

Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide changes for 2011-2012

The format of the program guide is the same as last year. Specific changes are listed below.

Note: The changes are not highlighted in the Program Guide.

All deletions are indicated with a strikethrough. Example: ~~Odyssey~~

All additions are underlined. Example: Odyssey

All new sentences appear in their entirety.

Page	General overview of the change
10	<p>The caption under the picture was changed.</p> <p>Problem 3 judges discuss a team's performance at the 2010 World Finals.</p>
16	<p>Community Groups 1st paragraph 1st sentence was changed</p> <p>Established community groups such as Scouts, church groups, libraries, etc. may purchase a membership under the group's name and enter one team per problem <u>per division</u> in competition (maximum 5 teams).</p>
17	<p>Age Divisions 1st paragraph Last sentence – there is an error</p> <p>Community groups and home-schooled members may enter <i>one team per problem</i>. This was not changed to agree with the change on page 16, which allows community groups to enter one team per problem per division.</p> <p>2nd paragraph Division I – Grades K-5 (U.S.: Less than 12 years of age on May 1, 2011 <u>2012</u> (Other International). Division II – Grades 6-8 (U.S.); Less than 15 years of age on May 1, 2011 <u>2012</u> (Other International).</p>
21	<p>The pictures are new.</p> <p>They represent solutions from the 2011 World Finals.</p>

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24	<p>Style (2) Free choice of team: The first paragraph was changed.</p> <p>For these categories, teams cannot duplicate any scoring that is already listed in long-term scoring; however, they can list a different aspect of something already scored in a long-term scoring category. For example, a vehicle scored for how well it functions may be selected to be scored for its appearance.</p> <p>Now reads:</p> <p>For these categories, teams cannot <u>select anything that is already being scored</u>; however they can list a different aspect of something already <u>being scored</u>. For example, a vehicle scored for how well it functions may be selected to be scored for its appearance <u>and a mandatory character scored for its performance may be scored for something else</u>.</p>
25	<p>Requesting Long-term problem Clarifications (2) Team-specific clarifications The second paragraph was changed.</p> <p>There are two ways to request a clarification: (a) E-mail. The team can go to the www.odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications/ and follow the directions for submitting a question. (b) U.S. Mail. The team must submit its question on a Problem Clarification Form (see Appendix), listing only questions pertaining to the same long-term problems on each form. Mail the form, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to CCI. A complete list of general clarifications is enclosed in every reply. Teams may also request only a complete list of general clarifications by mail by including a self-addressed stamped envelope. All clarifications are answered by CCI within 7 days of receipt. Copies of all clarifications are sent to the International Problem Captain for the long-term problem in question and the Association Director for the association from which the question came.</p> <p>Now reads:</p> <p><u>Teams can request a clarification via e-mail: visit www.odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications/ and follow the directions for submitting a question. You can view all general clarifications at this site as well.</u> All clarifications are answered by CCI within seven days of receipt. Copies of all clarifications are sent to the International Problem Captain for the Long-term problem in question and the Association Director for the association from which the question came.</p> <p>(3) Judges clarifications 2nd paragraph 1st sentence was changed</p> <p>If a team receives a clarification, it is important that it presents the signed, written Problem Clarification Form or printout of the e-mail to judges at competition to avoid scoring discrepancies.</p>

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25	<p>(3) Judges clarifications (cont) February 15 4th sentence was changed</p> <p>Therefore, even though clarifications that are submitted improperly, or postmarked or emailed after February 15 of the program year will not be answered, new clarifications might be posted beyond that date.</p>
27	<p>Scoring Spontaneous 2nd paragraph The second and third bullets under verbal spontaneous problems were changed</p> <p>Second bullet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses include “apple tree,” “crab apple tree,” then “delicious apple tree.” <p>Now reads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses include <u>“Family tree” then “My family tree.”</u> <p>Third bullet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The judge will give “delicious apple tree” the lowest possible score because it is so similar to “apple tree” and “crab apple tree.” All other responses involving apple trees are scored as common. <p>Now reads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The judge will give <u>“My family tree”</u> the lowest possible score because it is so similar to <u>“Family tree.”</u> All other responses involving <u>family trees</u> are scored as common. <p>3rd paragraph was changed</p> <p>Similarly, if the response is inappropriate to the problem the judge will say, “Inappropriate, give another response.” And the team member will have to give a different response before moving on. If the response is unclear, the judge will say “unclear, clarify, or give another response.” These directions are the two things a team could hear during the spontaneous competition. The team member will have to modify the response given, or provide a different response.</p> <p>Now reads:</p> <p><u>Similarly, if the response is inappropriate to the problem the judge will score it as common. The only time a team will be interrupted or asked to repeat something during response time is if a judge cannot hear a response.</u></p>

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29	<p>Going to Competition 1st paragraph The last sentence was changed to reflect the date and location for the 2012 World Finals. In 2011, Worlds finals will be held at University of Maryland, from May 27-30.</p> <p>Now reads:</p> <p><u>In 2012, World Finals will be held at Iowa State University from May 23-26.</u></p>
35	<p>Odyssey of the Mind Spirit Award The paragraph was changed to recognize the 2011 recipient:</p> <p><u>Rita Sleeman, a 30-year veteran and the International Problem Captain for Problem 3.</u></p>
37	<p>Rules That Apply to All Problems (8) was changed</p> <p>Nudity, profanity, vulgarity, <u>violent acts</u> and ethnic/racial slurs are not permitted. This includes the inappropriate use of potentially offensive words or actions. Words, phrases, topics, and scripts will NOT be approved through the problem clarification process. If a team feels its solution is questionable in this area, it must decide on its own whether to take the risk of presenting it. <u>Teams may <i>simulate</i> violent acts during a performance only.</u></p>
43	<p>The pictures are new.</p>
54	<p>Quick Guide to Resources</p> <p>Clarifications for a Long-Term problem – odysseyofthemind.com, <i>Clarifications</i> OR by mail using the form in the Problem Guide Appendix</p> <p>Copy of all general clarifications – odysseyofthemind.com, <i>Clarifications</i> OR send request and S.A.S.E. to CCI</p> <p><u>World Finals 2012 – odysseyofthemind.com, <i>World Finals</i> (Info. added on an ongoing basis.)</u></p>
	<p>Appendix The Appendix was changed.</p> <p>Problem Clarification Form</p> <p><u>Verbal Spontaneous Problem : Keep it Going</u></p>