

Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association, Inc.
REQUEST FOR PROBLEM INTERVENTION

General Procedures:

If you cannot resolve on-site problem concerns regarding rule interpretation or irregular procedures with the Head Judge and Problem Captain, you may use the following form to ask for a tribunal review. Please prepare it carefully, stating clearly what your specific concerns are. Be very specific as this document will be the basis for the Tribunal. When you have stated your concern(s), return this form to the Head Judge or Problem Captain. **(Note: No request will be considered unless it is signed by the Problem Captain.)**

The Judges' Role:

Upon receiving a completed Request for Problem Intervention form, the Problem Captain will sign it and deliver it to the Regional Director at a regional tournament or the Association Director at the State Tournament. The Regional Director of the specific region or the Association Director for State will assemble the Tribunal per the procedures below. **A Tribunal will convene only if it involves a rule interpretation question or an irregular procedure.**

The Coach's Role:

Once you submit a Request for Problem Intervention form to the Head Judge or Problem Captain, you will be notified by the Problem Captain or Tribunal Chair where and when the Tribunal will be held. The coach and team members (if available) are to remain available (outside the Tribunal) to answer questions if requested. The chair of the Tribunal will give you the tribunal decision. You should remain outside the Tribunal for this decision and questions, as appropriate.

Once the Tribunal has made a decision, that decision will be final, unless further information, not available at this time, comes to light (per the *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide*). If there is additional information it must be submitted to the Regional Director for Region or the Association Director for State for their final ruling. No video can be presented to support either position.

Members of Tribunals:

Regional Tournament:

- Regional Director will select Chair from Regional Board (not Regional Director or affiliated Problem Captain);
- One (1) visiting State Board member, and if not present a non affiliated Regional board member; and
- One (1) non affiliated Problem Captain (Regional or State Problem Captain)

State Tournament:

- State Problem Director will serve as Chair; if not present at the tournament the Assistant Association Director will serve as Chair;
- One (1) non affiliated State Problem Captain; and
- One (1) non affiliated Regional Director

Procedures:

- Only Tribunal members are in the tribunal room at all times during the session. Problem Captain, coach, and team will be brought in separately by Tribunal as needed. If a tribunal is convened, the score room must be notified immediately.
- The Tribunal's job is to determine the Spirit of the Problem as the guideline for a decision. "What was intended".
 - Review the written Intervention form.
 - Refer to the *Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide* as needed.
 - Review the Long Term Problem specific to the issue.
- Affiliated Problem Captain or State Problem Captain will remain available to:
 - Answer questions asked by the Tribunal
 - Present appropriate clarifications or other information requested by the Tribunal.
- Coach and Team Members:
 - Clearly write your concerns as requested by the Tribunal. Remember this document will be used as the basis for the Tribunal inquest and decision.
 - Be available to answer questions as requested by the Tribunal.
- Tribunal Chair will write the decision to share with the Regional Director or Association Director and personally discuss it with the Team Coach.

(Please complete the Problem Intervention Form on the second page and submit it to the Head Judge or Problem Captain.)

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Please write legibly.

LONG-TERM PROBLEM: _____ DIVISION: _____

COACH: _____ PHONE: _____

MEMBERSHIP NAME: _____ Membership # _____

Performance Time: _____

Please state your concern. Where appropriate, give the section and wording of the rules which appear to have been violated, or will offer support to your appeal. If the concern results from a clarification received by your team, be prepared to show that clarification form. **The Tribunal will refuse to hear questions involving subjective judging decisions. Be specific as this document will serve as the basis for the Tribunal. It is permissible to use additional paper if needed.**

I have discussed this issue with the coach and/or team captain and we cannot resolve the situation. I certify that this is a legitimate topic for tribunal review.

Problem Captain: _____ Print Name: _____

PC Comments: