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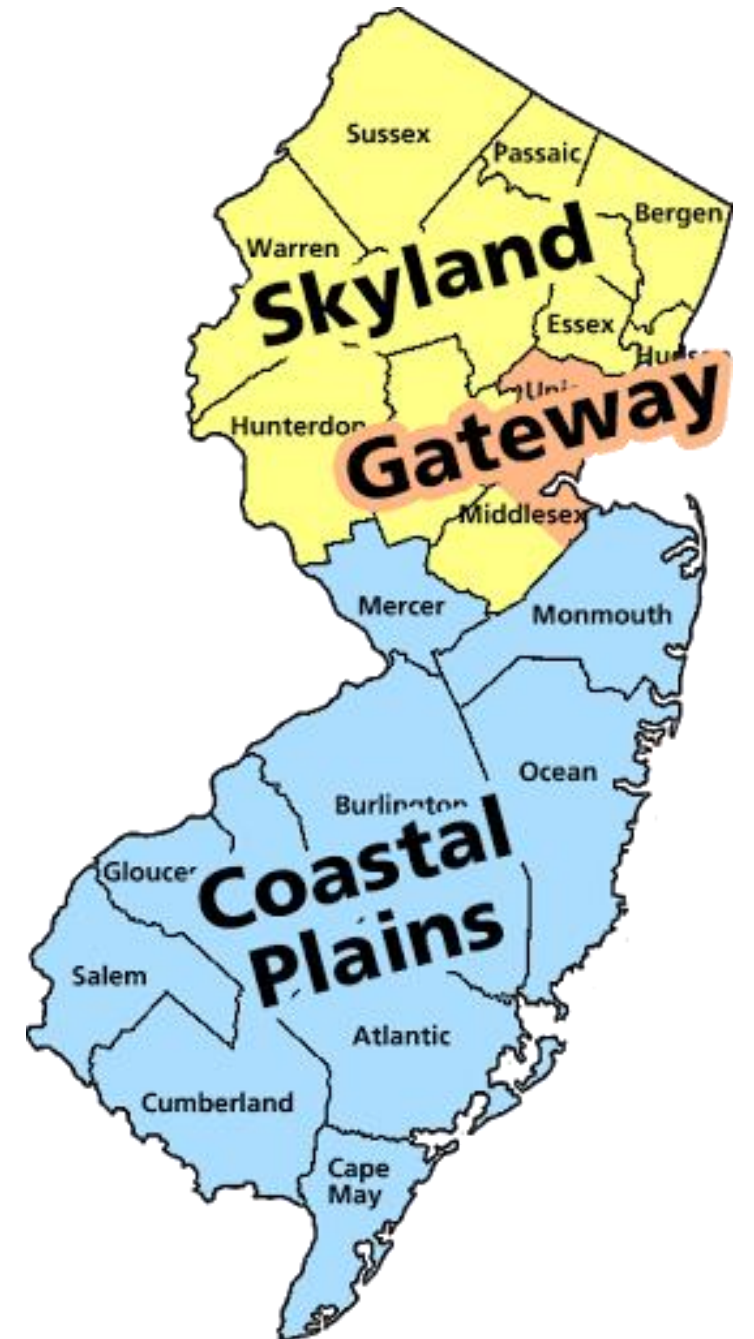
How to Register for your Regional Tournament

2023 – 2024 Tournament Season

What's My Region?



- Middlesex County is split between two regions
- If you are **south** of Route 18, you are in the **Skylands** Region
- If you are **north** of Route 18, you are in the **Gateway** Region





5 Key Steps to Registering for your Regional Tournament

- 1. Purchase your membership through Odyssey HQ/CCI**
- 2. Register your team**
- 3. Register your judge (trained)**
 - one per team
- 4. Register your volunteer (non-trained)**
 - one per membership
- 5. Pay your tournament fee to NJ OotM**



Important Deadlines & Dates

- **January 5:** Registration deadline for Teams
 - \$75 per team
- **January 5:** Registration deadline for Judges
 - *Penalties will be issued for late registrations.*
- **January 5:** Registration deadline for Volunteers
- **January 27:** Judges Training (*Online*)
- **February 15:** Tournament fees due to Treasurer
 - *Note: Teams who withdraw after this date are ineligible for refunds of tournament fees.*



Have you
purchased
your
Membership
yet?

- An active Membership from CCI/Odyssey HQ is required to register your Team for your Regional Tournament.
- ***Please do not wait to purchase your Membership! - Purchase your Membership no later than Wednesday, December 20th to ensure CCI has enough time to process the Membership before the registration deadline.***
 - We expect CCI to be closed from Friday, December 22nd through to at least Monday, January 1st.
- **One team per problem, per division is allowed on a membership. If you need an additional membership, please purchase it as well before December 20th!**

Tournament Dates

- ***Skylands Regional***– March 2nd
Millburn High School, Millburn
- ***Gateway Regional*** – March 9th
J.P. Stevens High School, Edison
- ***Coastal Plains Regional*** – March 16th
Upper Township Schools, Upper Township
- ***State Finals*** – April 13th
Carteret Public Schools, Carteret
- ***World Finals*** – May 21st-24th
Iowa State University, Ames, IA





How To Register Your Team

Team Registration: What you Need

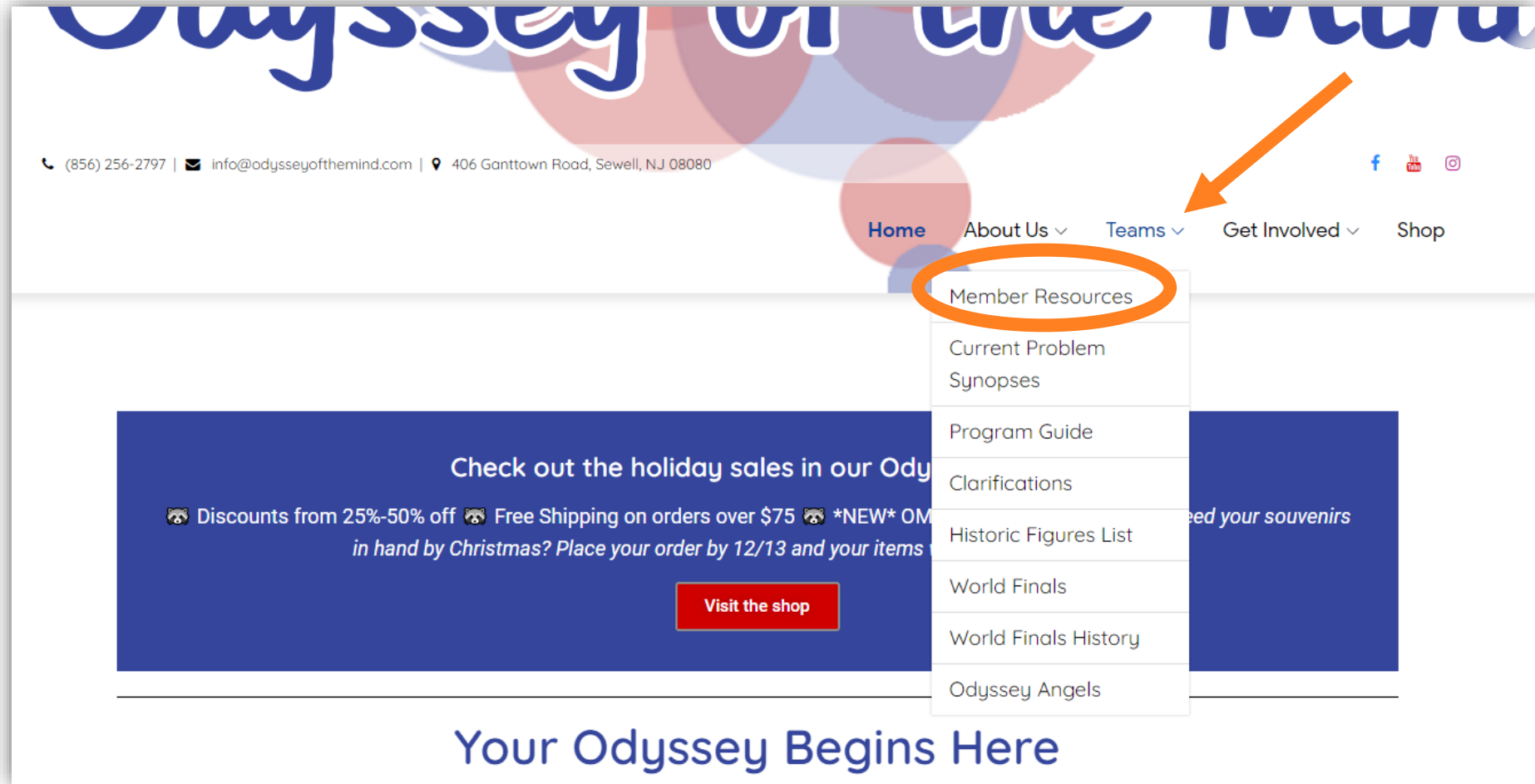


You will need the following information:

- **Problem and division**
- **Names and grades of all team members**
- **Names and contact information of any assistant or co-coaches**
- **Any disabilities or pertinent medical conditions of any team member or coach**
- **Any scheduling conflicts on competition day**

Team Registration

- Team registration is on the Odyssey website, www.odysseyofthemind.com
- Choose “Teams” > “Member Resources”



The screenshot shows the Odyssey of the Mind website. The navigation menu includes Home, About Us, Teams, Get Involved, and Shop. The 'Teams' menu is open, and 'Member Resources' is circled in orange. An orange arrow points to the 'Member Resources' option. Below the navigation menu, there is a promotional banner for holiday sales with a 'Visit the shop' button. At the bottom of the page, the text 'Your Odyssey Begins Here' is displayed.

Odyssey of the Mind

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World Finals History

Odyssey Angels

Check out the holiday sales in our Odyssey shop!

🐻 Discounts from 25%-50% off 🐻 Free Shipping on orders over \$75 🐻 *NEW* OMER t-shirts in hand by Christmas? Place your order by 12/13 and your items will be

Visit the shop

Get your souvenirs

Your Odyssey Begins Here

Team Registration

- To initially register a team for the Regional tournament, log in to the “Member login” using your membership number & zip code.
- Team login will let you log back into an already-registered team. This username/password will be sent to you after registering.

Member Area & Team Portal Login

Logging-in allows you to register your team for competitions, connect with your local association, and access members-only documents: the problems, artwork, and more. Log in with your membership number and zip code to access our member’s only area!

After logging in you can:

- Create Individual Team Logins
- Download Long-Term Problems (English & Spanish)
- Register for Tournaments
- Submit Long-Term Problem Clarifications requests
- Download problem/program art and logos
- Download certificates

This is unique to your school.

Member Login

Membership Number:

Zip Code/Postal Code:

LOGIN

Team Login

Username

Password

LOGIN

The zip code associated with your membership.



Team Registration

Double check your region here ...

... And then choose "Tournament Registration"



Welcome to the Members Area!

MARTIN LUTHER KING ELE SCH
285 Tingley Ln
Edison, NJ 08820
Region: Gateway

Tournament Registration

Member provided volunteers
Association Website
Association Contacts

[Logout](#)

**SUBMIT
CLARIFICATIONS**

**CLARIFICATION
STATUS**

**MEMBERSHIP
STATUS**

To request a membership invoice, please email membership@odysseyofthemind.com

Long-Term Problems

The NEW 2023-24 Problems are here! Download below!

Forms

Outside Assistance (PDF)
Style (PDF) (Word)
Cost (PDF) (Excel)

Downloads

NEW!! OM Passport (Step-by-Step Coaching Guide)
Program Guide

Team Registration



State Finals

Coastal Plains Regional Tournament

1. Problem 5 Opposites Distract Division 3 team

Coached by Sarah Pankiewicz

Total due: \$75.00

Balance due: \$75.00

[[log in](#)].

Gateway Regional Tournament

Skylands Regional Tournament

Note: any other teams registered under the same membership will appear here

Register a new team

Tournament

Coastal Plains Regional Tournament ▾

Problem

Division

NEXT

Fill problem and division for the team you are registering and click NEXT.

Note:

You are registering a team as NEW JERSEY MEMBER #90311.

If this is not your membership number, log out and then log in with the correct membership number.

Primary team does not need to select a division.

Team Registration



2024 Gateway Regional Tournament Registration

You are about to register your team(s) for the 2024 NJ Odyssey of the Mind Gateway Regional Tournament. In order to do so, you must have the following information ready:

School information

Team Members' names and grades

Coach's contact information



I understand and agree with the above terms and conditions.

Odyssey of the Mind respects your privacy. We do not sell or share information you submitted to us to outside companies. We consider your e-mail address and any personal information you provide to be completely private and this information will be kept strictly confidential within Odyssey of the Mind. It is used only for record-keeping and tournament organization purposes.

NEXT STEP

**You must accept these terms
before clicking "Next Step."**

Team Registration



NEW JERSEY MEMBER#90311 problem 3 division 1

| Assoc: NJ Region: *No region* |

Coach's Information

First name

Last name

Street

Street2

City

State

Zip

Cell Phone

Alternate phone

E-mail

School's Information

school name NEW JERSEY MEMBER

Street street1

Street2 street2

City city

State NJ

Zip 11111

Coordinator cfirstname clastname

E-mail webguy@odysseyofthemind.com

Number of additional coaches

1

Number of team members

5

Have you ever previously competed in NJ Odyssey of the Mind?

No

Yes

Do you allow the tournament to take and use photos of your teams?

Allow

Disability:

Please list any team members' health or accessibility info here.

Schedule:

If any team member is involved in more than one problem, please include problem name, division, number, and membership name & number if different.

You will enter additional coach names & information on another page.

You must select one

We do not collect Media Release forms on paper.

Team Registration



- You will receive an automated email confirmation once your registration has been processed.
- This email includes detailed information on how to pay the tournament fees for your team(s).
- This is the email that also includes the username and password for logging back in to the “Team Login” as that team.
- *If you do not receive an email confirmation, please reach out to your Regional Director who can forward it to you.*

Team Registration

When you have completed registration, you will get a username and password to access your team's member area. This info is included in your confirmation email. Please don't lose it!



Member Area & Team Portal Login

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Member Login

Membership Number:

Zip Code/Postal Code:

LOGIN

Team Login

Username

Password

LOGIN

A large crowd of people is gathered at night, illuminated by bright orange lights. The scene is dark, with the primary light source being a large, bright orange light source in the upper left. The crowd is dense and appears to be moving or standing in a line. In the background, there are some structures and lights, including a prominent orange light source in the upper center. The overall atmosphere is one of a busy, organized event.

Registering Judges



Registering Judges & Volunteers

- Judges and Volunteers registration links can be found through the New Jersey Odyssey website: www.njootm.org
- If you so choose, your Judge and Volunteer can register themselves. Just be sure they have and use the correct membership number, problem, and division to be credited to your team.
 - *They must use the “I’m representing a team”*
- If you will be registering your Judge and Volunteer, please make sure that before you start you know their:
 - Shirt size
 - If they need a vegetarian or gluten free meal
 - The membership number, problem, and division of any relatives competing.



**Who makes
a good
judge?**

- **Alumni of Odyssey**
- **Anyone who enjoys working with students – even your principal!**
- **Someone reliable**

- **Must be out of high school and at least 18 as of January 1, 2024**
- **Must be able to commit to training, your regional tournament, and State Finals**
 - your Judge will not be able to see your team perform

Registering Judges



Judge Information

First name

Last name

Street

Street2

City, state, zip

Cell Phone

Home phone

★ **E-mail** ← **This should be your volunteer's personal email address – not yours!**

T-shirt

Have you ever previously competed in

NJ Odyssey of the Mind?

★ **Lunch preference**

Job Preference 1
Pick one

Job Preference 2
Pick one

Judging experience (in years)
State

Regional

Are you representing a team? No Yes

Please indicate the membership's number, problem, and division.

Membership/school Name:

Membership# Problem Division

Coach Name Coach E-mail

Do you have any children/relatives competing? No Yes

Please enter each child/relative's team membership, problem and division.

Add another child

	Membership#	Problem	Division
1.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Notes: any row with no membership#, no problem and no division will be removed.

Please make sure that you answer as accurately as possible so that your Membership is credited.

Registering Judges (Continued)

Past Position(s) Held (Check all that apply)

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spontaneous Verbal | <input type="checkbox"/> Weigh-In Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> Door Keeper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> Staging Area Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> Score Room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> Score Checker | <input type="checkbox"/> Style Judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holding Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Time Keeper | <input type="checkbox"/> Spontaneous Hands-on |

Comment:

By agreeing to be a judge, I affirm that I am 18 years old or older and out of high school, and understand that I must attend the judges training session on Saturday, January 21, 2023, being held online. I understand that I am also required to attend both the Regional Tournament on Saturday, February 25, 2023, and the State Tournament on April 1, 2023, if the team I am representing advances. I understand that judges duties on the tournament date may begin as early as 7:00 am and end as late as 6:00 pm. I will find a replacement if I cannot attend training and both tournaments. I also understand that once I am trained, I am committed to judge since a replacement cannot be trained.

I understand and agree with the above terms and conditions.(e)

NEXT STEP

You must accept these terms before clicking "Next Step."



Registering Volunteers

Who makes a good Volunteer?



- **Anyone out of high school and 18 or older by January 1, 2024**
- **The Volunteer does not need to attend training**
- **Must be available all day for your regional competition and State finals**
 - your Volunteer might be able to see your team perform

Registering Volunteers



This should be your volunteer's personal email address – not yours!



Volunteer Information

First name
Last name
Street
Street2
City, state, zip
E-mail
Phone
Cell
Phone
T-shirt

Membership Information

Are you representing a membership?

Membership name
Membership#

Coach Information

First Name
Last Name
E-mail

Would you like, if possible, see your child perform?

Membership name
Membership#
Problem
Division

Please make sure that you answer as accurately as possible so that your Membership is credited.



Do you have any job limitations that we should know in order to assign you?(please provide details below)



Lunch Preference

Comment:

By agreeing to be a volunteer, I affirm that I am 18 years old or older and out of high school. I understand that I am required to attend both the Regional Tournament on Saturday, February 25, 2023, and the State Tournament on April 1, 2023, if the membership I am representing advances. I understand that my duties on the tournament date may begin as early as 7:00 am and end as late as 6:00 pm. I will find a replacement if I cannot attend both tournaments.

I understand and agree with the above terms and conditions.(d)

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State Finals

- There is no team registration for State Finals, but there is an additional \$75 registration fee
- The top two teams in each problem/division in each region will advance to State Finals
- Your team does not have to compete if they choose not to
- If your team advances, your trained Judge must judge at State Finals
- If your team advances, you also must still supply a Volunteer

Advancing to States



NJ OotM has changed how we advance teams from Regionals to State Finals to allow more teams to advance!

- **Starting in 2024, we are moving from our “top 2 places in each problem division” criteria to a formula-based model that targets approx. 90 teams at State Finals (18 per problem)**
 - **Methodology:**
 - We will send at least 1 team per problem/division where there is at least 1 team competing – if every prob/div has teams, this is 9 slots. If a prob/div does not have any teams competing, those slots are added to the pool.
 - Remaining slots are divided up based on proportion of total teams in each problem, across all regions.
 - This means some problem/divisions may have only 1 team advance or as many as 3 or 4 – it will fully depend on how many teams are in that problem in each region.
 - Our overall goal of this change is to have more teams be able to advance to State Finals, which will further increase the number of teams with a chance to advance to World Finals!
 - Both ties and advancement from winning a *Rantra Fusca Creativity Award* are not be affected and will still advance as in previous years.
- **After team registration closes in January, a chart of how many teams are competing in each problem/division and what slots will advance will be published on the NJ OotM website**
 - *Note: once this chart is published, it will not be adjusted, even if teams withdraw after the publication date.*

Questions?

Questions about Tournaments or Registering?

Send us an Email!

For us to respond in a timely fashion we need:

- your full name
- your membership number
- your membership name
 - **PLEASE...** No abbreviations!

Helpful info but not required:

- problem and division



Questions?

Skylands Regional	Joy Stephenson	skylands@njootm.org
Gateway Regional	Ariana Kerchner	gateway@njootm.org
Coastal Plains Regional	Beth Nelting	coastalplains@njootm.org
State Finals	Sarah Pankiewicz	statefinals@njootm.org
Officials – ALL Regions	Trish Jamison	coastalofficials@njootm.org skylandsofficials@njootm.org gatewayofficials@njootm.org



A Reminder on Clarifications

- **Please do NOT ask questions about your problem to anyone!**
 - We can't answer definitively – only the Clarifications team can
- **Submit all Clarifications on the International Website @ www.odysseyofthemind.com**
 - Cutoff for submitting requests is February 15th
 - General Clarifications are posted on the Odyssey website and should be checked for regularly
 - All clarification submissions are kept **private** unless it's a “negative” response everyone should know (e.g. a lot of teams have asked)
 - NJOotM will **not** enforce General Clarifications published less than two weeks before a tournament