Dear SoCal OMers,

For those of you who have been participating in California Odyssey for more than two years, you are aware that our guidelines for which teams advance from the regional tournaments to the state tournament have changed each year. While I understand this can cause some confusion, the state board considers many sources of data each year in determining the best advancement guidelines. This data includes the number of teams competing across the organization, how many teams are in each problem, and how many teams are in each division. These numbers change from year to year based on many factors. The board wants to ensure that as many teams advance to state as possible, while making certain that we have a manageable competition schedule for our competing teams and judging teams.

The board has several different options for advancement guidelines, and this year determined that the following guidelines will be followed:

All teams finishing first, second, or third will advance to the state tournament. This includes any ties that may occur in first, second, or third.

We are excited to offer third place teams the opportunity to compete at state for the first time!

We're looking forward to an amazing year of creativity!

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