

Creativity Unlimited in Wisconsin

Policy and Procedure for Team Participation in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Competition

Purpose:

Clearly define and communicate equitable and consistent criteria and a process for participating in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals competition.

Policy:

Creative Competitions Inc provides the options for the number of teams that may participate in the WF competition. CU in WI will invite teams to participate in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals competition as follows:

- A. Generally, all Division 1, 2 and 3 teams that place first at the Wisconsin State Odyssey of the Mind Tournament will be invited to attend WF unless there are extenuating circumstances such as the following exceptions:
 1. The team has been penalized with a significant Spirit of the Problem violation
 2. The team has cheated.
- B. All Division 4 teams are invited to participate in the WF competition.
- C. All teams that are awarded a Ranatra Fusca or have an individual member or members who have been awarded a Ranatra Fusca will be invited to attend the WF competition.
- D. If CCI allows 2nd place state teams to attend, those teams may also be invited to WF, unless any of the same exceptions for first place teams apply. Either of the following conditions will be used to determine whether an invitation to attend WF should also be extended to a second place team:
 1. The score is within 3 points of the first place team's calculated score.
 2. 12 or more teams competed in the division.
- E. In the event that the first place team declines to attend WF, the second place team will then be invited to participate unless any of the same exceptions for first place teams apply.
- F. Teams that are invited to compete in WF must accept or decline within 7 days of the State Tournament. Teams must access the national (CCI) website and follow the steps necessary to accept or decline.
- G. In the event an error (scoring or otherwise) results in a team not being invited who would have otherwise qualified under the procedures noted above, that team shall be invited to compete in the WF as soon as possible. Notwithstanding that, a team which has been invited pursuant to the procedures noted above shall not have its invitation revoked because of an error (scoring or otherwise) even if that team would not have qualified but for the error.

Procedure:

- A. The Problem Captain will:
 1. Review the scores immediately after competition has ended.
 2. Immediately advise the Association Director if a team placing first meets any of the exceptions to an invitation to WF.
 3. Immediately advise the AD if a team placing second warrants an invitation to WF.
- B. The Executive Committee will:
 1. Review all potential disqualifications.
 2. Render the final determination of disqualification.
- C. The Association Director or designee will:
 1. Announce invitations to attend WF at the state tournament ceremony
- D. The invited teams must:

1. accept or decline within 7 days of the State Tournament. Teams must access the national (CCI) website and follow the steps necessary to accept or decline.

E. The AD will:

1. Notify a second place team that they are invited to attend WF, in the event that the first place team declines. An exception to this may occur if the CCI deadline for accepting an invitation to WF has passed within 2 weeks of the state tournament (this may occur if a state tournament is held later in the spring).