



**Join us on Saturday
NOVEMBER 9, 2024**
in person
**Bethel Middle School
Bethel CT**
concurrently running events
8:30AM-12:00PM

CTOM
Connecticut Odyssey of the Mind
Coaches' Corner
October 2024




**COACH
TRAINING A**
**CTOM NEW COACH
ORIENTATION**

This program year's first coach training event will be covering Odyssey 101 with time for Q&A and networking.

ODYSSEY DAY
**FREE SKILL
BUILDING
WORKSHOPS**

Registered OM teams will select three 50-minute workshops covering a range of OM topics, such as costuming, teamwork, scriptwriting, spontaneous, and more.

RESOURCES
CTOM
[8-UNIT CURRICULUM](#)



Odyssey Academy! Dr. Jim Mourey— OM alum, long-time volunteer, and professor at DePaul University— offers a FREE 15-episode step-by-step [VIDEO TUTORIAL](#)

Follow links to register for:

[COACH
TRAINING](#)

[ODYSSEY
DAY](#)





What is Odyssey of the Mind Competition? How to get your students involved? Who is your town coordinator? These are some of the questions that were answered at our statewide information kickoff session last month. If you weren't able to attend, here is a very brief recap to help you get started for the year.

THE CTOM PROGRAM

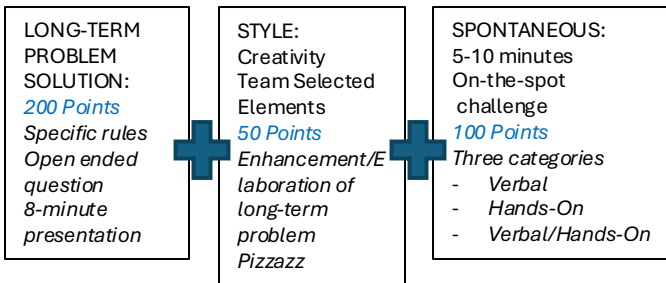
Supports the principles of Mastery-Based Learning and aligns with the Connecticut State Department of Education guidelines for:

- Next Generation Science Standards approach to learning for K-12.
- College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for K-12 in speaking and learning.
- Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in English Language Arts and Mathematics
 - Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information from multiple sources.
 - Define a problem, develop models and evaluate plausible solutions.
 - Analyze, compute and interpret data.

In addition, Odyssey has been used successfully in Connecticut districts to create an interactive learning environment that supplements classroom curriculum.



THREE COMPONENTS OF COMPETITION



Many school districts in Connecticut do now or have in the past sponsored local Odyssey of the Mind teams. It is an easy process to register, and one registration covers up to 15 teams in grades 3-12 and an unlimited number of K-2nd grade teams. Reach out to your child's school to find out if they are or can start participating. If your school cannot at this time commit, other community organizations (PTOs, libraries, church, etc.) or private organizations can also act as sponsors for Odyssey of the Mind teams.



1. START OR JOIN A MEMBERSHIP

Odyssey of the Mind requires that all teams be registered through a national membership which can be sponsored by an individual school, school district, PTO, or other established community group (library, etc.) Alternately private organizations may also act as OOTM membership sponsors if there is no OM program running in your area. Each membership may support one team, per problem, per divisions 1-2-3, up to 15 teams 3-12th grade, and an unlimited number of Primary teams K-12. Additional memberships may be purchased to accommodate more teams. Ask your school about existing membership in your area.



Sign up for a membership at:
ODYSSEYOFTHEMIND.COM



2. FORM TEAMS

Up to 7 students are guided by 1-2 coaches, typically parents, work together to create a long-term problem solution. Teams meet regularly at times/place at their own discretion.

Teams compete in the division based on the oldest member of the team:
Primary – K – 2nd Grade
Division I – 3rd – 5th Grade
Division II – 6th – 8th Grade
Division III – 9th – 12th Grade



Solutions to the problems are ENTIRELY that of the team. No OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE is allowed! You can ask questions, but NOT give the team an answer!

3. INDIVIDUAL TEAMS REGISTER FOR STATE TOURNAMENT

Follow instructions at CTOM.org

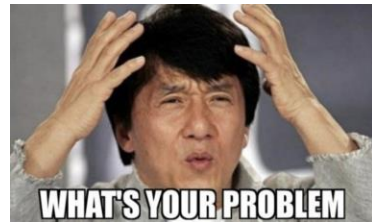
With questions or help with the above, email CTOM at AssnDir@ctom.org





LONG-TERM PROBLEMS

Are you builders? Tinkerers? Writers? Performers?
Teams pick a problem and find their passion!



Find 2024-25 Long-Term
Problem synopses
[HERE](#)

2024-25 CTOM Problem Captains/Asst. Problem Captains



PRIMARY
John Ehlinger
Debbi Crotty

PROBLEM 3
Rachel Cunningham
Katie Pelkey

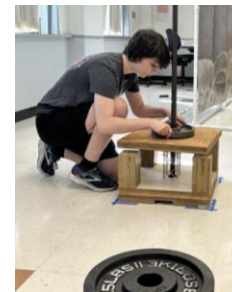
PROBLEM 1
Josh Young
Andrea Maestas

PROBLEM 4
Amy Zinser
Sherri Martin



PROBLEM 2
Ian Wojcik
Carley Heck

PROBLEM 5
Holly Wonneberg
Katarina Micklus





KEY DATES 2024-2025



November 9 – Coach Training A / CTOM Odyssey Day

January 11 – Coach Training B

March 15 – Judge Training

**MARCH 29
CTOM
STATE TOURNAMENT**

This year, Bethel welcomes CTOM events to
BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Bethel, CT