

Odyssey of the Mind Hong Kong and Macao Regional Tournament 2026

Enrollment Guidelines

1. What is it about?

a. Five Problems

Five long-term problems are open for the Odyssey of the Mind Hong Kong and Macao Regional Tournament 2026 (<https://odysseyofthemind.com/problems/>):

- Problem 1(Vehicle): Off the Rails
- Problem 2(Technical): Lost in OMERland
- Problem 3(Classics): Classics... The Epic Quest
- Problem 4(Structure): Life's a Ball!
- Problem 5(Performance): Taller Tales of John Jivery

*You can read the FULL Problem details using the OM official team account after the successful enrolment.

b. Four Divisions

Division I, II, III and IV are open for all five problems.

The oldest team member determines the team's division as follows:

- Division I:
under the age of 12 on 1 May 2026 (i.e. born on or after 2 May 2014)
- Division II:
under the age of 15 on 1 May 2026 (i.e. born on or after 2 May 2011)
- Division III:
aged 15 or above on 1 May 2026 (i.e. born on or before 1 May 2011)
and attending full-time secondary schools
- Division IV:
All teams must have a majority of members who are high school graduates and registered for at least one class at a college, university, accredited technical school. Team members do not have to attend the same institution.

* Each team may comprise up to 7 students and must have at least one adult, 18 years of age or older, registered as its coach.

* Teams are not allowed to change their divisions.

c. The World Finals

- The champion and first runner-up of each problem and division, as well as the winner(s) of Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award will be nominated for the US World Finals 2026. The tournament date of Odyssey of the Mind World Finals 2026 will be **27-30 May 2026** at Iowa State University.

- Participating teams are responsible for covering expenses related to participating in the World Finals, including but not limited to transportation, accommodation, visa application fees, travel insurance costs, logistics, and more. Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong will offer package for the whole World Finals Trip which will be announced later.
- The US organiser's decision on any matter concerning the World Finals is final and binding.
- If you have any enquiries regarding the World Finals, please contact Odyssey of the Mind (US) at info@odysseyofthemind.com.

2. Interested?

a. **Basic Enrollment Principles**

- Each school can send only **one team in the same problem**.
- **Quota is limited.**
- **Application for enrolment will be processed on a first-come first-served basis. Priority will be given to:**
 - Teams that have previously participated in the competition.
 - The first team from interested schools.
- Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong reserves the right to make the final decision on the problem(s) and division(s) that will be made available.
- Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong reserves the right to decline participation in the tournament without any indication of reasons.

b. **Act now!**

Please ensure that the **original completed Enrollment Form**, with the **principal's signature** and **school stamp**, is returned to us by post or in person along with the **cheque payment**. The deadline for submission is **15 Oct 2025 (Wed)**.

Address of Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong:

Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Kowloon Centre,
1/F, Activity Building, 23 Waterloo Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon

- Please indicate on the envelope, "Enrollment for Odyssey of the Mind Hong Kong and Macao Regional Tournament 2026".
- Late submission will not be entertained.
- A confirmation email will be sent to the coach upon receipt of the Enrollment Form and cheque payment.
- Enrollment results and membership login will be released in mid December 2025. Participating teams can download the full version of Long-term problem using their membership login.
- Due to the expected high participation rate, teams are encouraged to enroll early for the tournament.
- You must clearly indicate your priority of preferences for the long-term problem on the Enrollment Form. **Please mark your preference for each available choice.**

Enrolment Fee

- An enrolment fee of **HK\$5,000** will be charged **per participating team**, including an overnight camp room for maximum 9-person on 6 Feb 2026 (check-in at 4:00pm or after, checkout at 1:30pm on the next day), dinner (6:00-6:45pm) on check-in day, takeaway breakfast (07:30-08:30am) and lunch (12:00-12:45pm) on the next day provided.

- The enrollment fee of HK\$5,000 is for participation in the regional tournament only. This already includes an annual membership fee for Odyssey of the Mind.
- Payment should be made by cheque payable to: **Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong**
- **One cheque per team** should be submitted.
- Please write the **name of your school** on the back of the cheque(s).
- The enrolment fee is non-refundable, unless your enrolment is unsuccessful.

3. **What will be supported?**

After you have successfully enrolled,

- the coach will be invited to the Coach Meeting and Competition Site Visit. Date to be confirmed;
- the coach will receive email notifications to stay informed and updated on the latest news regarding the programme.
- the participating schools will be responsible for the expenses incurred in the preparation for the competition and other logistics expenses, such as meals and transportation, related to the competition. The total cost is subject to the actual practice of your school.

4. **Need more help?**

- An **Online Briefing Session** for teams that have never participated before will be held on 25 Sep 2025(Thu) 16:00-17:00, please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/mxbxQ7dA0f> if you are interested to know more about this programme.
- For more details: <https://ymca.org.hk/om/>
- For enquiries, please contact us via email at om.enquiry@ymca.org.hk

5. Important Dates

* The dates listed below are **tentative and subject to change**. Coaches will receive email notifications with the latest schedule and arrangements.

Date* (Tentative)		Event
All Participating Teams		
2025	5 September (Fri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Enrolment
	25 September (Thu)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Briefing Session for schools
	15 October (Wed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment deadline
	Mid November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of enrollment results by email • Download the full version of the Long-term problem using the official membership login
	Late November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition Site Visit
	19 December (Fri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for submitting team roster and choice of language
2026	TBC by OM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for submitting clarification requests
	6 February (Fri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp check-in at 4:00pm
	7 February (Sat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odyssey of the Mind Hong Kong Regional Tournament 2026
World Finals Qualifying Teams		
2026	27 February (Fri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for World Finals Enrolment
	Mid May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set-off Ceremony for Odyssey of the Mind World Finals 2026 Hong Kong Joint Schools Delegation
	27-31 May (To be confirmed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odyssey of the Mind World Finals 2026 (Iowa State University., United States)