planning to participate in any sanctioned tournament (regional and/or state) will be assessed a \$75.00 per team fee. All registrations postmarked after the *Regional* deadline will be assessed up to a \$20.00 late fee. Teams registering after the National deadline may not be invited to State. Primary fees shall be \$20.00 per team.

STATE REGISTRATION FEE: Each competitive team advancing to State Finals will be assessed a \$50.00 per team fee. This fee will be due at the meeting following the Regional Award Ceremony. Primary teams will not be assessed a State Registration fee.

FINES/PENALTIES:

Any team not providing a judge/worker by the designated deadline may be assessed a \$100.00 fine to be paid prior to the award ceremony. If a team's designated worker/judge does not report for duty at the designated time and place on the day of the tournament, that team may receive a 25 point spirit of the problem penalty. The Problem Captain will notify the director or their appointee that the spirit of the problem penalty has been assessed.

QUESTIONS REGARDING SCORING:

Refer to *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide* for specifics on protesting a long-term non-subjective score. Subjective scores and spontaneous scores are **NOT** open to protest under any circumstance.

DATE:	REGISTRATION DEADLINE (Postmarked by...)
January 27, 2017	National Odyssey of the Mind registration
January 27, 2017	State Odyssey of the Mind registration
	Team tournament registration
December 15, 2016	Regional Odyssey of the Mind registration
	Team tournament registration

**REGIONS: TOURNAMENT DATES AND LOCATIONS
TEAM REGISTRATION DEADLINES**

Buccaneer Bay Region

Laurie Filardo, Director

Regional Registration Deadline - 1/15/17

Dunedin Highland Middle School, Dunedin
February 18, 2017

Emerald Coast Region

Carol Hansford, Director

Regional Registration Deadline - 1/15/17

Shoal River Middle School, Crestview
February 25, 2017

Gulf Coast Region

Freda Abercrombie, Director

Regional Registration Deadline - 1/15/17

Charles Rushe Middle School, Land O'Lakes
February 25, 2017 - Divisions 2 & 3

T.E. Weightman Middle School, Wesley Chapel
March 4, 2017 - Division 1 & Primary

Magic Center Region

Anna Long, Director

Regional Registration Deadline - 1/15/17

Edgewater High School, Orlando
February 25, 2017

Manatee Region

Daphne Moore, Director

Regional Registration Deadline - 1/15/17

Pacetti Bay Middle School, St. Augustine
March 4, 2017

Palms Region

Judi Hueter, Director

Regional Registration Deadline - 1/15/17

Suncoast Community High School, Riviera Beach
February 25, 2017

Space Coast Region

Sue Klaasen, Directors

Regional Registration Deadline - 1/15/17

Bayside High School, Palm Bay
March 4, 2017

Sun Region

Debbie Stichter, Director

Regional Registration Deadline - 12/15/16

Riverdale High School, Fort Myers
March 4, 2017

Tropical Region

Erik Veiga, Director

Regional Registration Deadline - 1/27/17

Location TBA
March 4, 2017

STATE AND WORLD: TOURNAMENTS DATES AND LOCATIONS

Florida State Tournament

Matt Whaley, Director

University of Central Florida, Orlando
April 8, 2017

World Finals

Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan
May 24 – 27, 2017

MEETINGS:

Regional information may be obtained from your regional director.

Coaches' Meeting: Any region may have a mandatory coach's meeting at which either the coach or their designee must be in attendance.

State Board Meetings	August 13-14, 2016 -- Crystal River
	January 14, 2017 -- Orlando
	April 7, 2017 -- Orlando
	May 6, 2017 -- Orlando
State Problem Captains' Training	January 14, 2017 -- Orlando
Pre-Tournament Coaches' Meeting for Long Term Problems	April 7, 2017 7:00 pm -- UCF, Orlando

TOURNAMENT RULES AND PROCEDURES

Membership/Coach Responsibilities

1. All team member participation shall be in accordance with the General Rules as set forth in the current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*.
2. All teams must be registered and all fees paid on or before the deadline for each level of tournament as stated in the current FLOMA Standing Rules.
3. Each team must provide officials and/or workers for the tournament unless otherwise notified by the appropriate Director. Official volunteers (judges) must agree to attend the judges' training workshop and be available on the day of tournament. If the appropriate number of volunteers from a membership are currently serving as members of the Board, Problem Captains or Regional Scoring Captain, then this requirement *may* be waived at the discretion of the appropriate Director.
4. If a team does not provide officials and/or workers by the deadline established by each Regional Director and/or the State Problem Captains, that team will be assessed a financial and/or Spirit of the Problem penalty by the responsible Tournament Director. This obligation must be met prior to the awards ceremony. The appropriate Director will advise the appropriate Problem Captain that the Spirit of the Problem penalty has been assessed.
5. Memberships are not required to provide officials or workers for the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Tournament.
6. To be eligible to enter the State Tournament, a team must:
 - a. compete at a Regional Tournament; (Division IV teams are exempt)
 - b. meet any other requirements set forth in the current FLOMA Standing Rules.

Problem Captains

1. Each Regional Director shall appoint Problem Captains for the region.
2. Each Problem Captain shall:
 - a. meet all requirements as set forth in the current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*;
 - b. attend state-wide FLOMA Problem Captain training;
 - c. be responsible for assuring proper site set-up and acquiring all designated materials before each tournament;
 - d. oversee problem sites and judging teams during the tournament;
 - e. attempt to resolve any dispute between the coach and judging team in accordance with the current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*, FLOMA Bylaws, FLOMA Standing Rules and FLOMA Rules for Tournament;
 - f. participate in Tribunals in accordance with FLOMA Bylaws;
 - g. abide by the tournament rules and guidelines set forth by Creative Competitions, Inc. in its current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide* and FLOMA in its current Bylaws, Standing Rules and Rules for tournament;
 - h. Attend and participate in the FLOMA State Tournament;
 - i. Take Direction from the State Problem Captain in their problem related area;

3. Regional Problem Captains shall train all regional officials and make assignments in conjunction with the appropriate Director.
4. Regional Problem Captains shall abide by the Bylaws, Standing Rules and FLOMA tournament rules.

Officials

1. All officials shall meet all requirements as set forth in the current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*.
2. All officials must be certified by attending an official FLOMA training session prior to tournament.
3. The following guidelines are suggested for the ages of officials:
 - a. Officials 18 – 21 years of age may serve in scoring positions for Division I and Division II teams.
 - b. Officials 16 – 18 years of age may serve as officials in non-scoring positions for Division I and Division II.
3. Only FLOMA certified officials will officiate at each tournament.
4. Final assignments will be made by the appropriate Problem Captain under the direction of the State Problem Director and/or the appropriate Regional Director.
5. All efforts will be made to avoid conflicts of interest in judging assignments.

Head Judges

1. Head judges (one at each Long Term Problem and Spontaneous site) shall:
 - a. meet all requirements as set forth in the current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*;
 - b. coordinate each judging team and assign responsibilities;
 - c. be responsible for the final tally of score sheets;
 - d. judge and score if necessary;
 - e. present a written copy of the long-term raw score to the coach (or Division III team captain);
 - f. in the event of a dispute, discuss the issue with the coach (or Division III team captain) and the Problem Captain to determine the course of action.

Tribunals

Tribunals will be held as set forth below and in accordance with the current policies of Creative Competitions, Inc., as described in the current *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*.

1. A Tribunal will be convened:
 - a. ONLY for questions regarding rule interpretation;
 - b. if a coach's concerns are not satisfied after discussion with the appropriate Head Judge and/or Problem Captain, in which case the coach will be provided with a Request for Problem Intervention form to be completed and submitted;
 - c. after the appropriate Head Judge or Problem Captain has received a written Request for Problem Intervention form from the coach (or Division III or IV team captain);
 - d. as soon as possible on the day of tournament, and all decisions by the tribunal will be made prior the award ceremony.
2. The Tribunal at the State Tournament shall consist of:
 - a. the State Problem Director, who will serve as Chair; if not present at tournament, the Assistant Association Director will serve as Chair;
 - b. One (1) non affiliated State Problem Captain; and
 - c. One (1) non-affiliated Regional Director
3. The Tribunal at Regional Tournament shall consist of:
 - a. A Regional Board member appointed by the Regional Director who will serve as Chair (not Regional Director or Affiliated Regional Problem Captain);
 - b. One (1) visiting State Board member; if not present, one (1) non-affiliated Regional Board Member; and
 - c. One (1) non affiliated Problem Captain (Regional or State)
4. Tribunal decisions are final and may not be appealed unless further information comes to light.
5. A coach (or Division III or IV team captain) may question ONLY a ruling made concerning his/her own team. A coach may not question judges regarding another team's solution, and doing so may result in the assessment of an Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty to that coach's team.

STATE TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY:

FORMULA TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF TEAMS INVITED TO STATE:

1. Determine the total # of teams for each Long Term Problem/division in the state.
2. Determine the total # of teams invited to State for each Long Term Problem/division based on a maximum number of 18 teams per problem/division.
3. Divide the # of teams, (step 1), into the number of teams per region.
4. Using the numbers determined in step 3, multiply these numbers by the total number of teams invited to State.
5. This will equal the number of teams from each region invited to State Tournament. All first place teams from each region will be invited to State. For each of the Long-Term problems, the number of teams invited to State is based on the number of teams participating (registered and paid by the established deadline of two weeks prior to the first Regional Tournament) in that problem and division.
6. **In addition to the teams invited to State based on score placement, competitive teams and individuals on competitive teams receiving a Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award in either the Long-Term problem or Spontaneous will be invited to the State Tournament.** In the event that a Primary team receives a Ranatra Fusca Award it will not affect the eligibility of those teams to advance to the State Tournament.

Teams who fail to meet the Spirit of the Problem will NOT be invited to State Tournament.

JUDGING TEAMS:

All teams in a Long Term Problem and Division will be judged by the same judging team UNLESS a region registers more than 20 teams in any one problem and division. If this happens, the region has the option to have this problem/division ONLY divided into two groups, to be judged by two separate judging teams. The determination of which teams will compete in which group will be done in a public drawing. The formula for teams advancing to State Tournament applies to the total number of teams, with an equal number of winners from each group advancing to the State Tournament.

PRIMARY TEAMS INVITED TO STATE TOURNAMENT:

1. Primary teams that are interested in performing at the State Tournament will be given the opportunity to place their names in a lottery at the Regional Tournament.
2. In order to be eligible to place their names in the lottery, Primary teams must participate in the Spontaneous portion, as well as the Long Term portion of the Regional Tournament, and must have no more than seven (7) members on the team.
3. At the Regional Award Ceremony, teams will be chosen randomly from the teams who placed their names in the lottery, using the same formula used for competitive teams.
4. These teams will advance to the State Tournament, where they will perform their Long Term solutions and participate in Spontaneous. These teams will not be scored as such, but will receive feed-back forms from the judging team.

REGIONAL AND STATE COMPETITION AWARDS:

Regional:

1st place	individual gold medal
2nd place	individual silver medal
3rd place	individual bronze medal
4th place	individual ribbon
5th place	individual ribbon
Primary teams	individual ribbon

State

1st place	individual gold medal, school trophy, and coach pin
2nd place	individual silver medal, school trophy, and coach pin
3rd place	individual bronze medal and school trophy
4th place	individual ribbon and school ribbon
5th place	individual ribbon and school ribbon
Individual participation	pins to all team members

World Finals:

Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association will provide each World Finalist team with a limited number of trading pins to be shared among the team and coach. Additional pins will be available for sale to the teams advancing to World Finals. Florida State Board members serving as World Finals Officials will also receive trading pins.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Ranatra Fusca Creativity Awards:

The Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award is determined by judging teams at various levels of competition. It is Odyssey of the Mind's highest award and is given for exceptional creativity. This award may be given to individuals or teams in either Long Term or Spontaneous. Judges may not issue more than one award per problem, per division.

Regional Ranatra Fusca awards are certificates.

State Ranatra Fusca awards are medals.

OMER's Award:

OMER's Awards may be presented to individuals, teams, parents, officials, etc. OMER's Award is designed to recognize the true Spirit of Odyssey of the Mind. Nominations can be made to the Tournament Director at each level of competition.

Regional and State OMER's Awards are certificates.

UNIFORMS FOR OFFICIALS:

Regional:

All trained officials will be given proper identification.

State:

Shirts will be provided for board members, judges, and other officials.

An ID badge will be given to the following workers: information, registration, door monitors, zone monitors, and problem assistants.

BOARD MEMBERS:

All members of the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association, Inc. are listed on a separate document that is included in this packet.

All State Board members, when representing the State Board (at State Tournament, at Regional Tournaments unless they are serving in a regional capacity, or any other function where they represent Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association) will wear the current year State Board shirt. If a State Board member is an acting coach they will not wear their State Board shirt while serving in that capacity.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- Regional and State Board members and Regional and State Problem Captains who are coaching and/or serving as a school contact person shall inform the Association Director and the specific Regional Director and State and Regional Problem Captains **IN WRITING** that they are coaching and/or serving as contact persons.
- Score Room workers cannot be coaches in their own region.
- Problem Captains are not allowed to coach a team in their own problem. Spontaneous Problem Captains and Score Room Problem Captains are not allowed to coach any team. This applies to both State and Regional Problem Captains.
- Division IV team members who serve as officials at Regional and/or State tournaments may not compete at World Finals in the problem in which they served as an official.

Florida Odyssey of the Mind By-Laws are available upon request.

**Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association
2016 – 2017 Board Members**

Association Director	Matt Whaley
Assistant Assoc. Director	Ryan Wilhelm
Business Administrator	Michael Bojanski
Treasurer	Robert Sketll
Secretary	Beatrice Showman
State Problem Director	Mike Bledsoe
Parliamentarian	Dan Semenza
Buccaneer Bay Regional Director	Laurie Filardo
Buccaneer Bay Asst. Regional Dir.	Bob Filardo
Emerald Coast Regional Director	Carol Hansford
Emerald Coast Asst. Regional Dir.	Shannon Flynn
Gulf Coast Regional Director	Freda Abercrombie
Magic Center Regional Director	Anna Long
Manatee Regional Director	Daphne Moore
Palms Regional Director	Judi Hueter
Space Coast Regional Director	Sue Klaasen
Space Coast Asst. Regional Dir.	Sarah Holmes
Sun Regional Director	Debbie Stichter
Tropical Regional Director	Erik Veiga
Score Room Problem Captain	Sandy Donouge
Spontaneous Problem Captain	Katy Owen
#1 Problem Captain	Sam O'Briant
#2 Problem Captain	Jen Stamey
#3 Problem Captain	Debra Barton
#4 Problem Captain	E. Walter Barletta
#5 Problem Captain	Barb Gilbo
Primary Problem Captain	Mary Pat Callihan
Past Association Director	Kathy Wilhelm
Site Liaison / Communications	Matt Page
Sales & T-shirt Trustee	Marilyn Wolpert
OMER's Friend Trustee	Amy Owens
Alumni Trustee	Matthew Miller
Webmaster	Richard Garand
Association Director Emeritus	Mary Anne Handley