



## ***Coaches & Officials Problem***

# **We're Back!!**

### **A. The Problem**

After being separated for so long some things feel different and some feel the same. But one thing is for sure – it feels great to be back! Your problem is to surprise the audience with a costume that looks completely different from the front and the back.

### **B. Limitations**

1. Coaches can work individually or with team members/parents as a single entrant.
2. The costume:
  - a. can be about anything.
  - b. will look one way when walking towards the audience and then will look different when walking away from the audience.
  - c. must be safe in its design. If it is judged to pose potential harm to anyone or the competition site, it will be prohibited. See the *2021-22 Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*.
  - d. must fit through a standard doorway.
  - e. will be scored for how different and unexpected the back and front of the costume are from each other.

### **C. The Competition**

1. You will be assigned a number when you register at the competition site.
2. When a judge calls your number, you will move from behind the taped Start Line and walk towards the audience to another taped line. Here you will turn and walk away from the audience to show the back of your costume.
3. Each entrant will demonstrate its solution one at a time. When all entrants have completed their demonstration, there will be a parade around the course of all of the costumes in the order they performed and the winner's will be determined by applause and the judges' determination.

### **D. Awards**

1. Certificates will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place as determined by judges and audience reaction to your costume and special effect.
2. Overall Style will also be awarded to the entry that has the most creative/popular appearance.