



February, 2024

Dear State Qualifying Odyssey of the Mind Team,

Congratulations! Your team is coming to Orlando on March 30, 2024 to compete with teams from throughout Florida at the State Odyssey of the Mind Tournament. On behalf of all the members of the Florida Odyssey of the Mind State Board we applaud your hard work and dedication to excellence. We look forward to seeing you at the tournament.

In the coming weeks before the state tournament, I know you will be reviewing your regional score sheets and practicing long hours to refine your solution and performance. I encourage you to remember to appreciate the other members of the team and to keep the FUN in Odyssey!

Participating in the state tournament is a great honor since it took the very best from everyone on the team to reach this level of competition. Whether or not your team advances to World Finals, each of you is a champion in all the ways that really matter. Have a terrific time at the tournament and enjoy every moment of your Odyssey experience.

Odyssey of the Mind is truly a joint effort that requires the time and talents of more than just the members of the team. Please join me in thanking all the adults and supporters who have done so much to help your team be successful.

Again, congratulations, and I wish you the best of luck at the tournament. I look forward to seeing you at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando on March 30th! It's going to be a great day of creative problem solving!

Regards,

Anna Long

Anna Long, State Director
Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association

Florida Odyssey of the Mind
c/o Anna Long, State Association Director
5633 Donnelly Circle, Orlando, FL 32821 Associationdirector@floma.org



February, 2024

Dear Parent,

Congratulations on your child's team advancing to the 2024 Florida Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament! I know that a lot of hard work went into this, and I commend you for supporting your child's efforts.

The coach of your child's team has received a packet of information that should be shared with you. There is a lot of important information, but a few highlights you need to be aware of are:

1. The Team Conduct Contract – This must be signed by every team member and a parent/guardian before the coach can receive the registration packet on the day of tournament. Please be sure to review the rules with your child before he/she signs the form.
2. There will be no celebration items allowed in the South Convention Center Exhibit Hall SA1 (1st floor) during the Awards Ceremony. This includes SillyString®, toilet paper, balloons, and beach balls. If any of these items are brought in, they will be confiscated, and a penalty may be assessed against the team.
3. OMER's Souvenir Sales will be open in the South Concourse 2nd floor Friday evening and on the day of tournament. We encourage you to stop by and take a peek!

If you have any questions or concerns before tournament, please feel free to e-mail me at associationdirector@floma.org. If you have any concerns on the day of tournament you can direct them to any State Board member on campus.

We hope this will be an enjoyable experience for you, your child and your family, and again, congratulations!

Regards,

Anna Long

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

1. **Orange County Convention Center (South Concourse):**
 - a. *Please review and make sure you understand the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Team Conduct Contract.*
 - b. **Parking** is in the rear and removal from the Concourse must be done in a timely manner.
 - i. All vehicles must park in the rear of the South Concourse building and not at prop drop-off.
 - ii. While there is typically a fee to park, parking guards are aware that if you are a FLOMA attendee, parking is complimentary.
 - iii. Any vehicle that is left in front of the Concourse will be towed.
 - iv. Here is the link to the OCCC South Concourse parking information: [OCCC.net/attendee-parking](https://www.occc.net/attendee-parking).
2. **World Finals (WF) Meeting:** Immediately following the State Tournament awards ceremony, there will be a meeting with Anna Long and some of our State Board to discuss advancement to World Finals. A coach from each team is expected to attend.
 - a. Returning WF coach - Room S220A/B
 - b. New WF Coach - Room S220D/E
3. **Silent Auction:** We will be sending out additional information on our silent auction items (example: VIP parking and VIP seating at Awards Ceremonies) and how to access the online portal to bid.
4. **Prop Drop Off, Storage and Pick Up:** See attached information regarding the new process. This is only for teams who need to drop off their props on FRIDAY night. All teams using this room will have to remove all items from this room by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
5. OCCC is cashless, so credit and debit cards only. Please spread the word.
6. Check our FLOMA website homepage and Facebook page for updates as it related to the State Tournament & convention center.
7. For information on hotels in close proximity of the Orlando County Convention Center (South Concourse), please visit:
<https://www.visitorlando.com/places-to-stay/>



Florida State Tournament Overnight Prop Storage Room Contract

(Please print all information except signature.)

REGION: _____
Membership Name: _____
Problem & Division: _____
Long Term Time: _____
Coach Name: _____
Coach CELL Phone: _____

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Contact	Time
1st Attempt	
2nd Attempt	
RD Contact	
Penalty Assessed	

Friday: Prop Drop Off Loop is Open: 4 pm - 8 pm*
 *Prop Storage Room Doors Lock at 8:30 pm

Saturday: Storage Room Pick Up Hours: 6:30 am - 11:00 am

The prop storage room is for overnight storage. This area is provided for DROP-OFF, STORAGE, and PICK-UP, NOTHING MORE. To that end, these rules are established to minimize activity in the prop storage room.

1. Teams and helpers may only enter the storage room to drop off or retrieve props.
2. There will be no rehearsal with, assembly of, or repair of props in prop storage.
3. Props may only enter the room on Friday evening.
4. Props cannot be brought into Prop Storage on Saturday.
5. After the team's long term performance, the props cannot be returned to Prop Storage.
6. Props must be removed from Prop Storage by 11 AM on Saturday. Teams leaving props past that time will be assessed an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.
7. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty will be assessed if teams touch, damage, move, or take other teams' props.
8. This form must be presented to the official at prop storage prior to entering the room.

Important Reminders:

1. Outside assistance of any kind will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to prop assembly, prop repair, hair/makeup, stage direction, etc.
2. No work that can damage the OCCC property such as painting is allowed at the Convention Center at any time. Teams will be financially responsible for damage.

By signing below I affirm that I have shared this information with the team and all parties.

Coach Signature: _____ **Planned Prop Pick Up Time:** _____

This form must be attached to your props and visible when in storage.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM FOR STATE

STEP 1: REGISTER THE TEAM

1. Go to the National Site (www.odysseyofthemind.com),
2. Go to Teams Member Area,
3. Login to the [Member Login](#) using the Membership Number & Associated Zip Code,
4. Select “[Team Registration](#)” from the options to the Left,
5. Click on the [Team you are registering for the State Tournament](#).
 - a. NOTE: The teams will be in Red up near the top of the page under the heading of Florida Odyssey State Tournament,
6. Read through all the information.
7. Use your team login information to login.
 - a. The Username and Password are the same ones initially sent to you when you registered the team for the Regional Tournament,
 - b. If you need the Username and Password get in touch with your Regional Director and they can help.
8. Confirm all of the information on this page.
9. Input any Disabilities or Scheduling conflicts on this page.
10. Confirm a 2nd Coach's Information (*if there is a 2nd coach*).
11. Confirm the information for all the team members.
12. Reconfirm all information one last time.
13. Re-enter the coach's email. This email must match.
14. You will get a confirmation email saying the team has been registered.

STEP 2: REGISTER YOUR TEAM VOLUNTEER WORKER

1. Go to the National Site (www.odysseyofthemind.com),
2. Go to Teams: Member Resource,
3. Login to the Member Login using the Membership Number & Associated Zip Code,
4. Select “[Volunteer Registration](#)” from the options to the Left,
5. Select “[2024 Florida State Tournament](#)”,
6. Complete the Volunteer Registration Form,
7. Re-enter the Volunteer Worker email. **The email must match.**
8. **CLICK SUBMIT.**
9. You will get a confirmation email – as will the Volunteer Worker.



STEP 3: PAYING FOR YOUR REGISTRATION

A. PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

(FOR A SINGLE TEAM)

In the confirmation email you received when you registered the team for the State Tournament is a “[Pay Now](#)” link. You can use that link to pay for the team with a Credit Card. Please note there is a \$10/team fee for payment by credit.

The 2024 Florida Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament fee is:

- a. Divisional Teams: \$250/team
- b. Primary Teams: \$100/team

B. PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

(FOR MULTIPLE TEAMS FROM THE SAME MEMBERSHIP)

1. Go to the National Site (www.odysseyofthemind.com),
2. Go to Teams Member Area,
3. Log-in to the Member Log-in using the Membership Number & Associated Zip Code.
4. Once all teams for the State Tournament are registered there will be a “**Pay All**” button. You can use that link to pay for all the teams from a single Membership with a Credit Card. Please note there is a \$10/team fee for payment by credit.

C. PAYING BY CHECK

1. All checks need to be made out to **FLOMA**, and
2. ALL checks must be mailed to:

FLOMA
c/o Anna Long
5633 Donnelly Circle
Orlando, FL 32821



**Florida Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament
Orange County Convention Center,
Orlando
Saturday, March 30, 2024**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Event locations & times are subject to change.)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
6:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prop Storage	Exhibit Hall SA1, 1 st Floor
7:00 a.m.	Weigh-In Opens	S319, 3 rd Floor
7:00 a.m.	Team Registration Information Worker Check-In Odyssey Souvenir Sales	South Concourse, 2 nd Floor
8:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Team Performances	South Concourse
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Creativity Festival Pin Trading	S210A-D, 2 nd Floor
6:45 p.m.	Doors Open for Awards Ceremony Seating	Exhibit Hall SA1, 1 st Floor
7:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony	Exhibit Hall SA1, 1 st Floor

Immediately following the Awards Ceremony, all Coaches of World Finals Advancing teams must meet:

- WF Returning Coaches – Room S220A/B
- New WF Coaches – Room S220D/E



FRIDAY NIGHT COACH MEETING INFORMATION

Each Problem Captain for the Long-Term Problems announces a brief meeting for team coaches on Friday, March 29, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Groups will meet at the designated locations in the South Concourse of the Orange County Convention Center (OCCC). Attendance by a COACH is STRONGLY suggested, but not mandatory.

Long-Term Problem

Meeting Location

Problem #1: *Drive-In Movie*

OCCC South - S230F/G

Problem #2: *AI Tech-NO-Art*

OCCC South - S210D/E

Problem #3: *Classics...Opening Night Antics*

OCCC South - S220F/G

Problem #4: *Deep Space Structure*

OCCC South - S320A

Problem #5: *Rocking World Detour*

OCCC South - S310A

Primary: *The Night Life*

OCCC South - S310E

2024 State Odyssey
TENTATIVE Tournament Sites OCCC West Concourse/Orlando
Saturday, March 30, 2024

Prop Storage:

All Problems - Exhibit Hall SA1 (1st Floor)
(NOTE: Friday night only and pickup Saturday by 11AM)

Registration/Information/Worker Check In: (2nd floor)

Souvenir Sales: (2nd floor)

Creativity Festival and Pin Trading: Exhibit Hall SA1 (1st Floor)

Problem #1: Drive-In Movie

State PC: Ryan Wilhelm
Division I S230 F/G (2nd Floor) (*)
Division II S230 A/B (2nd Floor)
Division III S230 D/E (2nd Floor)

Problem #2: AI Tech-NO-Art

State PC: Jen Stamey
Division I S210 D/E (2nd Floor) (*)
Division II S210 A/B (2nd Floor)
Division III S210 A/B (2nd Floor)

Problem #3: Classics... Opening Night Antics

State PC: Debra Barton
Division I S220F/G (2nd Floor) (*)
Division II S220D/E (2nd Floor)
Division III S220A/B (2nd Floor)

Problem #4: Deep Space Structure

State PC: Robin Kranz
Division I S320A (3rd Floor) (*)
Division II S320B (3rd Floor)
Division III S320C (3rd Floor)
Weigh-In S319 (3rd Floor)

Problem #5: Rocking World Detour

State PC: Jamy Dinkins
Division IA S310A (3rd Floor) (*)
Division IB S310B (3rd Floor)
Division II S310C (3rd Floor)
Division III S310D (3rd Floor)

Primary Problem: The Night Life

State PC: Darcy Kranz
K-2nd Grade S310E (3rd Floor) (*)

Spontaneous:

State PC: Katy Owen
All Divisions 2nd Floor to 3rd Floor Escalator

(*) Friday night coach meeting location

Florida Odyssey of the Mind 2024 Team Conduct Contract

Long-Term Problem _____ Division _____

Membership Name _____ Membership # _____

City _____ Region _____

We, the team members, coaches and parents, know that competing at the Florida Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament is a great achievement and that we are representing each other as well as our families, school and region. We are proud of our accomplishments and we want to make everyone else proud of us.

We have read and understand the rules in the Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide 2023-2024. We are aware that the judges must enforce these rules.

We have read and understand the rules in the Long-Term problem our team solved. We are aware that the judges must enforce these rules.

We will respect the judges and other tournament officials and remember that they volunteer their time to provide us the opportunity to participate at the State Tournament.

We believe that we should be treated fairly, with respect and kindness, and we will treat all others in the same manner.

We will respect the Orange County Convention Center and all of the Convention Center staff.

If staying at a hotel during the Tournament, we will respect the hotel property and the rights of other hotel guests during our stay, and will abide by any hotel guest policies.

We will not damage Convention Center property, other teams' materials, or any property that is not our own while we are at the State Tournament. We understand that causing harm or damage to other people or their property will result in appropriate disciplinary action.

We will report anyone causing harm/damage to any person or property. It is our responsibility to notify an official so that person can be stopped. If we fail to do so we are condoning that behavior.

We know that inappropriate behavior/actions by our team or the individual team member(s), coach(s) or supporters may result in disciplinary action that could include forfeiture of awards even after awards have been announced, probation, suspension or denial of future membership.

We will do our best to make the State Tournament a fun and memorable experience filled with the opportunity to meet new people from around the state and to have fun!

Coach #1 _____

Coach #2 _____

Team Member _____

Parent _____

Team Member _____

Parent _____

Team Member _____

Parent _____

Team Member _____

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Team Member _____

Parent _____

Team Member _____

Parent _____

Team Member _____

Parent _____



*Florida
Odyssey of the Mind
Association*

2024
STATE
QUALIFYING
PACKET

Odyssey Team Coach Advancing to the State Tournament:

Please carefully review each page in this packet. Complete and submit the necessary forms, share information with the team and team supporters when requested, and keep this packet for reference.

Some items involve deadlines – Do not delay in reviewing this packet!

Please confirm times and locations listed in this packet at Tournament Registration and with the official Tournament Program. Congratulations on qualifying for the State Finals!



Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association 2024 Florida Odyssey of the Mind TOURNAMENT RULES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Registration

Registration will open up from 8:00PM - 9:00PM Friday evening and at 7:00AM Saturday morning. Teams are required to check in at the Registration table to turn in their Team Behavior Contracts, pick up their programs, coach ribbons, etc.

2. Teams Unable to Attend

Teams that are unable to attend the tournament for whatever reason are asked to notify their Regional Director at the earliest possible time prior to the tournament. The Regional Director will then notify the appropriate state tournament official of the team's status.

3. Sportsmanship

Teams and Odyssey supporters are expected to respect each other and their property. Any violations may result in unsportsmanlike penalties, expulsion from the competition and/or from all future competitions. Decisions will be determined by the official State Odyssey Tribunal and decisions will be final.

4. Integrity of Spontaneous Problems

It is vital that all teams maintain the integrity of the Spontaneous Problem by NOT DISCUSSING IT IN ANY WAY until after ALL tournament competition is completed. Team coaches and other Odyssey supporters are asked to help teams keep the secret by not questioning them until after competitions are finished.

5. Outside Assistance

NO OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE WILL BE PERMITTED at any time by any one! This includes, but is not limited to, assistance during the day of the tournament. Non-team members may assist in moving, lifting, transporting props, vehicles or other large/heavy items. Non-team members may NOT assemble, repair, apply make-up or costumes or in any other way become involved with the materials of the team's solution/performance.

If an Outside Assistance offense is observed by ANY tournament official, that official will report the offense to the head judge or Problem Captain for that team's problem. One warning will be issued. The second offense will result in an Outside Assistance penalty. Teams may NOT file reports against each other.

6. Security

Neither the Convention Center nor the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association accepts responsibility for the security of props, equipment, or other items teams bring. Responsibility for the safety of such items rests solely with team members and their coach. When a team has completed its performance, team members must remove their belongings and place the items in their vehicle or a waste receptacle.

7. Supervision of Students

Children and young people under the age of 18 must be properly supervised at all times during the tournament. Team coaches and adult supporters are expected to know where the team members are at all times and should expect appropriate behavior. Teams or supporters involving themselves in any type of disorderly conduct, including defacement of property, will be disqualified. Such a determination will be made by the State Odyssey Tribunal.

8. Team Promptness for Performances

Tournament officials will strive to stay on schedule throughout the day. In order for the tournament to stay on schedule and for all teams to receive the attention of the judging team that they deserve, the tournament performance schedule will be strictly followed. Teams must make every effort to be prompt for their performance times. In the event of an emergency or other verifiable extenuating circumstance, a team may be rescheduled for a later time (if this is possible). Depending on the circumstances, the team may be assessed a 25-point penalty for failing to appear at the designated performance time.

9. Confirm Performance Times

Due to last minute changes, it may be necessary for a team's performance time to shift. It is important for all coaches to confirm the official/final performance time for the team by consulting the official State Tournament Program at the time of registration at the tournament.

10. Students with Special Needs

If a team has a member with a physical condition that tournament officials need to be aware of, the coach or designee should send written notification of the condition with the student's name and team information to the tournament director with registration paperwork.

11. Primary Teams at State

Representative Primary Teams will share their solutions at the State Tournament. Primary teams are made up of students from grades K-2, and their Long-Term Problem is non-competitive. Normally Primary Teams only present their problem solutions at the Regional Tournament. However, each region within the state is invited to select one or more Primary teams at random to represent the region at the State Tournament.

12: Problem #4 (Structure) Teams at State

Weights are available in each division for the structure problem. The tentative breakdown of weights per division are as follows:

Weight	D1	D2	D3
5 lb.	10	8	6
10 lb.	15	14	14
25 lb.	14	16	15
35 lb.	10	16	16
45 lb.	10	12	14

13. Tournament Officials

All tournament officials have attended a training session and are certified. Anyone wearing an Odyssey “Officials” T-shirt or identification badge is a tournament official and is an authority figure. All tournament officials should be accorded the respect associated with their position. Keep in mind that like team coaches, all officials are volunteers and are vital to a successful tournament.

14. Tournament Workers

Each team at the state tournament is required to provide a worker to volunteer at the tournament unless otherwise notified by their Regional Director or the State tournament director. If a team fails to provide a worker volunteer by the published deadlines, or if the assigned worker does not report for duty, that team may be assessed a fine and “**Spirit of the Problem**” penalty. The tournament director will advise the appropriate Problem Captain that the penalty has been assessed to the team. For additional clarification, refer to the page titled “Procedures for Odyssey Team Worker Volunteers” in this packet.

15. Coach Bulletin Board

In the event a tournament official or Head Judge needs to locate a particular team coach to resolve a question or discuss the team’s score, a **Coach Bulletin Board** will be in use and on display from approximately 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. during the tournament. The board will be located next to the Odyssey Information Table. **It is strongly recommended that all coaches check this Coach Bulletin Board several times during the tournament day.**

16. Long-Term Score Pick-Up & Protest Procedure

- a) Following the team's performance, the Head Judge for the Long-Term Problem will inform the coach (or designee) when the team's Long-Term scores can be picked up.
- b) The Head Judge will review the score sheet with the coach or designee ONLY!
- c) The coach or designee will be identified by the ID ribbon he/she received at registration.
- d) The coach will sign the score sheet indicating the scores have been received. This time will be noted on the score sheet.
- e) The coach then has thirty (30) minutes to register any protests (rule interpretation) with the head judge.
- f) No protests will be accepted after the 30-minute time period. Teams MAY NOT protest about other teams!
- g) If the judges deny the protest, the coach may then appeal to the Problem Captain.
- h) Should the Problem Captain not be able to make a ruling, ONLY he/she will then refer the question to the official State Odyssey Tribunal, whose decision **IS FINAL**.
- i) All protests must be in writing. Forms are available during the tournament from your Problem Captain.

In the event a specific team coach is needed for some type of scoring problem involving the team after the raw scores have been sent to the score room, the coach will receive a text message, and the team name/problem/division will be posted on the Coach Bulletin Board near the Information Table area.

17. Tournament Suggestions

Following the awards ceremony, NO tournament official, Problem Captain or state board member will address ANY complaints or suggestions by coaches, parents, team members or other supporters. Each will be reviewed completely by the State Odyssey Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Suggestion Forms are designed to make tournament improvements, not to reverse a decision made by a tribunal or a Problem Captain.

18. Creativity Festival and Pin Trading

This year at the Creativity Festival, we will have Pin Trading!! A DJ will be there to entertain one and all.

19. Phone Calls to the Convention Center

Odyssey of the Mind participants/supporters are asked NOT to place phone calls to the main operator at the Convention Center. No one is available to take messages or to page individuals. Questions should be directed to your Regional Director in advance of the tournament. Pass this information on to the parents of the team members too!

20. Food Service

Food service vendors will be located in and around the South concourse. The Convention Center is “cashless” and only accepts credit cards and debit cards. Please plan accordingly.

21. OMER’s Award Nominations

Nominations from coaches or tournament supporters for the OMER’s Award MUST be submitted to the Odyssey Information Table **NO LATER THAN 3:00 p.m.** on the day of the tournament. Nominations should be made only after careful consideration. Nominations DO NOT automatically mean the award will be given. A committee of Odyssey officials will meet prior to the Awards Ceremony to determine OMER’s Awards to be presented.

22. Clean Up and Departure

Wherever team members and team supporters go within and outside of the Convention Center, they MUST clean up after themselves. Trash receptacles will be strategically located near performance sites for immediate clean up. When a group leaves an area, everyone should check the site for cleanliness and for any belongings left behind.

23. Lost & Found

Lost and found will be located at the designated Odyssey Information Table. Items will be kept approximately one week after the tournament and then will be donated to charity as appropriate.

24. Floor Damage

In order to avoid damage to competition floor surfaces, all participants are requested to wear soft-soled shoes. All vehicles built as part of a Long-term Problem solution must be designed so as not to damage any floor surfaces at the tournament site. Any damage to the venue site caused by the team and/or team spectators will be the responsibility of that team. (Refer to the Program Guide Rules).

25. Final Score Pick Up

Final scores are no longer handed out after the Awards Ceremony. The final scores will be posted to the Florida Odyssey of the Mind website and Facebook Page within 24 hours of the tournament.

26. World Finalist Team Meeting for Coaches

Immediately following the Awards Ceremony, a meeting will be held in a location listed on the Schedule of Events for all coaches of World Finalist teams. At least one representative from each advancing team is REQUIRED to attend to receive important information about the World Finals tournament. This meeting will be open to coaches ONLY. A separate meeting for team members and parents of teams advancing to World Finals will be held TBA. All team members and parents are encouraged to attend.

27. Pre-Tournament Coach Meetings

Pre-Tournament Coach Meetings will be held at the Convention Center on Friday Evening (March 29, 2024) beginning at 7:00 PM. Refer to Coach Meeting location list earlier in this packet.



Prohibited Items

(Program Guide, pgs. 34-40)

Florida Odyssey of the Mind Specific Items

- No confetti of any kind
- Streamers would be allowed in LT performance sites ONLY and have to be the type that stay connected to a main anchor, or can be easily cleaned up without delay
- Silly String or other similar products
- Strobe lights
- Flashing lights
- Weapons of any kind
 - OM program guide states that if a team thinks their "weapon" is "fake" enough they can contact the Tournament Director for a ruling.
 - The guide also states that the rules and regulations of the tournament Site trumps the program guide.
 - A picture of the fake weapon will need to be provided to your RD so that the RD can in turn provide to the State Problem Captain and the Tournament Director for PRE-APPROVAL in writing
- Anything which would cause damage to the OCCC.

The following items are prohibited per the **Program Guide**. Teams will not be allowed to bring these items into the competition site or include them in their solution.

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- Real Animals

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- Items to be thrown into the audience
- Nudity, profanity, vulgarity, violent acts, and ethnic/racial slurs
- National anthems or official pledges

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Weapons or team-created replicas of weapons that are easily mistaken for real weapons

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- Items that may damage the facility or cause injury to anyone
- Unsafe chemicals & reactions (including Mentos candy with soda)
- Lighter-than-air balloons (e.g. helium) that are not sufficiently tethered and/or weighted down
- Drones
- Excessively hot or cold items (including dry ice)
- Items that leave residue (some types of fire extinguishers, some types of fog machines, etc.)
- Internal combustion engines
- Flammable fuels



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- Smoke bombs or similar items
- Fires of any form (including lighted candles and sparklers)
- Liquids that can stain or cause other floor damage
- Emergency response alerts (i.e. fire/smoke alarm)
- Hoverboards
- E-cigarettes and Vape Pens
- Capacitors for batteries

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- Permitted batteries are only those that are unmodified, commercially produced sealed batteries. The combined measurement of any commercially produced battery, battery pack or battery charger is limited to 15”.

See Program Guide for more details. updated for 2024

Phil needs your help!

Phil & the rest of the Florida Odyssey Board want to give you the chance to recommend themes and to help create the designs for future shirts, pins and charms!

Submit designs to our State Director Anna (associationdirector@floma.org) and our State Sales Director Marilyn (sales@floma.org). Designs can be submitted at any time, but **to be considered for 2024-2025 must be submitted no later than June 1, 2024**. Please note that designs could be altered based on input from the pin company and others.

If one or more of your designs is selected, you will be awarded a gift certificate for the Florida Odyssey of the Mind merchandise of your choice. Certificates will be awarded in amounts varying from \$10 to \$50.

GUIDELINES

- (1) Submit ideas for any (or all) of the items listed. Have more than one suggestion? That's fine too... submit them all!
- (2) Be descriptive! Submissions for pins or shirts can be either in the form of detailed drawings, written descriptions, or anything in between. As long as it is clear as to what you have in mind, the pin company and the board can take it from there and do the artwork.
- (3) Be specific as to any special effects (sliders, spinners, gems, blinkies, etc.).
- (4) Obvious pop culture tie-ins or parodies should be avoided.
- (5) Any designs submitted that are not used next year will be kept for future consideration.
- (6) Submit designs at any time - but be sure to submit your ideas by June 1st if you would like us to consider them for next year's designs! And please include contact information in case we have questions!

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

Pins:

- (5) Piece Problem Pin Set
- (1) Primary Problem Pin (that also could fit with the Problem Pin Set)
- (1) Spontaneous Pin (that also could fit with the Problem Pin Set)
- (3) – (5) Single Pins
- (3) Pin Sets (3 to 4 pins per set)
- (1) 7 Pin Set

Charms:

- (7) Piece Problem Charm Set (to include spontaneous and primary)
- (1) State Charm
- (1) World Finals Charm

Shirts:

- State Shirt
- World Finalist Shirt

Themes:

- Themes should appeal to all age groups, be Florida or Odyssey related, and be broad enough to include a variety of pin and shirt designs.



Designing Your Own Pins and T-Shirts??

While teams are allowed to make pins and t-shirts of their own design to wear/trade at the Florida Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament, the policy of the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association is:

- Teams, school groups, and individuals may not use “Florida Odyssey of the Mind”, “Florida Odyssey”, “Florida OotM” or any other name that implies in any way that it is an official Florida Odyssey of the Mind pin or t-shirt. Any team, school or individually produced pin or t-shirt must clearly state the name of the team or school group. It is okay to include Florida to indicate that the team is from Florida (ex. Happy Elementary, Anytown, Florida). However, Florida cannot be emphasized in any way – it must be the same size, font, and color as the team name.
- Teams, school groups, and individuals must submit an electronic or hard copy of their artwork or designs and receive written approval from the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association Director prior to producing any pin or shirt for the State Tournament. Artwork can be e-mailed to: associationdirector@floma.org.
- Teams, school groups, and individuals must also receive written approval from their Regional Director if their pin or t-shirt design includes the region name.
- Teams, school groups, and individuals may not reference “Phil, the Flamingo”, the Florida mascot, in their pin or shirt design.
- Teams, school groups and individuals are strictly prohibited from producing a pin that is in any way similar to, related to, derivative of, or an add-on to any current-year official Florida Odyssey of the Mind pin. Any pin produced by a team must stand entirely on its own.
- In addition to these guidelines, any team, school group, or individual pin or t-shirt must also adhere to guidelines outlined in the CCI Program Guide.

Teams participating in the Florida Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament are expected to honor these policies.



If

your team should advance to World Finals...

Having a team advance to World Finals can be very exciting, but it helps to know some things in advance. Due to the short turn-around time between State and World, your team and supporters will have to do a lot of fund-raising very quickly, unless you choose to start early, just in case. Following are a list of expenses involved when taking a team to World Finals.

Room & Board	\$650 per person (estimate)
T-shirts, State & World	World Finalist t-shirts will be given to all team members and up to two (2) coaches per team at no cost to the team.
Trading Pins	A small number of pins will be supplied to the teams at no charge.
Extra Trading Pins	\$100 - \$300 – optional, teams may purchase extra pins
Transportation	\$??? varies (Are you flying? Are your parents driving? Are you taking a bus?)

There will be some incidentals not listed here, so be prepared for those too.

You also need to be aware of the early deadlines for everything. Because of the short time between State and World, you will only have a few days to go through your World Finals Packet and get organized. You will have a number of forms to fill out, and orders to place for shirts, hats and pins. Please be sure that you read everything in your World Finals packet very carefully and follow all of the directions.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU!!



**FLORIDA ODYSSEY OF THE MIND
2024 STATE TOURNAMENT**

Region: _____ Membership Number: _____

WORKER REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

I, (print name) _____ represent a team from
(school) _____

competing in (problem name) _____, (division) _____

I may be reached at:

HOME Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (Include area code)

Day () _____ Evening () _____

Email _____

I would prefer to work in the following position: (**number in order of preference**)

- () Door Monitor () Creativity Fest Assistant
- () Registration () Car Lane Monitor (outdoor assignment)
- () Information Table () Saturday Sales
- () Friday Registration () Friday Sales

My past Odyssey of the Mind experiences include: _____

I have a child on another team. Problem: _____ Div. _____

I volunteered as a worker at the regional tournament. YES NO (circle one)

If YES, what was your assignment? _____

I am a former Odyssey of the Mind team member. YES NO (circle one)

I understand that I am responsible for filling the position I am assigned, even if my team drops from the competition less than two weeks before the tournament date. If I fail to fill this position, my team may be assessed a 25-point *Spirit of the Problem* penalty. I understand that if for any reason I am unable to fulfill my obligation, it is my responsibility to find a replacement to fill the position.

Signed:

This form is to be used by the Coach to capture the worker information and the Coach will go online and enter the worker for their team.



FLORIDA ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 2024 STATE TOURNAMENT Worker Notes

- Each team advancing to the FLOMA State Tournament must provide a volunteer worker.
FLOMA Standing Rules:
 - Any team not providing a judge/worker by the designated registration deadlines may be assessed a \$100.00 fine to be paid prior to the Regional and/or State 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 Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty.
 - The responsible Tournament Director will notify the appropriate Problem Captain that the Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty is to be assessed.
- Worker registration will be part of the team's State Registration process. **(Please use worker's email address and cell number)**
- If a worker is not volunteered the coach's name should be entered as the volunteer from the team. **(Worker from Regional Tournament does not default as State Worker)**
- The worker assignment will not conflict with the long-term performance time for the team that they represent. **(No need to note in conflicts section.)**
- Worker assignments are between 2 and 3 hours in duration.
- We discourage splitting worker assignments between different individuals.
- As part of Worker Registration, assignments will be listed with the option of selecting preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.). However, 1st preference cannot be assured.
- Worker conflicts **MUST** be noted in the Worker Registration. **(Do not assume a team conflict will carry over to the worker.)**
- Prior Odyssey experience should be noted on the Worker Registration. There are assignments where it would be helpful to have an experienced worker.
- Worker assignments will be conveyed to the worker and coach via email the week of the State Tournament. Each team's worker assignment will also be listed on the FLOMA website. **(Worker name will not be included on website listing – just team name and assignment details.)**



FLORIDA ODYSSEY OF THE MIND ASSOCIATION

2024 STATE TOURNAMENT

DESCRIPTIONS OF WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES

Hopefully this information will make the responsibilities involved with your task clearer, thus making it easier for you to do your job at the tournament. Thank you for volunteering to assist with the Odyssey of the Mind program. Your time, talents, energy and support of the program is truly appreciated. Enjoy your “odyssey”....

DOOR & HALL MONITORS

- Keep hallways and areas just outside the performance site reasonably quiet, particularly during team performances
- Prevent spectators from entering the competition site area once a team performance has begun (exits and entrances only BETWEEN performances)
- Maintain appropriate decorum throughout the competition areas (display a positive, serious, helpful-yet-firm attitude)

REGISTRATION (& FRIDAY NIGHT REGISTRATION)

- Assist in distribution of information and registration packets
- Register team coaches during early morning hours
- Verify information on coach information sheets

INFORMATION TABLE

- Provide general information and answers to common questions
- Be knowledgeable about Long-Term Problem locations and OCCC layout
- Act as a message center as requested
- Assist individuals in completing various requested forms
- Manage an informal lost and found

SPONTANEOUS PROBLEM CHECK-IN & ESCORTS

- Assist Spontaneous Problem captain as requested with such duties as checking in teams and maintaining quiet in the area
- Walk with teams to their spontaneous competition room as directed
- Assist in keeping order and in keeping on schedule



AWARDS SETUP / REGIONAL BANNER DISPLAY

- Assist in setting out trophies, ribbons, and medals on Awards stage tables for Awards Ceremony
- Assist in displaying Regional Banners on the Exhibit Floor per the seating plan for Awards Ceremony

CREATIVITY FESTIVAL ASSISTANT

- Assist coordinator in setting up, breaking down and running the Creativity Festival and Pin Trading events
- Oversee games and assist where needed
- Assist in keeping order and not letting things get “too wild”
- Make sure area is left clean at the end of the event

PROP/SET DROP OFF CAR LANE

- Make sure teams using the car lane to drop off and pick up props, sets, etc. are in and out in a timely manner
- Make sure teams using the car lanes move to accommodate as many people as possible

SALES (& FRIDAY NIGHT SALES)

- Assist Sales coordinator in setting up and/or breaking down the sales site
- Restock shelves as needed
- Assist customers as needed

SPECIAL RESERVES

- Work with the Worker Coordinator when/as needed during your shift
- Act as a substitute, or fill-in worker if an emergency arises (You will report to the Worker Coordinator at the Information Table and make yourself available to handle a task when asked.)