

***Obstacles, Of Course!* at Global Finals 2008**

Congratulations on advancing to the Global Finals competition of *Obstacles, Of Course!* at Global Finals 2008! We would like to take this opportunity to provide some information you should be aware of as you prepare for Global Finals. We strongly encourage you to attend the **Team Manager meeting on Wednesday, May 21st at 3:30 PM in the Knoxville Convention Center (KCC) Ballrooms ABC**. The International Challenge Masters and Head Appraisers will be available in the *Obstacles, Of Course!* segment of this meeting to answer your questions.

Safety

Destination ImagiNation is committed to providing a safe environment for those presenting, appraising and watching at the *Obstacles, Of Course!* Presentation sites. To that end:

- Safety is a SERIOUS concern
- Prep Appraisers will ask teams to see all of your Obstacles and your Vehicle
- Review the Use of the Electricity section in the *Rules of the Road* (p.23-24). 15A, 1800Watt, 120V GFIs will be available at the Presentation Site.

Saturday's Road Race

On Saturday morning, Knoxville hosts the Tennessee Sports Medicine EXPO - 10K, 5K & Fun Walk road race until about noon. Many roads around the KCEC and KCC will be closed or have limited access. All teams performing Saturday morning should plan on delays in travel to and from the Knoxville Convention / Exhibition Center and Knoxville Convention Center.

Presentation Sites

- All 4 Levels of *Obstacles, Of Course!* will present on the ground floor of the Knoxville Convention / Exhibition Center connected to the Holiday Inn Select.
- The Appraisers will provide a 40ft x 40ft area for the Presentation at each Presentation Site.
- The three sites will have the floor pre-taped according to Diagram 1 found on page 3 of the Challenge, as modified by Published Clarification #1. The 'Audience' is the side facing the spectator entrances (see the diagram below). The Audience will be on three sides of the Presentation Site.
- Teams WILL NOT be allowed to practice their Presentation on any of the Presentation Sites.
- This will be an open site. This means that doors are not shut before each Presentation. These rooms have very high ceilings, as you find in many convention centers' gyms. The floors are concrete. The sites were not built with an emphasis on acoustics. The Secondary Level site is separated from Prop Storage by a thick curtain.
- The concrete floors are relatively smooth. Though many teams with wheeled vehicles in previous years had trouble with traction on the floor, there were no safety issues with people slipping.
- Prop Drop-off will be at the north end of the Center. This is also the location for Prop Storage.
- *Obstacles, Of Course!* will have a packed, busy schedule. Furthermore, most teams are expected to use their full 8-minute Presentation Time. It is, therefore, very important that your team assemble in Prop Storage and be ready to go 45-60 minutes prior to your Presentation time.
- A common problem that teams face as they enter the Prep Area is missing some required paperwork. To avoid this problem, visit the Checker Table at the info booth in the Knoxville Convention Center.
- Additional lights will be set up by our camera crew around the Presentation Site and turned on for all teams.

Interference

Rules of the Road, Rules of Interference for Team Challenges, pages 14 –17, apply to this Tournament as they have to all others! Appraisers and other Tournament Officials will deduct points for Interference or Unsportsmanlike Conduct in order to keep a level playing field for all teams.

Challenge Rules Reminders

- A set of Global Finals Clarifications will be issued for you to review and follow. These will not change the interpretation of the Challenge. They will clarify how the Challenge will be appraised at Global Finals 2008. By making you aware of these now, no one will be surprised at the Tournament.

Please see the diagram below for more site-specific details. We are excited to see your team Overcome Obstacles at Global Finals 2008!

Chuck Wood and Brant Wood
(No we are not brothers!)
International Challenge Masters
Obstacles, Of Course!

