

West Virginia Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament Coaches Procedures

Congratulations! The day of the tournament is here! Now your kids can show off all that hard work!!!

Here are some last minute reminders. . .

1. Following the opening ceremonies at 9:00a.m. is a good time to unload the team's props into the holding area. That way you won't have to worry about their stuff until competition time. This, of course, will depend on when your team is scheduled to perform. If your performance time is before 10:00a.m., props should be unloaded prior to opening ceremonies.
2. Remember that the **team must make any repairs, apply any make-up, etc.** Please remind any parents who might want to be a little *too* helpful. If an official sees a parent working on the solution, etc., it could result in an outside assistance penalty! No one wants to see a child penalized for the actions of an adult. FYI only-we give a warning first.
3. Teams should arrive at their problem site at least 20 minutes prior to their competition time.
4. You will find an index card in your registration packet with your team's information. Please take this card and report with the team to the spontaneous holding room 15 -20 minutes prior to their scheduled time. The room number is written on the bottom of the card. Only one coach/adult is permitted to accompany them. When it is their turn, they will be escorted to the spontaneous problem site. They will come back to the holding room when they are finished. Please don't ask them to reveal the spontaneous problem. They can tell you as soon as the competition is over.
5. Remember to go back to the problem site and pick up your team's scores. These are usually available 30-60 minutes after their performance.
6. An all-you-can-eat buffet lunch will be served in the cafeteria between 11:00 and 2:00. Adults and children 12 & over, \$4.50; Children under 12, \$2.25. Make sure you and the kids get something to eat.
7. You will find participation certificates for all your team members in your packet. Most teams give those out at school awards assemblies or at their last team meeting. Please let me know if I have left out anyone, so I can give you a certificate for them.
8. Immediately following the last performance (approximately 3:00p.m.), we will raffle off other state t-shirts and a pin towel collected from last year's World Finals. Following that, we will have a judge's hat contest. The teams will get to choose the winner!
9. We will have a meeting in room 104 immediately following the closing ceremonies for all coaches of 1st & 2nd place teams, as well as any Ranatra Fusca winners.
10. If I've forgotten anything or you have a question, please ask!

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE COMPETITION!

Here is the basic flow for the day.

8:30-9:00a.m. - Team registration - Coach should come in the main entrance, check in, and pick up their competition packet. Students and parents can unload props in the appropriate entrance at the rear of the building.

9:00a.m. - Opening ceremony

9:30a.m. – 3:00p.m. – Competition

11a.m.-2:00p.m. - Lunch

3:00p.m. – Raffle, Judge's hat competition.

3:30p.m. – Closing ceremony