

Odyssey of the Mind – Student Contract

Dear Student,

Welcome to OOTM! Please review this contract with a parent and return the signed contract to your coach. Please initial each blank to show your support for your fellow team members, coaches and school.

___ I will **encourage** my fellow team members. I will **listen** and consider their suggestions and ideas. I will show **respect** for the feelings of my team members. I realize that OOTM problems don't have just one solution and that a successful team cooperates by considering **everyone's** ideas. I will **not criticize** anyone's ideas.

___ I will **respect** my coaches, and remember that they volunteer their time to help me and my team members work towards our OOTM solution.

___ I will be **supportive** of other OOTM teams and team members. I agree to follow rules established by the team.

___ I will **remember** that if a suggestion I make is not used, it does not mean that the suggestion is not valuable. It may be used at a later time in a different way. I agree to cooperate on whatever solution the team chooses, even if it is not my first choice.

___ I **understand** that OOTM is a commitment. My fellow team members, coaches and family have made a commitment to the team too. I am willing to attend all scheduled meetings, participate and work towards the team's goals. I have a responsibility for my team. I will be available all day for the Regional Tournament on **Saturday, February 24th 2018 (Snow day: March 23rd, 2018); Saturday, April 14th 2018** if we advance to the State Level Competition and from **May 23-26th 2018** if we progress to the World Finals.

___ I will **enjoy** myself along as I work and have fun, make some friends and be proud of my accomplishments.

___ I agree that my **behavior** at meetings will be constructive. If a behavior is not appropriate at home/school, it will not be appropriate at an OOTM meeting.

___ I agree to **solve** the problem with my team members. All solutions, props, costumes, signs, scripts, etc. have to be made by the team. I understand that we will have to think about new ideas if we cannot complete an idea by **ourselves**. I will talk to my coach to understand what assistance is acceptable.

___ I **understand** that only 5 members may participate in the spontaneous problem (N/A for Primary). Every team member has to share responsibility for preparing and solving the Long-Term Problem.

___ I **agree** to discuss all items on this contract with my parents.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____