

20 QUESTIONS LIST

KEY QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR TEAM IN THE WEEKS RIGHT BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT

Note: These are good questions for the coach to ask the team. Do keep in mind, however, that the team has to provide the answers. As the coach, you can ask... but the team members need to be the ones to decide.

20. Have you filled out a Cost Form and do we have photocopies of any receipts and of the form?
19. Have you filled out the Style Form and made 4-6 photocopies (4 copies + auxiliary back-ups)?
18. Have you filled out and signed two copies of the Outside Assistance form (1 copy + back-up)? Has your Coach signed the California Odyssey of the Mind Coaches Code of Conduct?
17. Have you completed the required list for our problem and made extra copies?
16. Do you have any team clarifications you need to give the judges? Have you made copies?
15. Is the team sign "legal" (according to the Program Guide) and will it (they) be visible during the entire performance?
14. Do all parents (and family members) know how to get to the tournament, which problem we're doing, where our performance venue is located, and what time to arrive?
13. Do we have a camera to take pictures? Would a team member like to be in charge of that?
12. How can we be sure we won't go overtime?
11. What if the scenery (or props) fall down?
10. What if someone forgets his/her lines?
9. Who is going to do a verbal spontaneous problem?
8. Who is going to do a hands-on spontaneous problem?
7. Do we have a master list and a person in charge of making sure everything we need, including the repair kit, arrives at the tournament on time? (Does everyone know what time to arrive?)
6. Does everyone know our schedule?
5. Do you all have watches you can wear, if possible?
4. How can we show our Odyssey of the Mind spirit and good sportsmanship?
3. Do all parents understand the Outside Assistance rules (including on Tournament Day?)
2. Does everyone know that our team is a great team and you are all winners, because you have won knowledge, skills, and abilities that you will keep all your lives?
1. And lastly, Coach, two questions for YOU: Have you had parents arrange a team party or reward one day soon for this group that has worked so hard all year? And have you planned a rest period for yourself the day after the Tournament?

Coach, take a good look at how far this team has come. Remind yourself that it is the process, not the score on the day of the Tournament, that the team will remember forever!

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