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. www.odysseyofthemind.org → 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