

Coaches & Officials Problem

OMER's Five Minute Fold

A. The Problem

You will have five minutes to build the tallest structure possible using only sheets of paper and masking tape. In true Odyssey fashion, you will also represent an iconic structure from around the world through props, costumes — or whatever Style you choose!

B. Limitations

1. You are allowed to work individually or in a group of up to four people as a single entrant.
2. Each entrant will be given 30 sheets of paper measuring 8 ½" x 11" and a 30" piece of masking tape. Nothing else is allowed to be included in your structure.
3. To help build the structure, entrants can use one handheld device or object. It must be within the rules in the Program Guide and must be approved by the judges when you register at the competition site. Duplicates and other devices, tools, etc. are not allowed.
4. To qualify for score, your solution must rest on the floor only. When time ends, nothing is allowed to touch the structure, including the handheld device or object.
5. You are not allowed to interfere with other solutions. (Yes, this means no using a fan to blow down the competition!)
6. Each entrant will represent any of these existing structures through costume, setting, and/or sound: Eiffel Tower, Seattle Space Needle, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Empire State Building, or The Burj Khalifa.
7. Props can be used to help represent the selected building, but are not allowed to be used in the structure and cannot support the structure in any way.

C. The Competition

1. You will be assigned a number when you register at the competition site.
2. When your number is announced, the entrant will be given the paper and tape and be directed to a build area.
3. Five entrants will compete at a time.
4. A judge will blow a whistle to indicate that the 5-minute build time has begun.
5. After every entrant has competed, the three entrants with the highest recorded structure height will advance to the Finals. In the finals, the entrants will be given 40 sheets of paper and 40" of masking tape to build a new structure.

D. Awards

1. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place as determined by the results of the Finals round.
2. A trophy will be awarded to the entrant with the most popular representation of a structure. This will be determined by the audience reaction and the judge's assessment.

