PA Virtual Tournament

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Resources

Virtual Team Resources

Has detailed information on how to:

- Register Your Team
- Practice and Record Your Solution
- Submit Your Virtual Solution

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Resources

Watch the Spontaneous video
Read the Virtual Tournament Guide
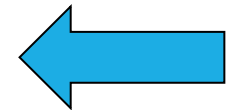
See virtual performances from 2020 VWF

Membership
ABINGTON HEIGHTS H S A
307 Maple Avenue
Clarks Summit, PA 18411
Region: North East

Odyssey is in

- Teams Intention
- Contacts Info
- Long-Term Problems & forms
- Events
- Membership Status
- Team registration
- Team login
- Judge Registration
- Volunteer Registration
- Virtual Tournament Spontaneous Guide(video)
- Virtual Tournament Guide for Coaches(pdf)
- Judge/Volunteer List
- Request membership invoice

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2020 WF HOME   TEAMS/COACHES   PARENTS/SUPPORTERS   MAKE A DIFFERENCE   ODYSSEY SHOP

WORLD FINALS 20 ONLINE

Watch Virtual World Finals solutions here!

QUICK LINKS

Virtual World Finals Scores
VWF Videos
VWF Program
Family Problem Winners
Virtual Creativity Festival
World Finals History
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Odyssey of the Mind in a Virtual World

What is the same

- Develop and Present solutions

- Spontaneous

- No Outside Assistance

- Creativity Rules!

What is Different

- Solution recorded

- Spontaneous – verbal only

- Judging is remote

- No hallway experience

Odyssey of the Mind in a Virtual World

- **Regional Tournament Dates**
  - All submissions **due by noon on Saturday March 6 2021**
    - Member Area   Competition Record
      - **Multi Regional Virtual tournament**
      - Upload 3 URLs: Video, Paperwork, Pictures

  - Spontaneous completed sometime **between 8:00 am Sat. Feb 27 – noon Sat. March 6**
    - Verbal problem!
    - Team determines when they want to do spontaneous
      - no set schedule, no "spontaneous registration" required

Team Login

- Need Coach userid and password
  - Provided in Team Registration confirmation email
  - Userid is usually first-initial last-name
- To retrieve password
  - use "forgot your password"
  - or contact your Regional Director.

Members Area

Here is where you can register your team for competitions, connect with your local association, and access important documents: the problem artwork, and more. Log in with your membership number and zip code and access our member's only area! Here you can:

- Create Individual Team Logins
- Download long-term problems
- Register for Tournaments
- Submit LT Problem Clarifications

Member Login

Membership Number:

Zip Code/Postal Code:

Login

Team Login

Username

Password

Login

|Membership Registration | Login Assistance | Forgot your password |

To retrieve your password, please fill in your email address.

Email:

Submit

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Team Login

Multi Regional Virtual Tournament

- Competition Record
  - URLs for
    - Video solution
    - Paperwork
    - Photos

- Spontaneous Practice Link
  - Read the note first!

MEMBER AREA   CLARIFICATIONS   DOWNLOADS   LOGOUT

ABINGTON HEIGHTS H S A #30358
Problem 2 - Virtual Odyssey
Division 3
Assoc: PA
Coach: MItchell Hamilton

- Change username and password
- Team registration
- Membership status
- Forms, Problems, and Icons
- Judge/Volunteer List
- Spontaneous Problem Captain's letter to Coach(pdf)
- Spontaneous Practice #1
- Spontaneous Practice #2
- Spontaneous Practice #3
- Spontaneous Practice #4
- Buy additional spontaneous problems (one pack of 10 problems)

Tournament(s):

Multi Regional Virtual Tournament
Date: Sat, Mar-6-2021
| Competition Record |
| Team Paperwork Review Status |
| Summary |
| Volunteer Registration |
| Judge Registration |

North East PA Regional Competition IN PERSON
Date: Sat, Mar-6-2021
| Competition Record |
| Summary |
| Volunteer Registration |
| Judge Registration |

Team Login competition record

• Right hand column is the list of 3 urls.
Coach should copy/paste urls into each field.

• Make sure urls are publicly accessible:
  • Judges will be accessing each item provided by a url

• URLs can be hosted on any file sharing platform of team's choosing that is accessible in the host site's geographical area.

•The file name of the solution and all additional paperwork **must include your membership name and number**.
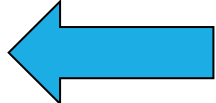
Three Document links

- One video performance link
  - Combine 8 minute solution (as one unedited take) with 7 minutes of explaining the solution
  - **Be sure your sharing settings allow officials to view it**

- One combined additional photographs link
  - Up to 10 of solution, and 4 style
  - All photos in one file and should be uploaded as a PDF

- One combined paperwork link
  - Problem specific templates available in Member Area in the Problems & Forms section
  - All required paperwork MUST BE combined and uploaded in a single PDF file.

- **You can update your video and paperwork as often as needed, until the deadline.**

Safety First Odyssey

Program Guide:

Chapter V – Program Rules (page 35)

In addition to the rules listed below, teams must comply with local, state/provincial, and federal regulations, including regulations for specific facilities. If you have a concern, contact the person qualified to provide the information you need. Additional or alternative rules for Virtual/Online tournaments will be provided before tournament registration.

Virtual Tournament Procedures:

Please do NOT ignore or go against any health advisories. Understand that we will be evaluating your solutions, not the quality of your video. This means that you can "meet" as a team online and record the performance if that is your only option or gather and perform following school and local guidelines.

Safety First   PA Dept of Health

PA Department of Health   COVID masking rules

Do I have to wear a mask both inside and outside?

   The Order requires individuals to wear a face covering when indoors, irrespective of physical distance.
   When outdoors, one must wear a face covering when with others who are not members of the
   person's household and unable to maintain sustained physical distance.

A face covering is required when indoors and around persons who are not part of the same household.

Under what circumstances are students permitted to remove their face coverings?

   School entities may allow students to remove face coverings when students are:
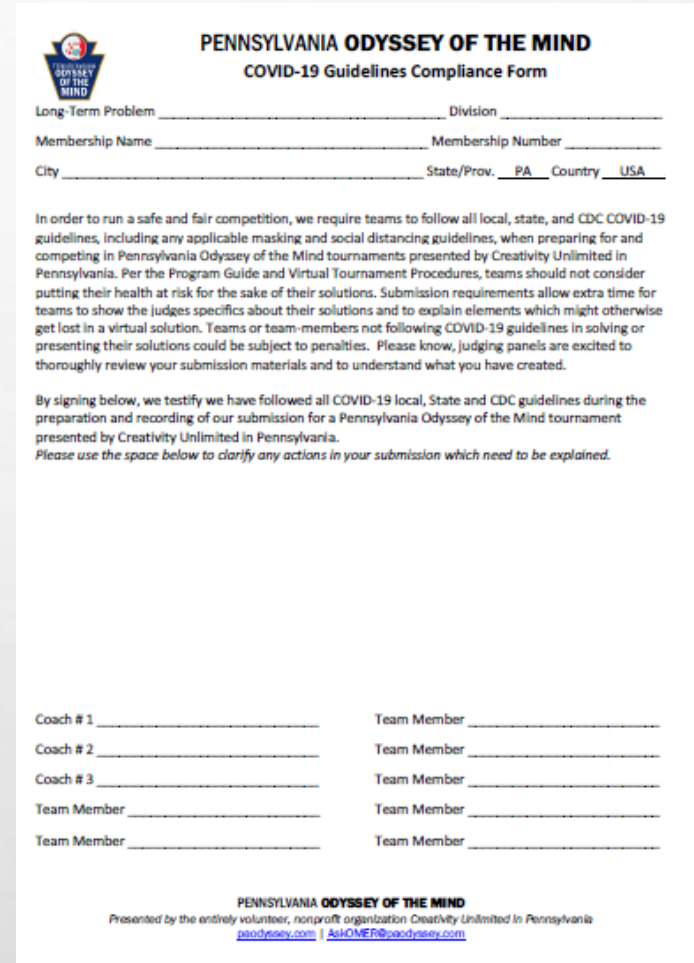
   - At least six feet apart during "face-covering breaks" to last no longer than 10 minutes.

Safety First   PA COVID Compliance Form

PA State board developed a
PA Odyssey COVID Compliance form for teams to sign

- **Form available on PA website, and from your Regional Director**

- Teams should follow all local, state, and CDC COVID-19 guidelines

- Teams should not consider putting their health at risk for the sake of their solutions

- Form has room to explain any special circumstances

- **Form should be included with Team Documents pdf**

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COVID-19 Guidelines Compliance Form

What Does A Coach Do in a Virtual Tournament?

Long Term / Style
- Facilitate recording of Team performance
  - Where? How? When?
- Upload URLs
  - **You can update your video and paperwork as often as needed, until the deadline.**
- Communicate with judges via team login area

Spontaneous
- Coordinate spontaneous online practices
- Schedule / type for the actual spontaneous problem

Challenges ... or Opportunities

- Meeting restrictions: in person or remotely

- No live performance
  - Miss the excitement, rising to the occasion
  - However, can redo performance if something major goes wrong

- Deadline Dilemma
  - No long drive to competition (writing forms in the car or hallways)
  - Need time to tape solution, and upload information
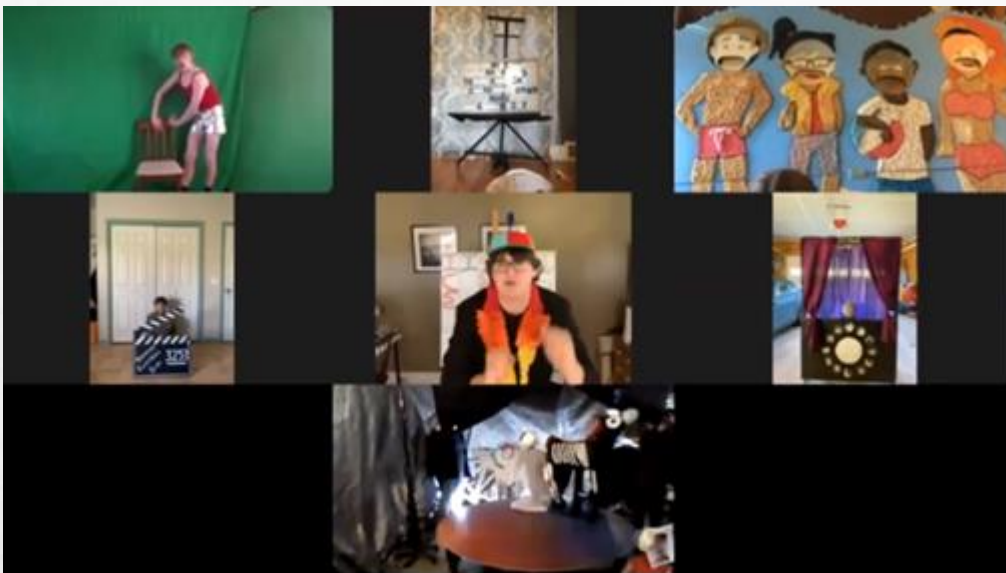
Presentation Options up to the team

Filming the solution

- is allowed to be recorded by someone not on the team. Non team members may act as stagehands in supporting the team's performance. They may not add to the solution in any other way.

- recording devices, microphones, virtual meeting programs or apps are exempt from cost.

- must begin with "Team Begin!" Time limits for presenting the solution and any overtime penalties still follow the problem rules.

  - Jan 6 Clarification: **For ALL performances submitted through recorded video:** The setup may be in place when the performance begins. This applies to all teams that are, and those that are not, allowed to be together when performing their solution.

- may have any type of ending the team wishes as described on the team list.

Tell it to the Judges

- Paperwork is to assist judges in evaluating the team's performance
  - Team Required List, Cost, Style, Outside Assistance, PA COVID Compliance, Team Script (not required)
  - Provide clear details to help judges know what to look for

- 8 minute video of team's solution
  - must be a continuous and unaltered recording

- 7 minute video to highlight aspects of solution
  - Team member(s) explain the how-what-why of scored elements
  - Show off the solution! Highlight components!

- Pictures
  - 10 pictures of the solution
  - 4 style pictures
  - Make them count!

Spontaneous in a Virtual Tournament

Virtual Spontaneous

All teams participating in a virtual/online tournament will receive a **VERBAL** spontaneous problem.

Your team will have **20 MINUTES** to think, discuss, and enter responses

Your team will have a **LIMITED NUMBER OF TOTAL RESPONSES** (Usually between 25 and 35)

Virtual Spontaneous

7 ALL team members (up to 7) are allowed and encouraged to participate.

The team coach will be the person who types the responses into the form.

The Role of the Coach

- **Facilitates practice sessions:**
  - Schedules practices using the same method of "getting together" that you will use for the competition.
  - "Warms up the team" using brainstorming techniques.
  - Provides verbal practice problems.
  - **Has team members practice writing their responses and identifying which are most creative.**
  - Practices having all team members respond while the coach types the responses into a blank document on his/her computer.
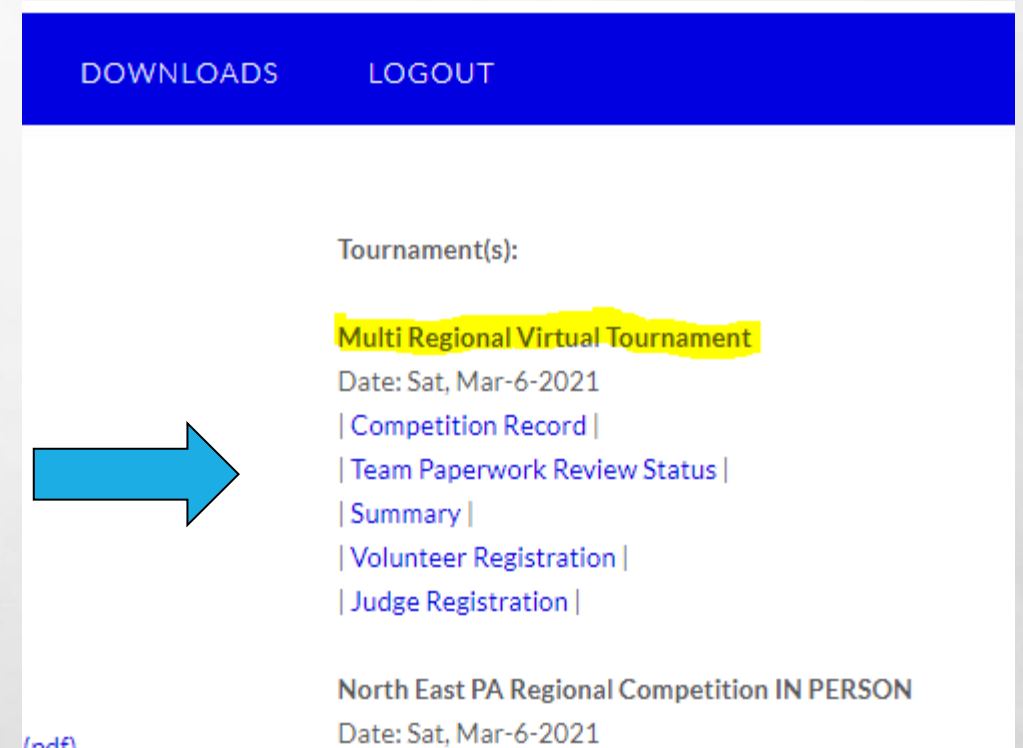
In Member Area:
Watch the "Virtual Tournament Spontaneous Guide" video

In Team Login area:
- Read the "Spontaneous Problem Captain's letter to Coach"
- Do the practice spontaneous problems

Communicating with Judges*

- Coach receives email notification

- Member Login area
  - Paperwork Review Official (PRO) Judge
    - Check "Team Paperwork Review Status"
    - Read comments
      - Reply area within
  - Head Judge
    - Check "Team Raw Score Page", or pdf within email
    - Raw Scores Report and the judge's comments
    - 48 hours from when email sent to question scores
      - Reply area within

*Details with screen shots in Virtual Tournament Guide for Coaches in Member Area

"Competition"

- Prepare
  - Use resources to learn what needs to be done
  - Set schedules for videoing LT
- Perform
  - Record and upload videos, photos, paperwork
  - Do spontaneous problem
- Back up plans
  - What to do if internet issues
  - Give enough time to upload documents
- Receive Scores
  - Head Judge will notify Coach via email when scores ready
  - Coach review scores within Member Login Area
  - Coach had 48 hours to question any scoring
- Celebrate (check with your region for awards ceremony details)

P4 additional information

- Remember: Structure used in Team solution video MUST BE structure sent to be crushed.
  - <u>Clarification posted 12/9</u>: **B11 - The structure trapping the moving object:** The exact same structure used within the team's virtual or online performance video must be delivered to the tournament's testing location for weight-held testing and scoring.

- Structure drop off locations for each region
  - Location TBD Information will be sent to P4 coaches, and posted on State website
  - Someone will then drive the structures to the crushing site,
- OR address of the crushing site will also be provided
  - if teams prefer to mail structure

Team Focus these last weeks

- Read the problem again! And again!

- Where are the points?

- Check Clarifications

- Plan when/where/how to create video

- Practice Practice Practice
  - Practice Spontaneous   Practice LT/Style solution   Practice Recording

- Paperwork
  - Be specific

- Have Fun!

What's Next

- For teams advancing to PA State Finals
  - Yes – can make changes, create new video, update forms and pictures

- Dates for PA State Finals
  - All submissions **due by noon on Saturday April 10 2021**
    - Member Area   Competition Record
      - **State Tournament Virtual**
      - Upload 3 URLs: Video, Paperwork, Pictures

  - Spontaneous completed sometime **between**

    8:00am Saturday April 3 and noon Saturday April 10th.