

CTOM Coach Training A – November 7, 2020
Courses and Breakout Session Options
**Conducted via Microsoft Teams*

In total, you will take three (3) classes. If you are a new coach, you will start at 8am with Odyssey 101; returning coaches will begin at 9am with a welcome/reminders session. You will then attend two breakout sessions, one of which must be “Coaching...Virtually.” The other breakout session is a free choice; when making this selection, consider what skills you need to help make your team as successful as possible.

Odyssey 101 (Mandatory for NEW coaches) – Log in from 8:00-8:30am, class from 8:30-10am

What is Odyssey of the Mind? In this class, coaches will be given a broad overview of Odyssey. We will discuss the components of the program (long term, style, and spontaneous), the goals of participation (e.g. problem solving, creativity, team work), and what to expect throughout the year.

Welcome and Reminders (Mandatory for RETURNING coaches) – Log in from 9:00-9:30am, class from 9:30-10am

Welcome back, and thank you for coaching again! In this session, we will provide you with a few reminders that will help you make the most of your time with your team. These will include a drive-by overview of ways to teach creativity, brainstorming strategies, outside assistance, required paperwork, and coaching do’s and don’ts.

Coaching...Virtually (Mandatory for ALL coaches)

Coaching in any year is hard, but this year will present a challenge like no other. In the midst of a pandemic, coaching and participating in Odyssey may look different than they ever have before. In this course, we will provide an overview of the 2020-2021 Odyssey season, discuss platforms to use for and strategies to employ during virtual team meetings, and look at examples of how teams have used technology to adapt their processes and performances. As local and national health guidelines constantly change, this class will provide you with the skills and tools needed to keep your team on track to create a creative and memorable problem solution.

Experienced Coach Panel

No matter how thorough any training session is, there is a very distinct possibility that you still will have a number of lingering questions. This breakout session is your opportunity to ask anything about Odyssey that you have on your mind. We will have a panel of coaches with extensive experience available to address any and all questions or concerns that you have. Come ready to engage in a dialogue with other coaches.

Secrets to Spontaneous: The Virtual Edition

Though it is worth half as much as the long-term solution, spontaneous, time and time again, plays a major role in teams’ final placement at competition. In this course, coaches will learn about the different types of problems, identify strategies for success, and participate in practice problems. Coaches will reflect on these practice problems and, in doing so, think about spontaneous from the perspectives of team members and judges. In addition, with the likelihood of virtual team meetings this year, this class will also cover ways that teams can practice (all types of) spontaneous problems even when they are not physically together.

It's All About Style

What exactly is style, and how does my team score highly in it? In this class, coaches will learn the do’s and don’ts for style. We will discuss ways to make the team’s solution more unique, how to select the best items for scoring, and strategies for most effectively filling out the style form. Since every point counts, you don’t want to miss this one!