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Important Message Regarding the 2021 Tournament Season

After listening to teams, coaches and officials over the past few weeks the NYSOMA has decided that there will not be a State Finals tournament in 2021. I know this news will come as a surprise but we feel that this is a good decision for everybody.

So what does that mean?

Following discussions with Regional Directors, NY will have a virtual Multi-regional Tournament that will be judged by one set of officials for each problem and division. Teams in each individual region will compete against one another for ranking in their region that will be acknowledged at their Regional Award ceremony.

As teams throughout the state will have been judged by the same set of officials this means that NYSOMA can pull together all the scores across the state to determine placings at a state level. Top-ranking teams will be announced as our State winners and be invited to advance to World Finals.

The benefit of this tournament model is that:

The **video submission deadline** has moved from January 31, 2021 to **March 6, 2021**

Teams can still submit clarifications up to the February 15th deadline

We can pull together a strong and solid judging team for one event.

The new timeline of events will be as follows:

Team Registration deadline: January 15, 2021

Video and paperwork submission: March 6 by 11PM

P4 structures must be mailed to the weigh-in/crush site by March 6 (Location TBD)

Video and paperwork review: March 6 to March 12

Long-term Judging: March 13 to March 26

Team Spontaneous Completion between: March 13 to March 16

Regional Awards: between March 27 and April 2nd (TBA by region)

NYSOMA State Awards: April 3

We understand that this is a different competition model from usual but given the current situation with COVID we feel that this is the safest and most efficient plan for everybody.

If you have questions please reach out to either your Regional Director or to me at: llucas@nysoma.org

Wishing you all a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Lynn Lucas, NYSOMA State Director