

The Creativity Chronicles



From the Director's Desk:

It's almost time! It's almost here! The FLOMA 40th Annual State Tournament is next Saturday, April 8th! I am so excited I can't stand it. The State Board has been working overtime to ensure that all of you have a wonderful experience as a competing team. Not competing? Well we'd love to have you come to the tournament as well. The long term performances start at 8:30 AM with a Division IV team in Problem 1. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt, Creativity Festival and a Coaches Competition.

For those of you attending as a competing team, a few quick reminders: You can drop off props Friday evening from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. You are limited to 15 minutes to unload and then whatever vehicle you are using, must be moved to a legal parking area (i.e., behind the west concourse in the west parking lot). Prop drop off will start again at 7:00 AM on Saturday, NO EARLIER!

No outside food or beverages please. You will have plenty of on-site choices, as well as several choices within walking distance of the OCCC.

Take the time to watch other team performances. While not all of the teams will advance to the World Finals, all of the State Finalists are competitive and as such, they all have really amazing problem solutions.

This year the Coaches Competition will involve a fashion show! The winner will receive a cash prize, as well as a trophy and of course, bragging rights. Coaches, a separate email with details is heading your way early next week.

It has been a whirlwind of a program year. Hard to believe we are on the downside. Please know that FLOMA works hard to improve the association from year to year. Some years we are more successful than others. If you have an idea or would like to provide constructive feedback, please feel free to send me an email (associationdirector@floma.org) Additionally, if you are interested in growing the program in your district or school, we can help. Finally, if you are interested in becoming more involved in the program either serving on the board, sponsorship opportunities, or perhaps as a judging official, we'd love to hear from you.

Best to all of our State Finalists. For those already working on next year, you got this!

On behalf of your FLOMA Board of Directors,
Anna Long, FLOMA AD

Problem Updates

[Complete clarifications can be read on odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications.](https://odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications)

Long term problems now have 16 minutes to present their solution!

Just kidding. it's April and there are no new clarifications for the rest of the season! We know you all would love to have more time, but it's still 8 minutes. Are any of you going to prank your teammates or coach?

This reminder cannot be said often enough: Don't forget that you should have multiple copies of all of your paperwork. It may behoove the team to make a digital copy in case something happens to the physical copies. Better safe than sorry!

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April Events:

Spontaneous Problem of the Month - Combo

April 8
- State Tournament

Each team member should be given a piece of foil 15” long. 2 min. will be given for the team to shape their foil into an object and place their object on the table. The team will then have 3 minutes to give a response about the object(s) and place a token in a basket. (Give the team 35 total tokens randomly spread on the table.)

Check out our website or social media for updates this tournament season:
<https://www.floridaodysseyofthemind.com/>

State Tournament Info

2023 State Pin

Check out the state tournament section of our website for important tournament information. You will find maps, the tournament schedule, worker assignments/schedule and other important information!



Alumni Advice



Check out our sales site next Saturday to find this pin and other momentos!

Are you a graduating senior? Don't forget to register for the alumni database this year at the state tournament! Make sure to find Reghan, our alumni trustee, in sales for a special alumni pin (only applicable to seniors Omers). While visiting, check out the new alumni sponsored merchandise!

Around the Regions



Did you know that we will have 278 teams from the 10 regions competing on April 8th? We have 372 judges and 284 workers from all of the regions, as well. Florida has one of the largest associations in the world and we're very proud of all the teams and volunteers that make FLOMA awesome!