

Reclama Note:

- The Dec 1 Coaches Info Session #1 presentation contains snap shots from the OdysseyHQ application from the previous season.
- The Feb 6 Coaches Info Session #2 presentation contains snap shots of the version of OdysseyHQ updated for this season.
- On the VOICES website www.vaodyyssey.org, under the first Coaches Info Session #2 notice, you will find the link to the file:
Virtual Tournament Training: 2022 Coaches Guide to OdysseyHQ
It contains all info referred to in my Session #2 presentation.

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I organized and re-ordered the questions and response so you will have all info related to a topic in one place.

1. **Coaches Info Session #2** presentation and video recording are posted the VOICES website www.vaodyyssey.org.
 - a. The first chart was a summary review of information covered during the Coaches Info Session #1 held on Dec 1, 2021. Coaches Info Session #1 presentation and video recording are posted the VOICES website www.vaodyyssey.org.
 - b. The 2nd chart is a list of Quick Take-aways to remember from Session #2.
 - c. Link to find OdysseyHQ: <https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/member-resources/>

Scroll down to "Member area and Team Portal Log in"

Use "Team Log in" with your username and password contained in your registration confirmation email.

2. **VOICES Virtual State Tournament Submission Windows**

Team Long Term solution window opens Feb 13; closes Mar 4 at 11:00 pm.

Team Spontaneous solution window opens Mar 6; closes Mar 20 at 8:00 pm

The Friday Mar 4th deadline for team Long-Term submissions will not be extended.

3. **Team Long Term Problem Solution submission:**

- Performance video
- Explanation video
- Single file of combined photos (10 problem, 5 style) [See "Submit Your Virtual Solution"]
- If solution requirements have minimum specifications, the video or photos should capture/document the measurements
- Single file of combined required paperwork (Cost, Style, Outside Assistance, Team

Required List, Team Script)

4. **Videos:** Teams are required to submit two videos. The coach will submit URLs to where the videos are located.
- Performance video 8 mins
 - Explanation video 7 mins
 - Do not combine the videos. Provide separate links to each video.
 - When recording the performance video, the person making the video may move around. The person recording the video does not have to be the coach or a team member.
 - **Significant change from last season:**
 - o **Performance Area:** The dimensions are the minimum to be provided by the Tournament Director. At In-Person Tournaments, the space is normally larger. The team should always survey the performance space well before performing to adjust set up.
 - o **Staging area:** The team members, set, props, and anything to be used in the performance must be behind a "starting line" that delineates the staging area from the performance area. For small areas, do your best to stay behind a starting line. The Set and Props should be made ready to move into position.
 - o The team **8-min performance video begins** when the team signals "Team begin". The team will move the set, props and other materials across the starting line and begin to set up. The starting line may be next to the performance area. The team may begin their performance at any time. The performance will end when 8 mins has elapsed or when the team signals: "Time!"
 - o Site tear down occurs after performance is over
 - For information on the videos and photos re: content and guidance, please see the 3 files posted to VOICES website.
 - o Submit your Virtual Solution
 - o The Videos for Competition
 - o VA Suggestions for creating videos and photos
- Notes:
- o The set provides context for the team solution.
 - o The performance video must be continuous. No black outs for scene changes
 - o The video quality should be sufficient for the judges to view the entire performance and hear the team members.
 - o The video (photo and document) files are never transferred. Only links are sent.
 - o The use of Closed Captioning is not permitted in the performance video.

5. **Spontaneous problems** will not be sent via email.
- All Spontaneous problems in a virtual tournament will be verbal.
 - All Primary teams are invited to participate in a Virtual Spontaneous Problem
 - All team members will be permitted to participate in a Virtual Spontaneous Problem
 - You can find example Spontaneous problems on YouTube.
 - Virtual Spontaneous Problem practice sessions and the tournament session are accessible via OdysseyHQ. The practice sessions offer different problems.
 - The team should practice and decide who will enter the team's responses.
 - Coaches may enter spontaneous responses for Primary and Division 1 teams.
 - The team must keep secret the tournament spontaneous problem.
 - There are no timeslots to sign up. When the team is ready to for the run-for-record, simply follow the instructions for "Spontaneous Competition".
6. **Qualifying and Preparing for the World Finals:**
- For teams thinking about participating in World Finals:
- In the VA State Tournament, the Division I-IV teams that finish 1st and 2nd in each problem/division are eligible to advance to the World Finals.
 - Currently we will split Problem 1 Div I, Problem 5 Div I and Problem 5 Div II if we have enough judges to form additional judging teams.
 - After the tournament awards, I will ask each coach if they want to participate in the Virtual World Finals or the In-Person World Finals.
 - After the team submits team submissions for the VOICES State Tournament and rests a bit, the team should consider their preferences if the team qualifies to advance.
 - If the team prefers to participate in the Virtual WF, Coaches should begin refining videos and paperwork for submission to Virtual WF. The team will receive VA judges' feedback by 25 Mar.
 - VWF Registration deadline: [TBA](#)
 - [Team submission deadline is 12 Apr.](#)
 - The VWF judging window is 16 Apr – 4 May.
 - VWF Award Ceremony: 7 May.
 - If the team prefers to participate in the In-Person WF, Coaches have more time to think about refining the skit, props and costumes. The team will receive VA judges' feedback by 25 Mar. The In-Person WF will occur 25-28 May at the Iowa State University (ISU), Ames, IA.
 - As of this communication, ISU and CCI have not posted vaccination requirements.
7. **Primary Team and World Finals:**
- Primary teams may register for the Virtual World Finals

- Any coaches interested in taking their Primary Team to the In-Person World Finals must enquire with the VOICES Director
8. **CCI Virtual Membership:** Includes registration fee for CCI-hosted Virtual Tournament to be held March 9-18. Deadline to register Feb 28.
 - This tournament was initially limited to specific problems.
 - The VOICES State Virtual Tournament is a separate tournament.
 9. **Problem 4 Balsa Weight-held Events:**
 - NoVA location: MITRE Corporation, McLean Mar 12
 - Tidewater location: MITRE Corporation, Hampton Roads Mar 19
 - Bring the structure with the substructures and figure to the test site
 - See VOICES website for sites maps and addresses. State PC 4 Robert Kobee will contact all Problem 4 coaches with more info on team limited attendance.
 - Proof of vaccination for all participants (judges, coaches and team members) is required)
 - Problem scoring elements D4, 5, 6 will be witnessed and recorded at these events.
 10. **VA State Tournament Registration:** All teams must pay \$65 registration fee.
 - The registration fee must be paid before judges review the team's submissions.
 - Who pays the tournament registration fee is an agreement between the coach and the school sponsor.
 11. **Refer to the 2021-2022 Program Guide – Chapter V Program Rules** page 35
 - a. for guidance on use of commercially recorded music,
 - b. guidance on determining cost of costumes, props, instruments and laptops, etc.
 12. **Coach's Communications** with tournament officials (PRO and Head Judge) will be via the OdysseyHQ application.
I submitted a request to CCI to add additional coaches to the Team Registration for OdysseyHQ communications.
 13. **Prior World Final performance videos**
Sorry, last season's WF performance videos were just removed from the CCI website. You can still find some posted to Google

Michael Sandler (to Everyone): 7:48 PM: Can there be a balcony where something falls onto the stage?

Response: If the balcony considered part of the set, the balcony must move from the

staging area to the performance area.

Priti (to Everyone): 8:01 PM: Does the problem 4 balsa structure have to be the exact same one for weighing on march 12th as the one for mock/presentation? Or, can the kids continue to improvise to make it sturdier since weigh-in is a few days later?

Response: The performance video will have a mock crush. The balsa structure in the video will be the one that will be crushed for record on Mar 12th or Mar 19th.

Melissa Dana (to Everyone): 8:14 PM: How do I confirm that we paid VA state tournament fees

Response: Send me an email: directorvaodyssey@gmail.com

Any additional questions, Send me an email: directorvaodyssey@gmail.com

Problem Clarification questions: Submit to CCI as private or public. Form question for a "yes" or "no" response. Deadline to submit clarifications to CCI: Feb 15 per the Program Guide.