

Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association

The “OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE” Rule

Odyssey of the Mind believes teams learn the most when they solve problems themselves.

Therefore, TEAM MEMBERS must design ALL problem solutions. Props, costumes, membership signs, skit presentations, and technical requirements (vehicles, balsa structures, etc.) all must be devised and produced ONLY by the team members.

This includes, but is not limited to, styling hair, applying make-up, taping, gluing, nailing, sawing, painting or otherwise adjusting or repairing anything related to the team’s solution or presentation of the solution.

The Outside Assistance Rule applies to all non-team members including, but not limited to, coaches, school personnel, siblings, friends and parents.

Outside Assistance penalties will be assessed ONLY by a tournament official.

Outside Assistance is strictly prohibited in OM!