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NP OM Notes on Tournament Preparations

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Hello NP OM Coaches,

Please see below for "notes" from the NP OM Virtual Meeting held last night. *My apologies, the meeting was not recorded.*

After a brief discussion of business (see attached agenda for details), there was a lengthy discussion about the SEPA Tournament.

*Tournament questions/concerns will be addressed again at the next NP OM virtual meeting, on **Thursday, February 3rd.***

If you have questions or concerns about the tournament that cannot wait, please reply to this email so I can assist you.

- If the team hasn't already done so, required **paperwork** should be started as soon as possible.
 - Paperwork requirements are listed in each problem statement
 - Section H under "The Team Must Provide".
 - Copies of the forms can be found on odysseyofthemind.org > Teams > Member Resources
 - Required Paperwork:
 - Outside Assistance Form (1 copy)
 - Style Form (4 copies)
 - Cost Form (1 copy)
 - Team List Form (4 copies)
 - If your team submitted a **clarification**, print and include a copy with your paperwork
 - Prepare an extra set of your paperwork ... just in case the original set gets misplaced somehow.
 - Paperwork is collected in the staging area and reviewed by judges immediately before the team's performance
 - well worded paperwork helps the judge to understand how the team met the problem requirements
 - teams should take ample time to complete the paperwork and review it for clarity and brevity
 - **IT IS IN THE TEAM'S BEST INTEREST NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST WEEK (OR LAST DAY) TO START PAPERWORK**
 - Paperwork is required for Primary Teams, as well.
- Review the scoring section of the problem statement to make certain the team has not missed anything
- Plan **rehearsals** so your team can practice their performance
 - The 8 minute time limit includes set up and performance; team should practice setting up and performing within 8 minutes
 - The team will start in the "Staging Area"
 - In the staging area, the team will be asked "Team Are You Ready?"
 - Teams might come up with a clever reply or just reply simply
 - An example of a 'clever' reply: a team dressed as birds replies, "I guess we'll just WING IT".
 - When the judge gives the signal, the team will set up and perform
 - Teams might be asked to start from the left side or right side; practice starting from the left and right side
 - Teams should be wearing costumes; team members should decide who is bringing which props to the performance area
 - Teams are asked to specify how the judge will know when the performance ends (see Team List Form)

- Many teams end their performance with the word Time but this is not a requirement
- After the performance, judges ask the team questions; team members should practice answering questions
 - teams could be questioned about all aspects of their performance - ideas, props, costumes, etc
 - team members should plan who will talk to the judges about which items
 - team members would probably be most comfortable talking about things they've worked on themselves or in a group
 - team members can ask a judge to talk to another team member who can answer their question best

Here are links to a few North Penn performances that you might watch with your team to give them an idea of how teams start and end their performance ... and everything in between. These are examples of seasoned teams and are meant to inspire, not intimidate. **LOL**

https://www.dropbox.com/s/qtsy8b3eq0jmik/P4D2_SEPA_VIDEO%20Penndale_33156.mp4?dl=0. Balsa Wood Problem 2021

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1ftR89ifkk> Vehicle Problem, Division 2 World Finals 2019

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IRbWIRwDX3RmQlcsAGEtPqgxnMOOTI> Technical Problem

I hope things are going well for your team! Again, if you have questions or need guidance, please reach out to me via email.

Regards,
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