

Here are the official rules:

- 1. There is no limit on outside assistance so team members, coaches, parents, and advisors can help with creative ideas and construction. Contestants wearing ECU school colors may have a slight advantage.
- 2. Winners are selected by the appointed judges who are solely responsible for their decisions and will most likely be influenced by cheering and general team spirit and enthusiasm.
- 3. Contest is open to anyone who attends the 2013 State Tournament Pre-Awards ceremony at East Carolina University on April 6, 2013, including team members, coaches, parents, siblings, ECU physics professors, Greenville mayors, US presidents, sword swallowers, and IIS astronauts or cosmonauts.
- 4. Hats may not be made of dangerous radioactive substances such as plutonium or uranium but may glow from other nonthreatening and safe substances or energy (a purple glow may provide a distinct advantage).
- 5. Hats may not be made of anti-gravitational material and, for safety; under no circumstances may the hat lift the contestant above the gym floor.
- 6. Hats may not enable wearer to time travel into the future to see the results of the contest in order to facilitate an unfair advantage over other contestants. Time travel into the past, however, is acceptable.
- 7. All pirates must leave their parrots at the door before entering the arena.
- 8. All other rules not stated above are governed by the 2013 Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide.