

# PA Virtual Tournament



# Resources

## Virtual Team Resources

Has detailed information on how to:

- Register Your Team
- Practice and Record Your Solution
- Submit Your Virtual Solution

Odyssey Academy!





# Resources

Watch the Spontaneous video  
Read the Virtual Tournament Guide

See virtual performances from 2020 VWF



The screenshot shows the Odyssey of the Mind website. At the top left is the Odyssey of the Mind logo. To its right is the text "a Creative Competitions Inc" and social media icons for email, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Below the logo is a blue navigation bar with the following links: "2020 WF HOME", "TEAMS/COACHES", "PARENTS/SUPPORTERS", "MAKE A DIFFERENCE", and "ODYSSEY SHOP". In the center of the page is a large graphic for "ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 2020 WORLD FINALS ONLINE". Below this graphic is the text "Watch Virtual World Finals solutions here!". To the right of the graphic is a "QUICK LINKS" section with the following items: "Virtual World Finals Scores", "VWF Videos", "VWF Program", "Family Problem Winners", "Virtual Creativity Festival", "World Finals History", and "OMER the rOMer".

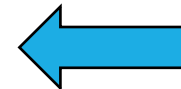


## Membership

ABINGTON HEIGHTS H S A  
307 Maple Avenue  
Clarks Summit, PA 18411  
Region: North East

- Teams Intention
- Contacts Info
- Long-Term Problems & forms
- Events
- Membership Status
- Team registration
- Team login
- Judge Registration
- Volunteer Registration
- Virtual Tournament Spontaneous Guide(video)
- Virtual Tournament Guide for Coaches(pdf)
- Judge/Volunteer List
- Request membership invoice

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# Odyssey of the Mind in a Virtual World

## What is the same

- Develop and Present solutions
- Spontaneous
- No Outside Assistance
- Creativity Rules!

## What is Different

- Solution recorded
- Spontaneous – verbal only
- Judging is remote
- No hallway experience



# Odyssey of the Mind in a Virtual World

- **Regional Tournament Dates**

- All submissions **due by noon on Saturday March 6 2021**

- Member Area Competition Record

- **Multi Regional Virtual tournament**

- Upload 3 URLs: Video, Paperwork, Pictures

- Spontaneous completed sometime **between 8:00 am Sat. Feb 27 – noon Sat. March 6**

- Verbal problem!

- Team determines when they want to do spontaneous

- no set schedule, no “spontaneous registration” required

# Team Login

- Need Coach userid and password
  - Provided in Team Registration confirmation email
  - Userid is usually first-initial last-name
- To retrieve password
  - use “forgot your password”
  - or contact your Regional Director.

HOME JOIN LOCAL CONTACTS TEAMS VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM GUIDE SHOP WO

## Members Area

Here is where you can register your team for competitions, connect with your local association, and access important documents: the problem artwork, and more. Log in with your membership number and zip code and access our member's only area! Here you can:


- Create Individual Team Logins
- Download long-term problems
- Register for Tournaments
- Submit LT Problem Clarifications

### Member Login

Membership Number:

Zip Code/Postal Code:

[Login](#)



### Team Login

Username:

Password:

[Login](#)

[Membership Registration](#) | [Login Assistance](#) | [Forgot your password](#)

To retrieve your password, please fill in your email address.

Email:

[Submit](#)



# Team Login

## Multi Regional Virtual Tournament

- Competition Record

- URLs for

- Video solution

- Paperwork

- Photos

- Spontaneous Practice Link

- Read the note first!

MEMBER AREA   CLARIFICATIONS   DOWNLOADS   LOGOUT

ABINGTON HEIGHTS H S A #30358  
Problem 2 - Virtual Odyssey  
Division 3  
Assoc: PA  
Coach: Mitchell Hamilton

- Change username and password
- Team registration
- Membership status
- Forms, Problems, and Icons
- Judge/Volunteer List
- Spontaneous Problem Captain's letter to Coach(pdf)
- Spontaneous Practice #1
- Spontaneous Practice #2
- Spontaneous Practice #3
- Spontaneous Practice #4
- Buy additional spontaneous problems (one pack of 10 problems)

Tournament(s):

- Multi Regional Virtual Tournament
- Date: Sat, Mar-6-2021
- Competition Record |
- Team Paperwork Review Status |
- Summary |
- Volunteer Registration |
- Judge Registration |

North East PA Regional Competition IN PERSON

- Date: Sat, Mar-6-2021
- Competition Record |
- Summary |
- Volunteer Registration |
- Judge Registration |

# Team Login competition record

- Right hand column is the list of 3 urls.  
Coach should copy/paste urls into each field.
- Make sure urls are publicly accessible:
  - Judges will be accessing each item provided by a url
- URLs can be hosted on any file sharing platform of team's choosing that is accessible in the host site's geographical area.
- The file name of the solution and all additional paperwork **must include your membership name and number.**

58 problem 2 division 3

<input type="text"/>	Number of additional coaches	1
<input type="text"/>	Number of team members	7
<input type="text"/>	Total-due	\$0.00
<input type="text"/>	Balance-due	\$0.00

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URL(s)

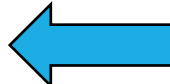
Video Performance

Document & Form URL

Photo URL

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# Three Document links

- One video performance link
  - Combine 8 minute solution (as one unedited take) with 7 minutes of explaining the solution
  - **Be sure your sharing settings allow officials to view it**
- One combined additional photographs link
  - Up to 10 of solution, and 4 style
  - All photos in one file and should be uploaded as a PDF
- One combined paperwork link
  - Problem specific templates available in Member Area in the Problems & Forms section
  - All required paperwork **MUST BE** combined and uploaded in a single PDF file.
- **You can update your video and paperwork as often as needed, until the deadline.**

# Safety First Odyssey

## Program Guide:

### **Chapter V – Program Rules** (page 35)

In addition to the rules listed below, teams must comply with local, state/provincial, and federal regulations, including regulations for specific facilities. If you have a concern, contact the person qualified to provide the information you need. Additional or alternative rules for Virtual/Online tournaments will be provided before tournament registration.

## Virtual Tournament Procedures:

Please do NOT ignore or go against any health advisories. Understand that we will be evaluating your solutions, not the quality of your video. This means that you can “meet” as a team online and record the performance if that is your only option or gather and perform following school and local guidelines.

# Safety First PA Dept of Health

PA Department of Health COVID masking rules

## **Do I have to wear a mask both inside and outside?**

The Order requires individuals to wear a face covering when indoors, irrespective of physical distance. When outdoors, one must wear a face covering when with others who are not members of the person's household and unable to maintain sustained physical distance.

A face covering is required when indoors and around persons who are not part of the same household.

## **Under what circumstances are students permitted to remove their face coverings?**

School entities may allow students to remove face coverings when students are:

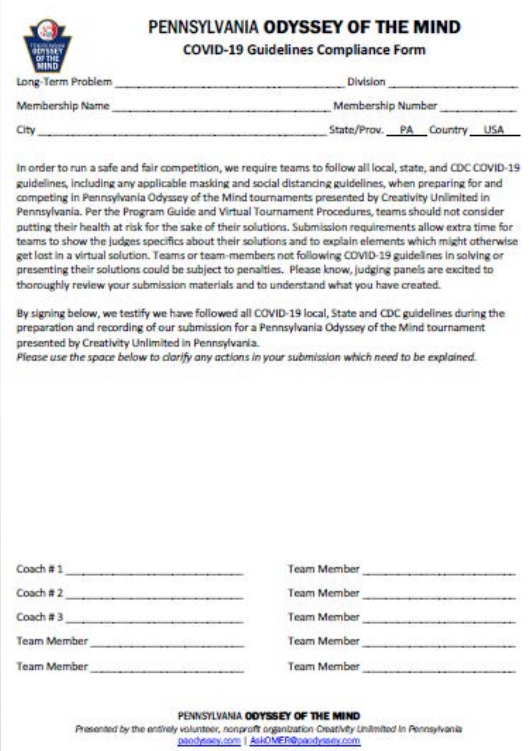
- At least six feet apart during "face-covering breaks" to last no longer than 10 minutes.



# Safety First PA COVID Compliance Form

PA State board developed a  
**PA Odyssey COVID Compliance form** for teams to sign

- **Form available on PA website, and from your Regional Director**
- Teams should follow all local, state, and CDC COVID-19 guidelines
- Teams should not consider putting their health at risk for the sake of their solutions
- Form has room to explain any special circumstances
- **Form should be included with Team Documents pdf**



**PENNSYLVANIA ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**  
COVID-19 Guidelines Compliance Form

Long-Term Problem \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. PA Country USA

In order to run a safe and fair competition, we require teams to follow all local, state, and CDC COVID-19 guidelines, including any applicable masking and social distancing guidelines, when preparing for and competing in Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind tournaments presented by Creativity Unlimited in Pennsylvania. Per the Program Guide and Virtual Tournament Procedures, teams should not consider putting their health at risk for the sake of their solutions. Submission requirements allow extra time for teams to show the judges specifics about their solutions and to explain elements which might otherwise get lost in a virtual solution. Teams or team-members not following COVID-19 guidelines in solving or presenting their solutions could be subject to penalties. Please know, judging panels are excited to thoroughly review your submission materials and to understand what you have created.

By signing below, we testify we have followed all COVID-19 local, State and CDC guidelines during the preparation and recording of our submission for a Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind tournament presented by Creativity Unlimited in Pennsylvania.  
Please use the space below to clarify any actions in your submission which need to be explained.

Coach # 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Team Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Coach # 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Team Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Coach # 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Team Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Member \_\_\_\_\_ Team Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Member \_\_\_\_\_ Team Member \_\_\_\_\_

**PENNSYLVANIA ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**  
Presented by the entirely volunteer, nonprofit organization Creativity Unlimited in Pennsylvania  
[paodyssey.com](http://paodyssey.com) | [AskOMF@paodyssey.com](mailto:AskOMF@paodyssey.com)

# What Does A Coach Do in a Virtual Tournament?

## Long Term / Style

- Facilitate recording of Team performance
  - Where? How? When?
- Upload URLs
  - **You can update your video and paperwork as often as needed, until the deadline.**
- Communicate with judges via team login area



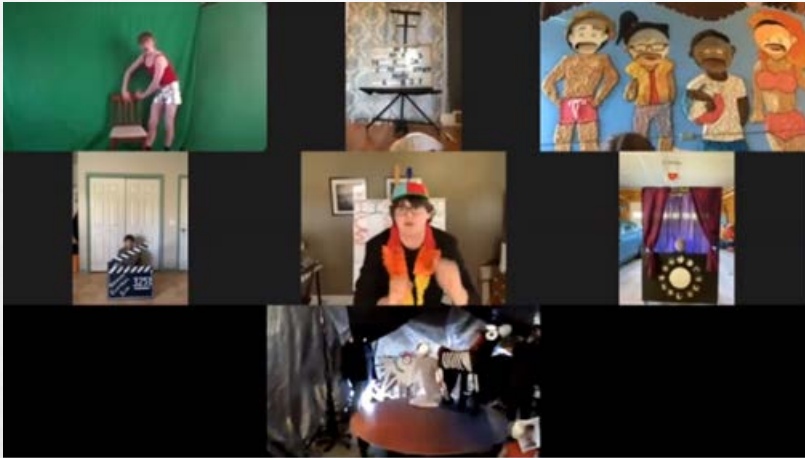
## Spontaneous

- Coordinate spontaneous online practices
- Schedule / type for the actual spontaneous problem

# Challenges ... or Opportunities

- Meeting restrictions: in person or remotely
- No live performance
  - Miss the excitement, rising to the occasion
  - However, can redo performance if something major goes wrong
- Deadline Dilemma
  - No long drive to competition (writing forms in the car or hallways)
  - Need time to tape solution, and upload information





Presentation Options up to the team



# Filming the solution

- is allowed to be recorded by someone not on the team. Non team members may act as stagehands in supporting the team's performance. They may not add to the solution in any other way.
- recording devices, microphones, virtual meeting programs or apps are exempt from cost.
- must begin with "Team Begin!" Time limits for presenting the solution and any overtime penalties still follow the problem rules.
  - Jan 6 Clarification: **For ALL performances submitted through recorded video**: The setup may be in place when the performance begins. This applies to all teams that are, and those that are not, allowed to be together when performing their solution.
- may have any type of ending the team wishes as described on the team list.

# Tell it to the Judges

- Paperwork is to assist judges in evaluating the team's performance
  - Team Required List, Cost, Style, Outside Assistance, PA COVID Compliance, Team Script (not required)
  - Provide clear details to help judges know what to look for
- 8 minute video of team's solution
  - must be a continuous and unaltered recording
- 7 minute video to highlight aspects of solution
  - Team member(s) explain the how-what-why of scored elements
  - Show off the solution! Highlight components!
- Pictures
  - 10 pictures of the solution
  - 4 style pictures
  - Make them count!





## Virtual Spontaneous

All teams participating in a virtual/online tournament will receive a **VERBAL** spontaneous problem.



Your team will have **20 MINUTES** to think, discuss, and enter responses

Your team will have a **LIMITED NUMBER OF TOTAL RESPONSES** (Usually between 25 and 35)

## Spontaneous in a Virtual Tournament

### Virtual Spontaneous

**7** ALL team members (up to 7) are allowed and encouraged to participate.

The team coach will be the person who types the responses into the form.



### The Role of the Coach

#### • Facilitates practice sessions:

- Schedules practices using the same method of "getting together" that you will use for the competition.
- "Warms up the team" using brainstorming techniques.
- Provides verbal practice problems.
- **Has team members practice writing their responses and identifying which are most creative.**
- Practices having all team members respond while the coach types the responses into a blank document on his/her computer.

### In Member Area:


Watch the "Virtual Tournament Spontaneous Guide" video

### In Team Login area:

- Read the "Spontaneous Problem Captain's letter to Coach"
- Do the practice spontaneous problems

# Communicating with Judges\*

- Coach receives email notification
- Member Login area
  - Paperwork Review Official (PRO) Judge
    - Check “Team Paperwork Review Status”
    - Read comments
      - Reply area within
  - Head Judge
    - Check “Team Raw Score Page”, or pdf within email
    - Raw Scores Report and the judge’s comments
    - 48 hours from when email sent to question scores
      - Reply area within



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\*Details with screen shots in Virtual Tournament Guide for Coaches in Member Area

# “Competition”

- Prepare
  - Use resources to learn what needs to be done
  - Set schedules for videoing LT
- Perform
  - Record and upload videos, photos, paperwork
  - Do spontaneous problem
- Back up plans
  - What to do if internet issues
  - Give enough time to upload documents
- Receive Scores
  - Head Judge will notify Coach via email when scores ready
  - Coach review scores within Member Login Area
  - Coach had 48 hours to question any scoring
- Celebrate (check with your region for awards ceremony details)

# P4 additional information

- Remember: Structure used in Team solution video **MUST BE** structure sent to be crushed.
  - Clarification posted 12/9: **B11 - The structure trapping the moving object:** The exact same structure used within the team's virtual or online performance video must be delivered to the tournament's testing location for weight-held testing and scoring.
- Structure drop off locations for each region
  - Location Information will be sent to P4 coaches, and posted on State website
  - Someone will then drive the structures to the crushing site,
- OR teams can ship structure to the crushing site: Postmark by March 6
  - Edward Jones Investments  
C/O Rob Lowrie  
711 Poplar Street  
Lebanon, PA 17042



# Team Focus these last weeks

- Read the problem again! And again!
- Where are the points?
- Check Clarifications
- Plan when/where/how to create video
- Practice Practice Practice
  - Practice Spontaneous    Practice LT/Style solution    Practice Recording
- Paperwork
  - Be specific
- Have Fun!

# What's Next

- For teams advancing to PA State Finals
  - Yes – can make changes, create new video, update forms and pictures
- Dates for PA State Finals
  - All submissions **due by noon on Saturday April 10 2021**
    - Member Area Competition Record
      - **State Tournament Virtual**
      - Upload 3 URLs: Video, Paperwork, Pictures
  - Spontaneous completed sometime **between**  
**8:00am Saturday April 3 and noon Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>.**