



## ODACS RULES

### ELEMENTARY, LEVEL I, GRADES 4-6

#### AREA FIVE: ACADEMICS

##### GENERAL RULES

A student may enter a total of two Academic categories. However, he may enter only one category from Division 3 and one category from Division 4. (He may not enter both composition categories or both science fair categories.) Example: He may take two academic tests; or he may take one academic test and enter a science fair project; or he may enter one writing category and one science fair project.

##### Division 3: Composition

##### GENERAL RULES

1. A student may enter a total of two Academic categories. However, he may enter only one category from Division 3 and one category from Division 4. (He may not enter both composition categories or both science fair categories.) Example: He may take two academic tests; or he may take one academic test and enter a science fair project; or he may enter one writing category and one science fair project.
2. Creative Writing students must supply the appropriate judging form (p. 199 or 200 of this manual) with the top portion completed (name, school, etc.).

##### Categories 8, 9: Creative Writing: Poetry      Creative Writing: Short Story

1. The writing period will be two hours.
2. *The prompt will be sent to schools several days prior to the competition day.*
3. *The student must write with a proctor present and must affirm the Statement of Originality (rule 7). The student may reference a dictionary and a thesaurus.*
4. *Artificial intelligence tools or software may not be used at any stage of the process except for pre-writing research. In pre-writing research, the writing prompt may not be entered into AI software for any purpose. AI tools or software may not be used to generate ideas in writing to suggest edits or revisions, or for any other purpose. From beginning to end, except for pre-writing research, the submission must be entirely the original work of the student. In the categories 8 and 9, the competitor and the school proctor will both be required to sign this statement of originality: "I certify that this submission is entirely my original work and that I received no help in completing this project other than general instruction and supervision. Except for pre-writing research, I did not use any AI tools or software to create my writing submission. I did not enter the writing prompt in AI software to assist me. When writing, I followed conscientiously the instructions regarding 'Prohibition of AI Writing Tools' in the general rules."*
5. Previously written poems or short stories will not be acceptable.
6. Creative Writing entries for Level I may be either hand-written or typewritten. Legibility will be a requirement for evaluation.
7. The student will include the following Statement of Originality on the entry itself: *"I certify that this submission is entirely my original work and that I received no help in completing this project other than general instruction and supervision. Except for pre-writing research, I did not use any AI tools or software to create my writing submission. I did not enter the writing prompt in AI software to assist me. When writing, I followed conscientiously the instructions regarding 'Prohibition of AI Writing Tools' in the general rules."* The student will then sign this statement. Failure to include this signed statement may result in disqualification.
8. Paper will be provided by the proctor.
9. Creative Writing entries will be written at school and brought to the competition site to expedite the schedule. See appendix page 154 for procedures.
10. Each entry will be judged according to the criteria on the Creative Writing judging forms on pages 199-200 of this manual. The student must provide three judging forms.