

Odyssey of the Mind - Texas Houston Area Region Special Rules

Qualify for Region

Every team, primary and competitive, must qualify to present or compete at the Region Tournament. See Team Qualification for compete rules.

Judge Requirement

Every team, primary and competitive, must have a judge representative. All judges must attend judges training every year they judge. For Houston and Bay only, ALL judges must commit to judge at the Texas State Tournament.

Tournament Volunteer Rule – NEW 2011

In the Houston Area Region only, for every four teams registered in a school or group, one “Tournament Volunteer” is required. This INCLUDES Primary Teams. Each “Tournament Volunteer” will be required to volunteer for 8-10 hours either preparing for or during the Region Tournament.

1-3 teams	0 Tournament Volunteers Required
4-7 teams	1 Tournament Volunteer Required
8-11 teams	2 Tournament Volunteers Required
12-15 teams	3 Tournament Volunteers Required
16-19 teams	4 Tournament Volunteers Required

Please contact info@txodyssey.org to register and schedule Tournament Volunteers.

Five Team Rule for Second Membership – NEW 2011

In the Houston Area Region only, each membership is required to COMPLETELY FILL all five competitive problems per division before purchasing a second membership from CCI. This is known as the “Five Team Rule”. Primary teams do not count toward the five required competitive teams.

Schools with grades that cover more than one division will be required to meet the “Five Team Rule” for each division that will be using the second membership

“Five Team Rule” examples follow:

Example 1 – Second Membership NOT Allowed.

ABC Elementary School has *three* teams in Problem 3, one team in Problem 4, and one team in Problem 5. They may NOT purchase a second membership to allow all Problem

3 teams to compete at Region. (They would need to field additional teams in problem 1 AND 2 before being eligible for a second membership.)

Example 2 – Second Membership IS Allowed.

XYZ Elementary School has one team in Problem 1, one team in Problem 2, two teams in Problem 3, one team in Problem 4, and one team in problem 5. They MAY purchase a second national membership to allow both Problem 3 teams to compete at Region. One Problem 3 team will be XYZ TEAM A and the other Problem 3 team will be XYZ TEAM B. Teams A and B will have different membership numbers.

Example 3 – K-12 School Second Membership is NOT Allowed.

City K-12 School has one Division I team in Problem 1, one Division I team in Problem 2, two Division I teams in Problem 5, and one Division II team in Problem 3. This school may NOT purchase a second membership. (They would need to field another team in Division I, Problem 3 AND 4. The Division II team does not count towards the Division I “Five Team Rule”.)

Example 4 – Primary Teams, Second Membership NOT Allowed.

Tiny School has five Primary teams and two Problem 3 teams. This school may NOT purchase a second membership to allow both Problem 3 teams to compete at Region. (Primary teams do not count toward the “Five Team Rule”. This school would have to field four more competitive teams in Problems 1, 2, 4, and 5 before being eligible for a second membership.)

Rules for More Than Two Memberships-

In the Houston Area Region only, in order to purchase a third membership, groups must COMPLETELY FILL their first two memberships. This means that they must field two teams in EVERY available competitive problem (excludes primary) before they purchase a third membership.

Due to the limitations of how many teams can be judged in one day, Houston Area Region schools and groups will not be allowed to purchase more than three memberships.

In addition, we strongly suggest that any school fielding two or more teams in a problem consider holding a school tournament to determine what teams will represent the school at Region.

Number of Teams Advancing to State

The number of teams advancing to state from each region is determined by the total number of teams registered at the end of January before the region tournament. In the past the Houston Area Region has advanced 6 teams per division per problem.

The actual number of advancing teams for 2010 will be posted on the home page of the TXOdyssey.org website in late January.