

Tournament Procedures and Mask Requirements

Our Michigan Odyssey of the Mind Board of Directors met on January 8th to discuss the tournament procedures for the coming Odyssey season. The safety and wellness of our Odyssey family is our primary concern. We understand that not everyone feels the same when it comes to CoVid protocols but we are resolved to err on the side of caution while still allowing for an in-person competition.

With safety in mind, below is a snapshot of how we will be running our Regional and State tournaments:

- All teams, coaches, family & judges will be required to wear masks at all times while in the building. Anyone who refuses to wear a mask will be asked to leave the building. Failure to comply could result in an Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty for their team.
- If allowed by the host school district, team members may remove their masks during their long term performance ONLY but must remask immediately after performing before interacting with the judging team. Masks will be required at all other times.
- Spectators will be limited to the immediate family of the team. Competition areas will be cleared of spectators between performances
- Teams will enter the building no more than 60 minutes before their long term performance time and must stay within their taped, designated staging areas
- After completing their Long Term performance, the team and one coach will go directly to their Spontaneous competition. Other coaches and family members should plan on exiting the building as props and scenery are cleared.
- Scores Pick Up - Coaches will have a designated location to pick up scores. One coach may return to ask about a score within 30 minutes but must be considerate and not interrupt other teams coming in and out of the room.
- Once teams have finished their Spontaneous competition they will meet their coach at the designated area and may discuss their scores before exiting the building.
- The awards ceremony will be online/virtual Saturday evening or early Sunday afternoon. These times will be announced prior to Tournament Day.

Medical Exemption Requirements

- If a coach has a team member with a medical exemption, they must contact their Regional Director and email a copy of their documentation to the RD at least one week prior to the tournament. Medical exemption documentation must be signed by the doctor and include their medical license number. No additional exemptions will be granted on tournament day.
- Team members with a valid medical mask exemption will be required to wear a face shield instead. That team member must supply their own face shield and wear it while in the building.
- Team members with a valid medical mask exemption will leave the building after their Long Term performance and will NOT participate in Spontaneous. (This is for the safety of our judges and as the spontaneous rooms are a smaller space.) Please note that this will not affect the team's score as the new Spontaneous rules do not require set numbers of responses from each team member.
- Medical exemptions will not be allowed for spectators. Spectators will be required to wear a mask at all times.

We appreciate your support for all of our OMers and understanding that this is not a usual tournament season. We are committed to holding in-person tournaments as we realize how important it is to receive immediate support and feedback. To do this, we need everyone's cooperation to safely let their creativity shine. We appreciate our site schools allowing us to hold tournaments in this modified manner

We are also aware that circumstances can change quickly. Many of us recall our state shutting down less than 48 hours before the 2020 State Finals. So, we strongly recommend that each team record a dress rehearsal of their long-term performance as a precaution in these unusual times.

Our Board acknowledges that not all may agree with these measures, but we are doing our best to protect everyone at our tournaments. Thank you for your compliance.

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