

## **Kansas Odyssey of the Mind: Tournament Policies 2009-2010**

- I. **Tournament Registration** (for both regional and state tournaments)
  - A. Tournament registration will take place online and will not be considered complete until the Kansas Odyssey of the Mind state treasurer receives a check or PO.
  - B. For all divisions, tournament registration fee will be \$25.00 per team for the regional tournament and \$50.00 per team for the state tournament. The regional Registration deadline is February 1st. The state deadline will be announced.
  - C. Late registrations will be accepted if a late fee of an additional \$50.00 per team plus the original fee is included with payment. No regional registration will be accepted after February 8th. No State registration will be allowed once the schedule has been finalized. This procedure has been implemented in an effort to help with scheduling problems. No registrations will be accepted after the schedule has been published.
  - D. Teams will compete at their assigned regional competition site. If a competition conflict arises a change may be made upon approval of both tournament directors and the state director. The teams who are allowed to change will be judged as a part of the regional tournament to which they transferred.
  - E. Membership registrations with Creative Competitions, Inc. must be received in New Jersey before you can register a team for competition.
  - F. One judge per team is required for the Regional competition and names of judges must accompany team registration. These judges must be at least 19 years of age must attend the local judges' training and must judge their assigned schedule at the Regional competition. If a judge does not attend and judge, the team will be assessed a \$50.00 fine.
  
- II. **Postponement Policy**
  - A. The Tournament Director and the state board will make the decision regarding postponement due to unforeseen circumstances including inclement weather. Teams should not expect tournaments to be rescheduled due to the impracticalities of rescheduling. The weather may require teams to make alternate plans.
  
- III. **Tournament procedures**
  - A. All teams must be present and ready to compete at the scheduled times as they appear in the program. Teams not meeting this criterion will be excluded. In the event of an emergency, phone contact with tournament officials must occur as soon as possible.
  - B. Each team will have at least one hour between scheduled times for spontaneous and long-term problem competition if possible. Structure teams will be scheduled so that there is more than sufficient time between weigh-in, spontaneous, and long-term competition.
  - C. Teams will not compete earlier than scheduled for the long-term portion of the competition.
  - D. Cut-off for all clarifications from CCI is February 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - E. An original completed Media Release Form for each individual team member **must** be turned in at the Regional Tournament registration table before a team competes. A copy the form can be printed from <http://ksodyssey.com>.
  - F. Each team must submit to the staging area judge the Video Release Form and all other forms specified by the current Program Guide and the team's specific problem. Please note that multiple copies may be required of certain forms.
  
- IV. **Score Sheets**
  - A. Coaches may pick up their copy of the Master long-term score sheet only at a designated site. Please allow at least 30 minutes for the long-term score to be available; this amount of time is subject to the Tournament Host's discretion.

- B. Coaches are to follow the procedures for questioning or challenging long-term scores set forth in the current Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide. Within 30 minutes of receiving long-term scores, questions must be taken to the score pick-up table and the head judge will be notified. The same procedure will be followed at both regional and state tournaments. The tournament is considered ended once the award ceremony for that division has begun. Questions or challenges **will not** be considered or re-opened once the tournament is ended.
- C. Individual team Master score sheets will be returned at the end of each tournament. Overall tournament results will be posted at the tournament conclusion.

**V. Corrections Due to Scoring Room Errors**

- A. If a mathematical or other scoring room error is discovered, documentation of the error in regional and state scoring and ranking must be received by the Tournament Director within seven (7) days of the tournament date. After seven (7) days from the tournament date, no changes will be made. If the error affects placing and/or advancement, the team affected will be allowed to place or advance as applicable. All other teams rankings will stand as awarded.

**VI. Qualifying for State Tournament**

- A. Division I, II and III teams must qualify at a Regional Tournament in order to participate at the State Tournament
- B. First place teams at the Regional Tournaments will automatically qualify for the state tournament, unless the team is the only one in a problem division. If there is only one team competing in any one problem per division, a determination will be made by the judges and the tournament director whether an invitation to state competition will be extended.
- C. Second place teams within 15 points will be invited to the State Tournament.
- D. All teams that win a Ranatra at Regionals, either for the whole team or as an individual member, winners will be invited to the State Tournament.

**VII. Qualifying for World Finals**

- A. First and second place teams at the state tournament will automatically qualify for World Finals.
- B. State Ranatra winners with a team spontaneous or long-term award will be invited to World Finals.

**VIII. Ties**

- A. A tie will be recognized when team overall scores are within one point of each other. Tournament rankings will be made accordingly.