

**2019 NCOM STATE TOURNAMENT
INFORMATION
EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
April 6, 2019**

Tournament officials are doing everything possible to make each team's day an enjoyable experience. **Please read all materials.** Your knowledge and understanding will insure that everyone has a good experience.

We wish to express sincere and grateful appreciation to East Carolina University, who generously donated their impressive campus facilities, services and hospitality to NCOM. PLEASE be good guests and show your gratitude by keeping the ECU campus clean and by disposing of all trash in proper containers.

Tournament Information and East Carolina University Interactive E-Maps:

All tournament information is posted on the State Tournament Page at www.ncom.org including the Competition Schedule, Events Schedule, Dining, Parking and other links.

Emergency: In case of a serious emergency at competition, call 911 or use emergency campus call boxes. Non-emergency campus police – 252-328-6787

First Aid - Student Health Urgent Care – 9am-12noon

Team members must be with a coach or adult chaperone who is responsible for the students at all times. When not competing, see "Things to Do" on ECU's interactive E-Map.

SECURITY is difficult when dealing with this many people and other groups who will be on the ECU campus on April 6. Please encourage your students to leave valuables, props, and problem solutions locked in vehicles until needed. Teams leaving personal items, props, and equipment in the prop/check-in rooms, sites, hallways or bathrooms do so at their own risk. We will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles.

LOADING/UNLOADING: You must plan to build in plenty of extra time to get to competition locations. We recommend you unload your team and their props 45 minutes before their performance time and then park. Someone **MUST** stay with your props at all times. If a team has Spontaneous just before Long Term, unload and leave a parent with the props. See Parking information

LONG TERM COMPETITIONS: It is extremely important to be on time for your Long Term performance! Spontaneous times are important, but are "flexible." Do stress over your Long Term time but do not stress over your Spontaneous time. If either site is running behind, Spontaneous will work with teams. You **MUST** let Spontaneous know your situation.

TEAM REGISTRATION –Only a Coach can pick up and sign for the team's packet at their Long Term site. The packet will include programs, certificates and additional flyers and information. Please plan to arrive in plenty of time to register, locate sites, and make preparations for competition.

SITE PREVIEW: If the building and performance area is available and with the permission of the Head Judge or Problem Captain, sites may be previewed Friday evening. No rehearsals may be held in the competition room. The Score Room, judges' administrative areas, and officials' hospitality rooms are restricted to tournament officials only. Please take any Lost and Found items to Sales in the Student Center Lobby.

FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN COMPETITION SITES.

Food and drinks must be consumed in designated areas.

SOUVENIR SALES – Student Center Lobby Room 125: Odyssey of the Mind and NCOM pins, shirts, and many other products will be available for purchase. Sale proceeds will benefit NCOM and our teams.

AWARDS CEREMONY at Minges Coliseum Williams Arena: The Awards Ceremony will begin at 5pm (or as soon as the scores are ready). Minges Coliseum doors will open at 4:00pm with pre-awards activities. Teams and coaches will be seated on the floor. Parents and supporters will be directed to arena seating. Coaches, be prepared for a “Kodak moment” as teams are recognized and presented with their trophies and awards. The audience will not have access to the arena floor.

Occasionally, there are delays at competition sites and in the Score Room. If we are running late, please be patient and understand that we want to be fair, thorough and accurate in the scoring of all teams. Please plan to remain for the entire ceremony and the announcement of all results.

Odyssey of the Mind World Finals: First and second place teams and Ranatra Fusca winners will advance to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at the Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI May 22-25, 2019. If your team advances to World Finals, you MUST notify us right away if your team chooses not to attend World Finals. NCOM may advance 2 teams in each problem/division and we want our state to be fully represented. Teams (especially 3rd place teams) should hold on to props for a few weeks in case we determine that your team may advance to State Finals. A very important World Finals Coaches meeting will begin promptly 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony. Room number will be announced at the awards ceremony. Please go immediately to the meeting following the Awards Ceremony. Your World Finals Awards Packet will include online registration instructions for room and board, detailed information about World Finals, NCOM information, trading pin order forms, and helpful preparation tips for your World Finals odyssey!

SCORES will be posted online as soon as possible following the Awards Ceremony.

Coaches: Please be **AWARE** of all the Tournament Rules, Information and ECU maps. Please provide these links to your parents. Ignorance is no excuse.

Questions??

Contact State Tournament Co-Directors: Carolyn Braly 252-318-7592, bralyc@gmail.com or Tim Cornell 910-330-7648, timothycornell20@gmail.com.

GOOD LUCK! HAVE FUN!

Thank you so much for the time, energy and talents you give to make this program possible for our children! We wish your team an enjoyable, memorable Odyssey of the Mind experience!