

The Creativity Chronicles



From the Director's Desk:

It's February! You know what that means...it's regional tournament time. Between now and March 4th all of the regional tournaments will take place. I am really looking forward to seeing teams throughout the state present their amazing problem solutions. A bit of advice from a former seasoned coach: Keep checking those general clarifications. Every team is required to incorporate any necessary changes to their performance as a result of a posted general clarification up through one week prior to their respective tournament. Complete all of the team required paperwork now, why wait? Print the required copies and at least one extra set, just in case. Speaking of paperwork, make sure the team hasn't chosen an element that is already being scored for a team pick style element. Put together an emergency repair kit - duct tape, scissors, stapler and staples, hot glue sticks and hot glue gun, sewing kit, safety pins, paper clips, bungee cords, markers...I could go on and on, but you get the picture. Make sure you have someone in charge of taking pictures/video to capture all of those Special moments! **DO NOT THROW ANYTHING AWAY FOR AT LEAST ONE WEEK AFTER YOUR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT.** We will be advancing teams to the State finals. Unlike the past few years only the top few placing teams will be going. If those teams for whatever reason cannot go, then the next in place team is advanced. Be prepared for that call, it maybe your team. Finally, breathe. Have fun. Some of my very best memories with my now adult daughter and her closest friends all involve Odyssey of the Mind moments. I am grateful for everyone of them.

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

Alumni Advice



Did you know the state scholarships are due in less than a month? Both are due on March 1, 2023! Have you applied yet? We have 2 scholarships at the state level: one for hs seniors, and one for collegiate officials/volunteers. To apply, view the application and requirements on our state website by visiting:

<https://www.floridaodysseyofthemind.com/scholarships>

Apply online today!!!



[HTTPS://WWW.ODYSSEYALUMNI.ORG/](https://www.odysseyalumni.org/)

Problem Updates

[Complete clarifications can be read and submitted through odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications.](https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications)

The use of drones in team performances is prohibited.

P2/B7e & B.8 – Signalling attempts for score: All rounds occurring during the performance will be considered attempted rounds for score. In order to receive the score for D9a, the same signal must occur when each round is beginning whether or not the round itself is a successful attempt or not. There are no exceptions for practice rounds or partial rounds.

P2/B7 – The series of actions that lead to completing a simple task: Each round of actions must end with a different action to receive score. That is, if an attempt completes actions a, b & c but does not complete the simple task it is scored for completing action c if action c had not been scored. If action c was already completed and scored, that attempt will result in no score for that attempt.

P4/B7 – The three required structure components: A single piece of balsa wood is not considered an **assembled** component and would not qualify as being one of the three required components.

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February Events:

Feb. 4

- Judges Training - Magic Center

Feb. 11

- Judges Training
 - Buc Bay
 - Gulf
 - Manatee
 - Nature Coast
 - Palms
 - Sun
- Coaches Meeting - Manatee
- Primary Coaches Training/Tournament Site Preview - Gulf

Feb. 13

- Westside Coaches Meeting/Training - Gulf

Feb. 16

- Eastside Coaches Meeting/Training - Gulf

Feb. 18

- Coaches Training pt.2 (East) - Emerald Coast
- Regionals
 - Magic Center
 - Space Coast

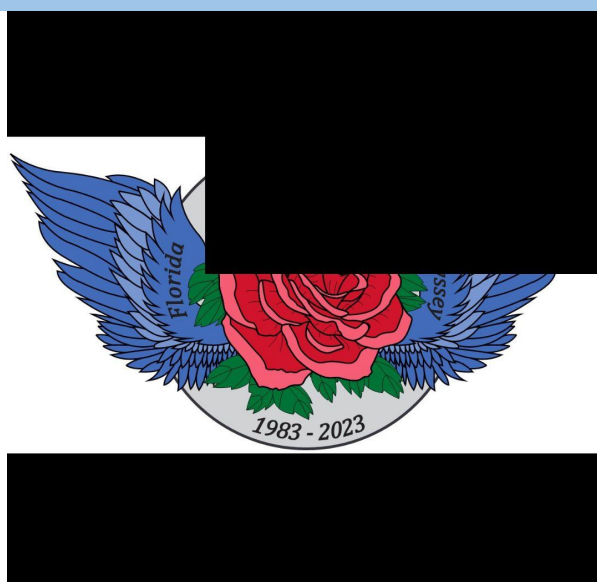
Feb. 25

- Regionals
 - Buc Bay
 - Gulf
 - Manatee
 - Nature Coast
 - Palms
 - Sun
- Judges Training/Coaches Training pt.2 (West) - Emerald

Spontaneous Problem of the Month - Verbal

Name things that are inside of something that is inside of something else. Example:
Foot inside of a sock inside of a shoe

2023 State Pin Reveal



Around the Regions

REGIONAL DIRECTORS ARE REACHING OUT! REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TRAININGS, TOURNAMENT LOGISTICS, MEETINGS, VOLUNTEERS, ETC. AS WE GET CLOSER TO REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS!

Don't forget to remind your judges & workers to check their email too!!

Good Luck at Regionals! Check out our website or social media for updates this tournament season:

<https://www.floridaodysseyofthemind.com/>