



Tournament of Minds

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JUDGE REGISTRATION FORM 2010

Please complete this form and email or post back to the TOM Office (contact details above).

Name:			
Organisation/School:			
Mailing address:		Postcode:	
Mobile phone:			
Home phone:			
Email address:			
Association with competing teams:			
Dietary requirements:			
Preferred Division:			
Preferred Challenge:	Applied Technology	Language Literature	
	Maths Engineering	Social Sciences	
	Spontaneous	Any	

Venue (TOM Region)	Date(s)	Saturday Sessions	Sunday Sessions
La Trobe University, Bundoora (Metro Northern Region)	Sat 21 st August	Sat 8-11.30am	Sun 8-11.30am
	Sun 22 nd August	Sat 11.30-3pm	Sun 11.30-3pm
		Sat 3-6.30pm	Sun 3-6.30pm
Deakin University, Burwood Campus (Metro Central Region)	Sat 28 th August	Sat 8-11.30am	Sun 8-11.30am
	Sun 29 th August	Sat 11.30-3pm	Sun 11.30-3pm
		Sat 3-6.30pm	Sun 3-6.30pm
Swinburne University of Technology, Lilydale Campus (Lilydale Region)	Saturday 21 st August only	Sat 8-11.30am	Sun 8-11.30am
		Sat 11.30-3pm	Sun 11.30-3pm
		Sat 3-6.30pm	Sun 3-6.30pm
La Trobe University, Bendigo (Central Victoria Region)	Saturday 28 th August only	Sat AM	
		Sat PM	
Monash University, Churchill Campus (Gippsland Region)	Saturday 21 st August only	Sat AM	
		Sat PM	
Goulburn Valley Grammar School Shepparton (Goulburn Valley Region)	Saturday 21 st August only	Sat AM	
		Sat PM	
Deakin University, Waurin Ponds (Geelong Region)	Sunday 22 nd August only		Sun AM
			Sun PM

Judge Information Sheet

The Role of the Judge

TOM judges have a twofold role. Firstly, they provide immediate, positive and constructive verbal feedback to teams. Secondly, they assess the performance of the team based on a detailed set of scoring criteria. This information is strictly confidential and is used by the TOM Committee to select teams to move on to the next stage of the Tournament. Judges are an integral part of the Tournament of Minds program and could not function without the help of the hundreds of judges who volunteer each year. We value the dedication and commitment of our experienced judges and are always delighted to welcome new judges. We thank you for your time and wonderful support of Tournament of Minds.

Judging Panels

All teams present to a panel of judges. This panel usually consists of three judges. There will be an experienced judge on the panel and one of the judges is usually a teacher. Of course also having judges from outside education is a wonderful strength of TOM.

Selecting a Region

It is of course up to you which Region you judge in and on what day you judge - for those regions with Regional Tournaments over two days.

Selecting a Challenge

Each team that participates in TOM presents two different Challenge solutions. One is their Long Term Challenge solution. This is the result of 6 weeks of preparation. Each team can choose to work on a Long Term Challenge in one of the following categories: Applied Technology (Movie Making), Language Literature, Maths Engineering or Social Science. This presentation is conducted in front of the judging panel and an audience. Each presentation takes ten minutes.

Each team also presents a solution to the Spontaneous Challenge. As the name suggests, this is an unseen challenge that is given to the team at the time of their presentation. Only the team and the judging panel are able to watch this presentation. A Spontaneous Challenge presentation generally takes about five minutes.

You may choose to judge the Spontaneous Challenge or one of the four categories of Long Term Challenges. You also have a choice with regard to judging Primary or Secondary school teams.

Time Commitment

The time commitment varies from region to region. As a guide, in metropolitan regions a judge typically sits on a panel for one session of approximately 3.5 hours on one of the days. In other regions the sessions are generally from 2-3 hours.

Judges should arrive about 30 minutes prior to the appointed time. Some panels will feel the need to discuss their scoring for a short time after their session has finished. Some TOM judges generously offer to judge for more than one session.

Training for Judges

In July, each judge will receive a copy of the *Judges Instruction Manual*, the four Long Term Challenges and a sample of a previous Spontaneous Challenge. It is expected that judges would familiarise themselves with the rules, and the Challenge they are judging (if it is a Long Term Challenge). If judging the Spontaneous Challenge, it will only be shown to judges just prior to their judging session.

All judges are asked to attend a Judges Training Session. The session, run at the venues below, will provide additional helpful information and provide an opportunity to practise judging challenges, meet other judges, note any rule changes and ask questions.

Region	Date	Venue & Time
Central Victoria Region:	Monday 16 th August	La Trobe University, Bendigo 7-9pm TBC
Geelong Region:	Monday 16 th August	Sacred Heart College, Newtown 7-9pm
Gippsland Region:	Monday 16 th August	Gippsland Ed. Precinct, Churchill 7-9pm
Goulburn Valley Region:	Monday 9 th August	Goulburn Valley Grammar, Shepparton 7-9pm TBC
Lilydale Region:	Wednesday 11 th August	Swinburne University, Lilydale 7-9pm
Metro Central Region:	Thursday 12 th August	Fintona Girls' School, Balwyn 7-9pm
Metro Northern Region:	Tuesday 10 th August	Ivanhoe East Primary School 7-9pm

Judges must strive to make Tournament of Minds a positive experience for all students regardless of what happens during their presentation.