



## ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 2021 WORLD FINALS

### SPONTANEOUS DIRECTIONS FOR COACHES AND TEAMS

#### **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!**

Your Team may be given any type of spontaneous problem. These include purely verbal, hands-on, and combination that is part hands-on and part verbal.

All team members will be taken to the spontaneous room. Your team will be told which type of problem it will solve. Every team member will participate. If you have less than 7 team members you will not be at a disadvantage in any type of problem.

#### **GETTING TO THE SPONTANEOUS COMPETITION**

Please arrive at the Spontaneous Check-in Area at the West Building Level 1 Check-In Hallway Entrance (see OCCC map) 20 minutes before your scheduled competition time.

**ONE** team member should go up to the Spontaneous Registration Table and check in. (For Division I teams, two members or a team member and coach may go up together to register.) The team member needs to know:

- **Long Term Problem, Division, Membership Name, Membership Number**
- **A “check in” card will be given to that team member. It will be used to identify the team being taken into the problem room.**

That team member will then join the rest of the team, which will be gathered in the waiting area. Teams will be called by name and then be escorted by a judge into the Competition Area. (The judge will take the “check in card” at that time.) **ONLY THE TEAM MEMBERS** may enter the competition area. The coach will remain in the waiting area or elsewhere.

When the team has finished competing, it will be escorted back to the waiting area.

**\*\* Please note – There are no restroom facilities in the spontaneous competition area. Please use the restrooms on your way at the bottom of the ramp near the spontaneous registration area.**

### **REMINDERS AND HELPFUL HINTS:**

- No cameras, stop watches, recording devices, or anything that beeps are allowed in the rooms. Team members may wear watches but they may not set them to beep, and **ONLY** the official time counts.
- Team members may ask how much time remains at any time.
- Team members should listen to directions carefully. In all problems, team members may ask questions, but time continues. (Questions may not be asked while the judge is reading the problem, but only after time begins.)
- Two copies of the problem will be placed in front of the team members before the judge reads the problem aloud. However, please encourage team members to watch the judges as they read the problem, as officials often point or demonstrate actions that help the team understand the intent of the problem.
- In verbal or verbal hands/on problems, remind team members to speak loudly and clearly. If a team member mumbles or speaks too softly and cannot be heard, the judge will say, “we didn’t hear you please say that again.”
- If your team is scheduled near meal time, please bring a snack along in case we are running a little behind. Although we try to remain as close to schedule as possible, we want to ensure a fair and enjoyable experience for all teams. If you have a scheduling conflict or emergency on-site, please come to the spontaneous registration table and ask for the IPC or an APC. **ALL TEAMS WILL BE ABLE TO COMPETE!**
- If a team has a concern, he/she (or the team) should ask to speak to the IPC for spontaneous, or one of the APCs. If a coach needs to see me, or an APC, please ask at the Spontaneous Registration table and someone will get us!
- **TEAMS MUST KEEP THE PROBLEM A SECRET UNTIL AFTER THE AWARDS CEREMONY!**

Talk to your team about teamwork and creativity...remind them that there is more to solving the problem than just “getting it right” and since there are many different solutions to problems, everyone has something to offer. Remind them that they are winners...despite all the difficulties of this year, they have made it to World Finals! Now is the time to just relax and have fun!  
**GOOD LUCK TO ALL!**

Sincerely,

From: Joy F. Kurtz, International Problem Captain (IPC) for Spontaneous