

What is an Odyssey of the Mind Judge?

A job description for the OotM Judge

The Odyssey of the Mind (OotM) judge is an essential part of the volunteer staff that makes an OotM tournament a success. Judges can be parents, teachers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, neighbors, or anyone who has a love for children.

- **Commitment:**

- As a volunteer judge you MUST commitment to 2 days: 1 day for training (usually 1-2 hours) and 1 FULL day for competition. The tournament day can begin as early as 7am and may run as late as 6pm (Note: If you have a child competing, you will NOT be able to watch your child compete)
 - Refer to the Schedule for the region you're representing for the dates for this year for:
 - Judges Training
 - Regional Tournament
- If the team that you represent advances to the State Finals, you will be asked to commit to another full day of judging at the State Tournament at Thornapple Kellogg Schools in Middleville, MI.

- **Duties:**

- **Online Registration:** This is where your commitment begins. You (not the coach) MUST access the online registration by following the judges' links on www.miodyssey.com, click on the "Judges" tab across the top of the page and then on your region and then on "Judges Registration".
- **Attend Training: THIS IS MANDATORY!** This is where you will meet and discuss the problem which you will be judging. It is your duty as a judge to fully understand the problem so that you can fairly and accurately administer a score. Judges' training is the time for the judging team to get together and discuss any questions or concerns that they may have about the problem with their Problem Captain.
- **Scoring:** You must be able to CONSISTENTLY adhere to the scoring guidelines laid out by the problem and your Problem Captain.
- **Code of Conduct:** You must be willing to sign and abide by the Michigan Odyssey of the Mind Judge's Code of Conduct.
- **Punctuality:** You must be committed to being on time for all trainings and tournaments and stay until dismissed by your Problem Captain.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any Michigan OotM Tournament Director or Problem Captain. Contact information can be found on the website at www.miodyssey.com.