



NWVoices 2020-21

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NWVoices Our Commitment

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Memberships: Getting Started



The fundamental elements of Odyssey of the Mind remain as always:

- Teams of up to seven students come together to challenge their creativity
- Each team has an adult who serves as the team coach
- Teams select one of five long-term problems and prepare a solution in the form of an eight-minute performance to be judged by a panel of trained volunteers.
- There is also a non-competitive (primary) problem for younger teams looking to get familiar with OotM (typically K-2)
- Teams also prepare to solve a spontaneous problem that will be given to them at the time of competition.



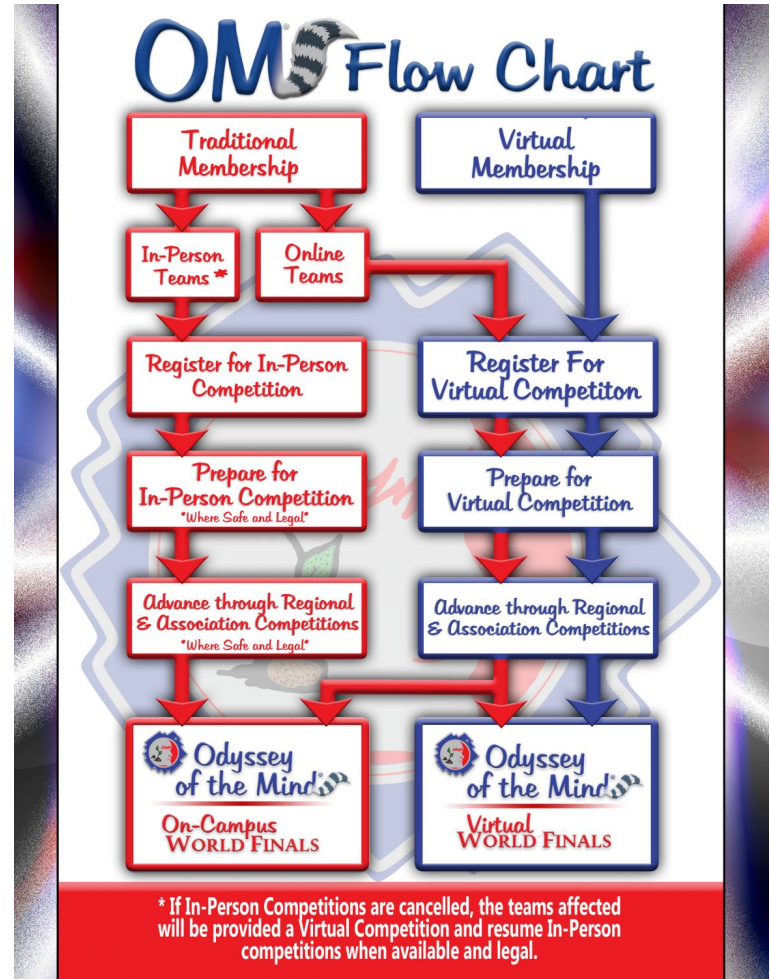
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Memberships

CCI is providing two tracks for membership

- Traditional Memberships will go to in-person tournaments IF the region and state determine it is safe and feasible to offer such.
 - Otherwise, they compete virtually
- Virtual Memberships will only compete virtually. Not eligible for in person.
 - Looser rules for memberships
 - Different pricing from CCI





NWVoices CCI Traditional Membership

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- Same as previous years
- Sponsored by a school or other organization
- \$135 per membership
- Allows up to five Division I - III teams, one for each problem
- Allows up to five primary teams
- Discounts available for multiple schools registering together and for additional memberships at a school
- Will compete in-person at regional, state, and world levels IF it is deemed safe and legal by the organizers



NWVoices CCI Virtual Membership

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- Any group interested in forming a team - one or multiple schools
- \$100 per membership
- Allows one team only
- Will compete virtually under all circumstances

There are videos of virtual performances from some of last year's virtual world finals teams available to view at [odysseyofthemind.com](https://www.odysseyofthemind.com)



Getting Started: How is this Going to Work?



NWVoices An Evolving Situation

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- Forming Teams
- Training Coaches
- Finding and Training Officials
- Competitions



NWVoices Forming Teams

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- Work with your coordinator to determine membership type
 - If you are the only team, or you cannot build a team from your school, consider your membership options
- Hold a kickoff meeting for your school
- Reinforce the safety messages about meetings
- Purchase appropriate membership at <http://odysseyofthemind.com>
- Coaches should attend coaches' training



NWVoices Plans Evolving

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Training	Plan
Coordinators	Two information sessions, 9/22 and 9/30, no cost
Coaches	One or two virtual sessions, dates TBD, costs TBD
Master Spontaneous	TBD, costs TBD
Spontaneous Kits	TBD, costs TBD
Tournament Prep Session	Virtual, date TBD, no cost
Judges	Dates TBD, no cost
Tournament(s)	Date(s) TBD, costs TBD



NWVoices Judges and Volunteers

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- All teams, virtual and traditional will still be required to provide a judge and volunteer for participation in local and state level tournaments
- Some will be needed for in-person events if they happen
- Some will be needed for virtual events, working online from home using tools provided by CCI



Variables affecting tournaments:

- Public health situation and school use status
- Number of teams participating with traditional and virtual memberships
- Reasonable workloads for volunteer judges

Options available for both in-person and virtual tournaments:

- Hold one tournament for multiple regions
- Skip regional tournaments and advance teams directly to states
- Join forces with nearby states (WV, MD)
- Modify in-person tournament(s) if held to reduce contact, e.g. do awards online

Possible scenario:

- One virtual tournament for R14/16 combined, one in-person tournament for R14/16 combined



From CCI:

- Information is available at odysseyofthemind.com on the home page. Further information is available by clicking “Join” on the main menu.

Locally, from NWVoices

- We will be updating our webpage, nwvoices.org regularly as new information becomes available.
- We will be posting updated slides for 2020-21 for school coordinators to use for Odyssey information sessions at their schools under the COORDINATING heading on the main menu
- We will also post updates in the local FaceBook group:
www.facebook.com/groups/OdysseyRegions14And16
- For questions, contact us at info@nwvoices.org



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NWVoices Next Step - Interest Survey

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- We will be announcing a survey to gather information on interest in OotM participation
- Please respond to the survey - **we need everyone to participate** so we can get enough information to plan the rest of the year.



NWVoices Questions

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To ask a question, use the question button on your screen or hit *6 if you are participating by phone to be placed in the queue.

Online users can also ask questions in the chat window.