



Odyssey of the Mind Expectations

In Odyssey of the Mind (OM), there are certain expectations of team members, parents and coaches. These expectations are outlined here.

Expectations of Team Members:

1. Your coach has VOLUNTEERED to work with your team. Always remember, your coach is giving up time that could be spent doing other activities.
2. This is a school-sponsored activity. Regardless of the location of the meetings, behavior that is inappropriate at school is unacceptable at OM meetings.
3. In OM, all ideas are worth hearing. Rude remarks about the ideas of others will not be tolerated.
4. Being on a team means being responsible for your share of the work. If you volunteer to do something, follow through with the task.
5. OM is an extracurricular activity. It should not interfere with your school work.

Expectations of Parents:

1. Please be considerate of the coaches' time. Be prompt when dropping off or picking up.
2. Avoid scheduling appointments for your child during regular meeting times.
3. Pay attention to the dates for tournaments and be prepared to spend the day with your child and the team.
4. Be aware that everyone involved with OM is a volunteer choosing to work with your child.
5. Expenses incurred by the team in creating the solution should be shared by team members. Coaches might be uncomfortable asking for funds, so please check with the coach about funds needed to purchase items. Coaches should not be expected to provide the funds, supplies and snacks.
6. Be engaged with the team and their needs. Provide snacks, purchase requested items, organize spontaneous problems, volunteer to be the team's worker at tournaments and stay connected. Please remember that coaches are also busy adults who can benefit from your help with your child's team.
7. Respect the tenets of OM. Team members do the work with "No Outside Assistance."
8. If you have a concern about your child, the team's progress, the coach...communicate with the coach and the school coordinator.

Expectations of Coaches:

1. Coaches will give team members and parents a meeting schedule.
2. Coaches will encourage all team members to contribute their unique skills and talents to the solution.
3. Coaches will respect the integrity of the team's solution. "No Outside Assistance" applies to coaches. Learning how to ask questions, teach skills and monitor progress is all part of coaching.
4. Coaches will push the team to reach their full potential with the understanding that not all teams will progress to the next level. The coach will help the team understand that the process is the goal and to not be discouraged if they do not advance.