

## 2018 Gulf Coast Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournaments

T. E. Weightman Middle School  
March 3 and 4, 2018

Ready? Set? Compete!

### THE DISTRICT REQUIRED FORM

- All Pasco County Public Schools teams must have it in order to compete
- one per team member
- complete with all signatures
- You should have turned it in today or before; if not, you have until Feb. 20 to do so: text, email, courier, snail mail, etc.

### What the well-prepared coach needs to know:

- Paperwork – 4 copies of everything (2 sets)
- Outside assistance form will be compared to online registration roster.
- Division 1: coach can scribe paperwork.
- Division 2 & 3: kids have to complete it on their own.

### STYLE FORM

- Form **MUST** match the categories given in the problem.
- Form **MUST** specify the aspect being scored.
- Example: “Creative use of a trash item” may be how it’s written in the problem.
- On the form the team may write: “Creative use of coffee grounds.”
- Be specific in free choice items. “Backdrop” would include front, back, top, and bottom, and all scene changes.

### FORMS

- Primary Teams have a special style form.
- We have copies tonight.
- Required lists for ALL problems – copies available online at national and regional sites (and here tonight).
- Teams need at least 4 copies of the required list to turn in at staging – again, BE SPECIFIC.

### What the well-prepared coach needs to know:

- **Volunteer Assignment – ON THE WEBSITE BY FEB. 20 – CHECK IT!**
- If you have to change the worker you can. We don't need to know. Make sure the new person is of the same category as the original: adults only can be door monitor, strong for trailer packing, etc.
- Tell whoever is now serving the shift the name of the original worker, so they can check in as that person.
- **SOMEONE** has to fulfill the assignment or the team receives the penalty.

### What the well-prepared coach needs to know:

- **Hospitality Assignment – There isn't one.**
- **The hospitality room is your escape zone. No kids allowed. It will have bottled water and cookies for COACHES ONLY.**

### THE TOURNAMENT Sign Colors

- Triathlon Travels (Red)
- Emoji, Speak For Yourself (Purple)
- Mockumentary! Seriously? (Yellow)
- Animal House (Green)
- A Stellar Hangout (Blue)
- Primary: We're Cooking Now (Orange)
- Spontaneous
- Bathrooms & Info (Tan)

## THE TOURNAMENT

- SCHEDULE – it's in your packet; 153 teams; two days? DON'T EVEN SUGGEST CHANGING IT!
- All scheduling issues that were listed on the registration forms were honored if they involved coaches seeing their kids on other teams.
- If you're coaching multiple teams, the long term time of one team may conflict with the spontaneous time of your other team. You need an adult helper (co-coach or parent).

## THE TOURNAMENT

- SCHEDULE – it will be up on the website next week
- PLEASE Make sure your families know when, where to meet you. (See example form in packet.)
- Make sure they have your cell phone number.
- Make sure they know that if they are late, they may miss their child's long term performance.

## THE TOURNAMENT

- REGISTRATION PROCEDURES (in the packet)
- Coach will pick up colored "Coach Contact Card."
- Coach will complete the card by providing phone number(s) which can be used that day to contact the team in case...
- Coach will exchange the card for the team's registration packet and set of programs.

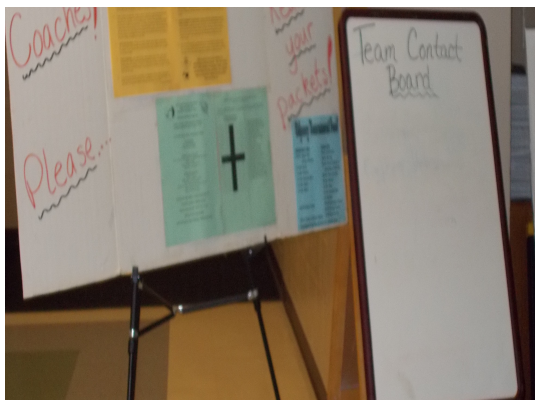


## THE TOURNAMENT

- Check-in/Registration opens at 7:00am. It stays open until 1:00pm in the CAFETERIA.
- Where you check in is also known as Information, Lost & Found, First Aid, Source of All Answers, etc.
- PLEASE SHARE THE INFORMATION IN THE REGISTRATION PACKET WITH YOUR TEAM AND FAMILIES.

## TEAM CONTACT BOARD

- Check it often
- If we have to reach you for score changes, worker no-shows, lost items, etc., we will put it on the board and try the phone number you left at registration, BUT
- IT IS THE TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THE BOARD OFTEN.



## THE TOURNAMENT

- Report to spontaneous 15 minutes before your scheduled time. Complete the colored "Spontaneous" Card from your registration packet with the names of the kids on your team. Turn in the card when you check into spontaneous. Coaches can complete the card.
- TAKE THEIR CELL PHONES & HOLD THEM TILL THEY'RE OUT OF SPONTANEOUS.



## THE TOURNAMENT

- Report to long term staging area 15-20 minutes before your scheduled performance time.
- Keep quiet and let the kids answer the questions. **SPEAK ONLY IF SPOKEN TO.**
- Have a team captain who handles the paperwork.
- TAKE THEIR CELL PHONES & TURN THEM OFF. TURN YOURS TO SILENT.

## THE TOURNAMENT

- Adults can help carry props, but they CAN'T adjust them, straighten them, fix them, assemble them, talk about them, etc.
- ***As a coach, you have reserved seats. It's so the judging team can watch you for outside assistance.***

## THE TOURNAMENT

- Go over the procedures with the kids (in the packet).
- **Make sure they know what to expect. Practice set up from different directions.**
- When the performance is over, the judging team will talk to THEM. Stay away until the judges say it's okay to help them clear away their stuff.
- **The judges will give each team member a participation pin OR give you a set to give to them. If a team member is absent, ask for a pin for him/her.**

## SCORES

- Check back for your RAW long term scores in 30 to 60 minutes. Morning performances usually mean waiting an hour or more for scores. Later performances mean the scores are ready sooner.
- Share the scores with the kids. You will get RAW style and long term scores.
- If THEY have questions/concerns about the scores, you have 30 minutes to return to the site and discuss those concerns with the **HEAD JUDGE ONLY.**

### SCORES

- Check your raw score for mathematical errors. If the element was worth 0 or 5, you can't earn 2.5 points. It's either 0 OR 5.
- Subjective scores are NOT debatable.
- Raw scores are neither good nor bad. They are relative to all other scores in that problem and division.

### SCORES

- IF THE TEAM doesn't understand a score or why they earned a zero for something, you need to keep asking until you can explain it to them.
- If the judging team didn't see it, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN. Even if you have video proof that shows otherwise, we won't view it. All scored items need to be undeniably noticeable so that the judges see it.
- If you need to take something to TRIBUNAL STAGE, make sure you do it FOR THE TEAM.

### SCORES

- YOU WILL ONLY TALK TO THE HEAD JUDGE ABOUT SCORE CONCERNS
- YOU WILL FIND FRED A IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR SCORE AND YOU DON'T THINK THE HEAD JUDGE HAS HEARD YOU. ASK FOR A TRIBUNAL.
- YOU WILL NEVER, EVER RAISE YOUR VOICE OR "LOSE IT" WITH OUR JUDGES.

### SCORES

- IF YOU DON'T GO BACK AND PICK UP YOUR TEAM'S SCORES, YOU FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO APPEAL A MISTAKE.
- MISTAKES CAN BE FIXED UNTIL THE JUDGING TEAM IS RELEASED.
- THE JUDGING TEAM IS RELEASED ONE HOUR AFTER THE LAST TEAM PERFORMS IN THAT GROUP – SOMETIMES SOONER.

## SCORING

- Remember raw scores are all you know until AFTER the awards ceremony. Don't prejudge the team's chances of going to state. Often the winners of the long term portion don't go to state.
- PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILIES UNDERSTAND THE SCORING SYSTEM.

## THE TOURNAMENT

- When not competing, teams should attend other performances to root for school mates, check out the competition, check out the site, or just to find examples of creativity.
- Good sportsmanship is RULE #1.
- No booing, no distractions, no food in the competition rooms, no playing on the roof or stairs, no litter

## THE TOURNAMENT

- Food and souvenirs sales will continue all day until 3:00pm approximately. Food trucks may leave sooner.
- Find your own space for prop storage.
- Parking is LIMITED, so make sure vehicles are in parking spaces only.
- No grills on the lawn; E-Z ups, chairs, okay, BUT ONLY IN CENTER OF TRACK AREA AT RUSHE & IN DESIGNATED AREAS AT WEIGHTMAN.
- It's school property: no alcohol, tobacco

## TRASH AND RECYCLING

- Several years ago, we messed up. Last few years we've done much better!!!!
- If you "camp," take care of trash by bagging it up.
- Use recycling containers for bottles and cans. Look for signs.
- DO NOT LEAVE BACKDROPS AND LARGE CARDBOARD PROPS AT SCHOOLS. TAKE THEM HOME AND DISPOSE OF THEM.

### OMER's FEST

- Socializing and dancing in the gym – MARCH 4 ONLY (3:00-4:00pm)
- Bounce Houses galore beyond tennis courts – MARCH 3 ONLY
- Lots of fun!!!! – BOTH DAYS

### PRIMARY AWARDS!!!!

- March 3 only
- 3:00 pm next to cafeteria at covered picnic tables, weather permitting
- Ribbons, recognitions, and drawing to see which team goes to state
- Then primary teams and their families can depart.
- If any stay for full awards ceremony, they sit in the stands.

### THE MAIN AWARDS CEREMONY

- PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BRING THE TEAM TO THE AWARDS CEREMONY.
- Awards Ceremony is at THE TOURNAMENT SITE in the gym.
- Awards Ceremony starts at 4:00 or 5:00 pm and lasts one to one and a half hours
- FULL AWARDS CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE IN TEAM REGISTRATION PACKET.
- Coaches going to state meet for 30 minutes after awards in middle school media.
- Teams and families going to state meet for 30 minutes after awards in the gym.

### THE MAIN AWARDS CEREMONY

- MEMBERSHIP BANNER FOR AWARDS CEREMONY – details in the packet
- This is NOT the same as your team's membership sign.
- ONE membership banner for the entire membership – talk to your coordinator.
- Choose a banner carrier – one kid – MARCH 3 ONLY.



## THE MAIN AWARDS CEREMONY

- Banner carriers line up at 4:45 pm – MARCH 3 ONLY.
- Parade of champions is just banner carriers – MARCH 3 ONLY.
- Scholarships awarded (March 4) and thank you's.
- Teams and coaches sit on floor of gym in assigned areas (in registration packet) – BOTH DAYS.
- Parents sit in stands – BOTH DAYS.

## THE MAIN AWARDS CEREMONY

- See chart for who goes to state in each division (Split divisions are totals, so ties can alter the split).
- State tournament is April 14 at UCF in Orlando.
- Teams must meet the spirit of the problem to go to next level.
- ALL RANATRA FUSCA WINNERS GO TO STATE.
- OMER Awards are for really special behavior; not all are read at ceremony, but are passed on to recipient (due by **1:00 pm** day of tournament). What you write is what I read to the audience.

## In the next few weeks...

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| ✓ Practice spontaneous. |                         |
| ✓ Read the problem.     | ✓ Read the Problem.     |
| ✓ Self-score.           | ✓ Practice spontaneous. |
| ✓ Choose Style.         | ✓ Read the Problem.     |

### In the next few weeks...

- ✓ what if game
- ✓ what if box
- ✓ check list
- ✓ Invite others to the competition.
- ✓ Encourage the team.
- ✓ Thank your judge, worker, coordinator.
- ✓ Schedule the celebration now.

### In the next few weeks...

#### MEET WITH THE FAMILIES:

- PARKING ISSUES
- WHERE TO MEET
- WHAT TO DO AND WHAT NOT TO DO
- EXPLAIN SCORING AND GOING ON TO STATE PROCEDURE.
- TELL THEM ABOUT WEBSITE: [WWW.GCODYSSEY.COM](http://WWW.GCODYSSEY.COM).

### In the next few weeks...

DISCUSS WITH THE TEAM AND FAMILIES THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO WORLD FINALS:

Costs – at least \$1000 per person

Time – conflicts with graduation or end of year events (May 23-26 in Iowa)

Decide if you will accept or turn down the invitation to Worlds if you earn it, so state can offer it to the next in line that night if applicable.

GOOD LUCK! BE CREATIVE! SEE YOU SOON!

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