

WHAT FREDA SAID AT THAT MEETING

REGISTER THE TEAM: (Share this info with coordinators and bookkeepers.)

1) **DEADLINES:**

- a. Team Registration Deadline: **SATURDAY, March 9** (end of day)
- b. Team Worker Registration Deadline: **March 9** (end of day)
- c. Tentative Schedule Released: TBA (teams will have 24 hours to respond with issues, but only teams who initially had conflicts that were not met will be addressed.)
- d. Final Schedule Released: TBA (Freda will send email alert.)

2) Whoever registers the team will need the following:

- 1) This paper
- 2) The pages titled: "Registering Your Team for the State Tournament" (pgs. 5-6)
- 3) The page titled: "Worker Registration Worksheet" (pg. 23)
- 4) Information about any scheduling issues

3) To register for the State Tournament, eligible teams must go to the national website (www.odysseyofthemind.com). You will need your membership number, school zip code, and the individual team log in information. If you don't know it, send Freda an email. Once in the registration you will have the opportunity to change coaching details and **ADD any scheduling issues/conflicts**. You will NOT be able to change the roster except to add members if you're at less than seven. You will have to register a State Worker **INCLUDING A CORRECT EMAIL**. Do NOT register a judge.

4) Any state qualified teams with unpaid registrations after **Saturday, March 9**, may be considered as dropped and deleted (UN-Qualified) from the State Registration site.

5) State Registrations (\$250) can be paid in the following methods:

- ★ Credit Card (PayPal) – most popular, easiest, and quickest method (\$10 additional fee per team)
- ★ Check – **SEND WITH PAYMENT BY SATURDAY, MARCH 9.**

6) **PRIMARY TEAMS** also must have a completed State registration to perform in the tournament. They will add a worker and update coach info just as the other teams. **THIS YEAR THERE IS A TOURNAMENT FEE FOR PRIMARY PROBLEM TEAMS (\$100).**

HAVE TEAM MEETING AND DECIDE HOUSING:

- a) Check with school to see if any financial help is available.
- b) No field trip forms are necessary per district. The school administration may still require field trip procedures be followed. This is not a field trip, but the coach is in charge of the team during the competition.
- c) If families travel and stay with the team, decide what time is team time and what is family time.
- d) Complete the behavior contract (one per team). It's turned in at coach check in. (pg.10)
- e) Tell them: YOU ARE REPRESENTING GULF COAST REGION. BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR.
- f) Complete "Overnight Prop Storage" form IF it applies for your team. (pg. 4)
- g) Good behavior expectations apply to EVERYONE, including adults.

MORE IMPORTANT STUFF ON THE BACK----->

CONTINUE TO PRACTICE SPONTANEOUS

CHANGE WHATEVER THE TEAM WANTS TO CHANGE.

- ✓ Props, backdrops, solution – all can be changed or not as the **team** decides. Use score analysis given at coach meeting to help them understand scores as feedback.
- ✓ Do new paperwork: style, cost form, outside assistance, behavior contract, team list, etc. Make copies.
- ✓ There are divisions 1A, 1B, etc. in problems 1 & 5; not only divisions 1, 2, or 3.
- ✓ Our judges may have missed something. Clarifications can still be posted, but not requested.

SCHEDULES AND WORKER ASSIGNMENTS WILL COME VIA EMAIL FROM FREDA AND STATE.

- ★ Sent no later than one week before tournament, so look for it.
- ★ Freda will send **at least three emails** between now and state, so look for them AND ANSWER WHEN ASKED, PLEASE. They go to first coach registered.

PICK UP STATE FINALIST T-SHIRTS ON DESIGNATED DAYS.

- ◆ Make sure the person picking up the shirts is aware if money is owed (extra shirts).
- ◆ Shirts are worn at state awards ceremony – open seating this year.

PARKING AT THE ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER (OCCC) IS A REAL LIFE SPONTANEOUS PROBLEM:

- ★ Go online and study the maps.
- ★ Find the **SOUTH CONCOURSE**.
- ★ Know where you're going BEFORE you get there.
- ★ Go Friday night and scope it out.
- ★ Have Freda's phone number in your phone: 813-924-0850.
- ★ OCCC is a CASHLESS facility – no ATM. Vendors only take cards. FLOMA will take cash and cards. **TELL THE FAMILIES!**

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

- ❖ Costs – at least \$1,200.00 per person
- ❖ Time – conflicts with graduation or end of year events (May 21-24, Iowa State Univ.)
- ❖ 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. All first and second place teams are invited to World Finals, as well as all Ranatra Fusca Award recipients.

HAVE QUESTIONS? Email Freda.

**CELEBRATE THEIR CREATIVITY
AND TEAMWORK
EVERY CHANCE YOU GET!**