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VOICES

Coaches Information Session

09 December 2020

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Outline

- 2021 Tournament Season
- Judge Requirements
- World Final Advancements
- Coaching Information



Please use CHAT field to submit questions for Q&A review at the end of the call

Odyssey 2021 Overview

- Two Membership Platforms

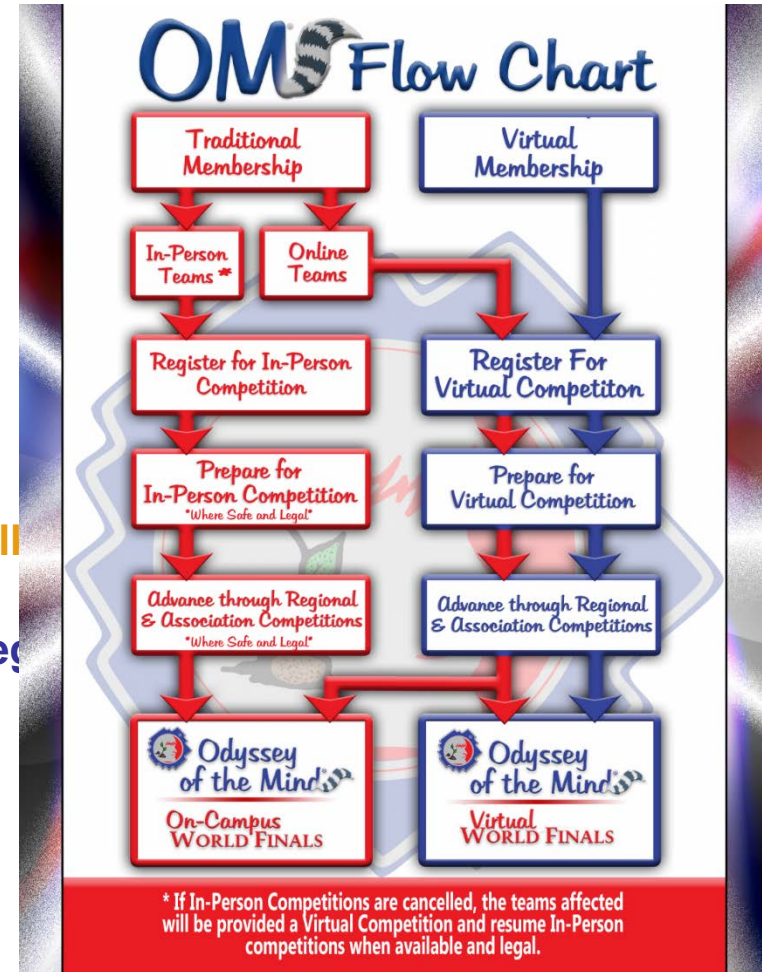
- Traditional Membership
- Virtual Membership
- <https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/join/>

- Six Problems

- **Problem 1: OMer the ROMER**
- **Problem 2: Virtual Odyssey**
- **Problem 3: Classics... OMER and the Beanstalk**
- **Problem 4: It's a Trap!**
- **Problem 5: Superhero Socks: A Cliffhanger Beg**
- **Primary: Animals Are People Too!**

- Competition Events

- Virtual Virginia State Tournament
- Traditional In-Person World Finals - Possible
- Virtual World Finals - Definite



2021 Tournament Season

- Odyssey World Finals Is Planned For Late May 2021
 - CCI Is Planning A Traditional In-Person World Finals Event
 - If A Venue To Host A Traditional In-person World Finals Cannot Be Secured, All World Finalists Will Be Invited To Participate In The Virtual World Finals
- Virtual World Finals Will Be After Traditional In-Person Event
 - However, If Traditional Event Does Not Happen Then The Virtual Event Will Be Scheduled For May 2021
- CCI Memberships
 - Traditional Membership Is A Lower Cost Option As It Covers One Team Per Problem Per Division
 - Teams With Virtual Memberships From The Same School May Consider Converting To A Traditional Membership If Team Composition Abides By Traditional Membership Requirements

2021 Tournament Season - Continued

- VOICES Will Hold One VA State Virtual Tournament
 - No Regional Tournaments This Season
 - All Problems 1-5 and Primary Are Eligible To Participate
- CCI Traditional And Virtual Memberships Are Equivalent For VA State Tournament
 - Teams Will Be Judged Based On Problem And Division As Usual
 - All Teams Are Placed In Divisions By Age Of Oldest Team Member
- VA Tournament Team Registration Will Open 26DEC20
 - Registration Is Through Odyssey Of The Mind Website Using Link Below
 - Tournament Cost Remains At \$65 Per Team
 - Registration Site Will Close On 30JAN21

<https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/member-area/>

2021 Tournament Season - Continued

- Some Key Factors That Drove One Tournament Decision
 - Overall Membership Numbers and Registrations Are Low
 - Facility Access Is Difficult Given Use Current Restrictions
 - Experienced Judging Pool Limited At Regional Level
- Constraints That Drove Tournament Schedule
 - Sufficient Time For Team Preparations And Online Submission
 - Judge Training & Online Commitments 2-3 Weeks
 - ✘ Northern VA Spring Break 29MAR21 - 05APR21
 - ✘ Newport News / Franklin County 5APR21 - 09APR21
 - World Finals Preparations and Registration End of April

2021 Tournament Key Dates – Team Dates

- ✓ Coaches Info Session – Season Overview 09DEC20
- Team Registration Opens 26DEC20
- Team Registration Closes 30JAN21
- Coach Info Session – Submission Process 06FEB21
- Team Submission Opens 13FEB21
- Team Submission Closes 05MAR21
- Tournament Judging Starts 13MAR21
 - Problem 4 – Weight Held (Northern VA) 13MAR21
 - Problem 4 – Weight Held (Other VA) 20MAR21
- Tournament Judging Ends 28MAR21
- ✘ Spring Breaks Periods 29MAR - 09APR
- Tournament Online Award Ceremony 10APR21

Judge Requirements

- Teams Are Not Required To Provide A Judge
 - We Plan To Use Experienced Judges From All Regions At State Level
 - Obviously, No Need For 2-Hour Volunteers This Year
- We Expect To Need 100-110 Judges This Season
 - If You Know A Judge That Has Judged Before, Please Let Them Know We Would Like Their Assistance
 - Experienced Judges Desired For Past Familiarly With Judging
 - However, We Will Not Turn Down Anyone Who Would Like To Judge
- Judge Commitments
 - Online Training Events Various Evening Events
 - PC With Internet Connectivity (Ability To Load Applications)
 - Dedication To Program
 - Judges Registration Is Now Open Using Link Below:

https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/judges/assoc_tournaments.php?assoc=VA®ion=State

2021 Tournament Key Dates – Judge Dates

- ✓ Judge Registration Opens 05DEC20
- Judge Registration Closes 30JAN21
- Judge Info Session – Process Overview 07FEB21
- Judge Training Events 13FEB21 - 07MAR21
 - Various Events: Problem Specific, Online Technology, etc...
 - Practice Judging Using Cross Samples
 - Detailed Training Dates Will Be Provided To Registered Judges
- Tournament Judging Starts 13MAR21
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World Final Advancements

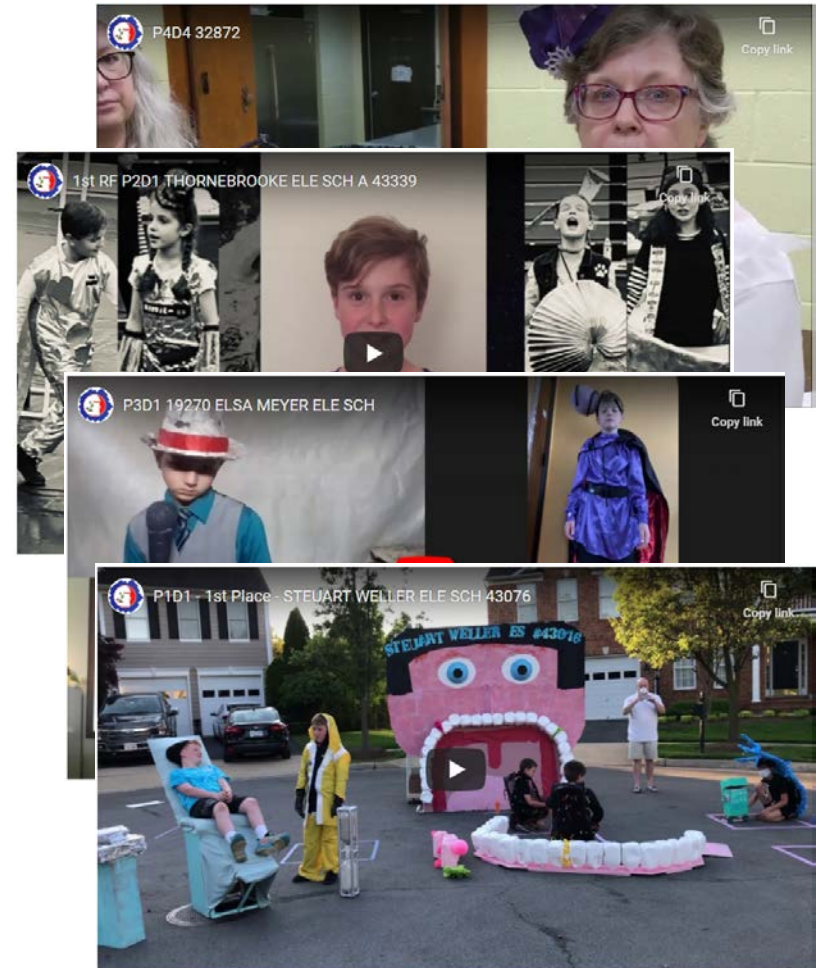
- Traditional In-Person World Finals
 - As Of Now, CCI Has Not Limited Team Advancement
 - VOICES Plans To Advance All Teams Registered For In-Person Preference
 - We Assume Primary Would Not Advance
 - Expect CCI Registration Would Be In APR21
- Virtual World Finals
 - CCI Has Not Limited Virtual Team Advancement
 - VOICES Plans To Advance All Virtual Teams (Including Primary)
 - Registration and Submission Could Be APR21 Or MAY21 Depending If Traditional In-Person Tournament Is Being Held
- Advancing Teams May Update Their Performance Video, Photos, And / Or Paperwork For Their Virtual World Finals Submission

Coaching Information

- What Does A Virtual Tournament Look Like?
- Addressing Health Care Concerns
- Odyssey Program Guide Key Changes
- Virtual Tournament Submission

What Does A Virtual Tournament Look Like?

- CCI Posted 2020 Virtual World Finals Solutions To Aid In Solving Social Distancing Restrictions
- Encourage Teams To Watch 2020 Videos To Explore Ways To Capture Their Virtual Solution Creativity
- Coaches Must Find Ways To Help Team Work On Their Long Term Problem Solution Safely Given Today's Constraints



<https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/how-to-perform-virtually/>

<https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/virtual-wf-videos/>

Addressing Health Care Concerns

- Be Upfront About Health Care Expectations For Team
 - Address Key Health Concerns Of Parents And Team Members
 - Use School Health Guidance For Extracurricular Practices As Guideline
 - Use Health Checks, Masks, Separation, Wash Hands Often, Wipe Common Tools And Supplies, Etc...
- Establish A Coach's Plan For Team
 - Look For A Large Place To Work For Space Separation
 - Consider Outdoor Meetings When Possible
 - Encourage Constant Communications And Idea Sharing Online
 - Provide Useful, Constructive, And Positive Feedback To Motivate Team Members And Maintain Schedule
 - Engage With Team Using Online Tools: Zoom, Messaging, File Sharing,...
- Follow VA State Restrictions As They Apply

Odyssey Program Guide Key Changes

- In Competition, Seven Team Members May Participate In The Long-term Solution **And In Spontaneous.**
- Teams may simulate violent acts during a performance only, **but they must be portrayed in an acceptable obviously fictitious manner. Judges have the discretion to determine additional situations, portrayals, or behaviors that may be deemed inappropriate for an Odyssey of the Mind performance and they may issue an Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty. If the prohibited behavior or portrayal is recurrent, judges may stop a team’s performance.**
- Remote performances are not permitted unless competing in a virtual tournament
- The team must include an item’s value even if it is borrowed or donated; items may be valued at “garage” or “yard” sale prices.
- Violation / Penalty Point Reductions
 - “Spirit Of The Problem” Violation Now 1 to **30** Pts
 - Unsportsmanlike Conduct Now 1 To **30** Pts
 - Incorrect Or Missing Membership Sign Now 1 To **10** Pts
 - Outside Assistance Now 1 to **25** pts
 - Over Cost Limit Now 1 to **30** pts

This Is Just Highlights – Be Sure To Download and Review 2020-21 Program Guide

<https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/p/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2021-Program-Guide.pdf>

Virtual Tournament Submission

- All Tournament Submissions Will Be Via Odyssey Website
 - More Details Provided During Coaches Information Session 06FEB21
- Video Submission
 - Video Submission Has Two Parts: Performance and Required Elements
 - Help Team Prepare Videos Through Practice, Record, And Review
 - Teach Teams To Constructively Critique Their Performance
 - Highlight Required Items, Effort, Creativity, and Team Efforts
- Paperwork Submission
 - Style, Team Required List, Cost, Outside Assistance Forms, etc... Required For Upload Submission

Virtual Tournament Submission – Continued

- Spontaneous Submission
 - All Team Members Will Participate
 - Tournament Will Be Verbal Problem Performed Online
 - Team Should Practice All Problem Types For Creativity Experience
 - Responses Will Be Entered Online With Time Limit
 - CCI Practice Problems Will Be Made Available Soon
- Problem 4 – Structure Weigh-In and Weight Held
 - VA State Tournament – In-Person Weight Held Event Two Dates
 - 13MAR21 – Northern Virginia
 - 20MAR21 – **TBD** Until We Identify A Central Location
 - Attendance Will Be Limited To Three (3) Team Members & Coaches Only
 - Virtual World Finals – Expect To Mail-In Structures For Weight Held
 - CCI Will Perform Weight Held Measurement

Wrap Up

- 2021 Tournament Season
 - Only One Virginia Tournament Event This Year – All Teams Eligible To Participate
 - Please Attend Scheduled Online Coach Informational Events
 - Register Online Using Odyssey Of the Mind Website Link
- Judge Requirements
 - Team Supplied Judge Is Not Required But We Do Need Experienced Judges
 - Online Judging Is A Time Commitment But We All Do This For The Teams
 - Judges Register Online Using Odyssey Of the Mind Website Link
- World Final Advancements
 - All Virginia Teams Will Be Eligible To Advance To Odyssey Virtual World Finals
 - If CCI Holds Traditional In-Person World Finals, Only Traditional Membership Teams Would Be Eligible To Attend
- Coaching Information
 - Download and Read The Program Guide and Problem Statements
 - Follow Safety Guidelines And Restrictions As They Apply
 - All Team Members Should Practice All Spontaneous Problem Types
 - Problem 4 Will Have An In-Person Event For Weight Held Requirements



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Online Chat

Question & Answer