

## **Top 10 List: OotM Team Dynamics**

- 1. Establish Team Expectations
  - handouts: "Team Expectations"
    OotM Team Member Contract
- 2. Establish Meeting Rules & Consequences
  - a. record team rules for future reference on a sheet of paper or poster board
    - i. Team could work together to decorate the poster board
  - b. follow through and be consistent regarding consequences
- 3. Establish Rules for Brainstorming
  - a. handout "Steps to Help Foster the Creative Problem Solving Process"
  - b. talking stick, etc
- 4. Establish Rules for Decision Making
  - a. majority rule → illustration: choosing a snack
  - b. secret ballot
- 5. Determine team goals & incentives
  - a. document goals & incentives, keep team calendar
- 6. Establish Method of Communicating with Team Members & Parents
- 7. Follow Rules of Outside Assistance
- 8. Read the OotM Program Guide
  - a.  $\underline{www.odysseyofthemind.org} \rightarrow click on Program Guide (located at page bottom)$
  - b. Acquaint team members with the program guide as a research source
- 9. Make time for team building activities
  - a. play games, put together puzzles, attend outside activities
- 10. Never lose sight of ultimate goal: every team member's experience should be a fun one!

Handout: 10 Tips for Odyssey of the Mind Coaches

