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COVID-19 & MIST

While we are all excited to be back in person, there are a few minor changes that have been made to ensure the safety of you and your loved ones. This year, all competitors and MIST attendees **must be fully vaccinated** against the COVID-19 virus. Vaccine verification will occur at the check-in table where each attendee will either present a physical or virtual copy of their card. If an attendee has a medical exemption, they must notify us **at least 4 weeks before** the tournament weekend by emailing us at socal@getmistified.com.

All attendees will also be required to **wear a mask** for the duration of the tournament and **social distancing** will be observed where possible. Masks can be removed only during the following: when outdoors, eating, drinking, or when giving a verbal performance. Failure to comply with the mask policy may result in **competitor disqualification**. A daily health check must also be filled out the morning of each tournament day by anyone who will be present on campus.

If an attendee **contracts COVID-19** or **experiences symptoms** prior to the tournament, they may not attend in-person and will be eligible to **receive a full refund**. The full refund also applies to anyone that experiences **vaccine side effects** or if the **tournament is canceled** due to increased restrictions.

To further ensure a safe environment, MIST is adopting a **hybrid approach** to the tournament. This is to provide the opportunity for all competitors to participate in MIST, regardless as to whether they can attend in-person or not. Each category, except for sports, has at least one online competition offering, ensuring that fully virtual participants still have a chance to win.

The way SoCal will be applying this is through a **hybrid tournament weekend**: Virtual competitions will take place on **Friday, March 18th** and the in-person competitions are expected to occur on **Saturday, March 19th and Sunday, March 20th** at **California State University, Fullerton**. The awards ceremony where all winners will be announced (including those from the virtual portion) will be held in-person on Sunday evening. There will hopefully be a live stream, if possible, of the awards ceremony as well. Please refer to the following list of both the in-person and virtual competitions.



In-Person:

Quran Memorization 1, 2 & 3
Quran Recitation
2D Art*
3D Art*
Fashion Design*
Photography*
Extemporaneous Speaking
Original Oratory
Spoken Word
Debate**
MIST Bowl
Improv
Business Venture
Nasheed & Rap
Humanitarian Service
Science Fair
Short Film
Basketball

Virtual:

Knowledge Tests 1, 2, & 3
Graphic Design
Creative Writing
Math Olympics***
Short Film

**Students may elect to request an online interview option*

***Debate prelims will be conducted online*

****Math prelims will be online, ciphering rounds will be offered in a hybrid optional format*



Registration Information

Registration will be conducted through “myMIST” using the following link:

<https://my.getmistified.com/>. As part of the registration process, student **school IDs must be uploaded**. If a student ID is not provided, or the ID provided does not correspond to the team they have registered for, the student will be disqualified from SoCal MIST 2022.

All teams are required to have **1 coach and 1 captain**. Captains are responsible for keeping track & possibly modifying their team’s competition sign-ups and can view who has paid or not. The captain is also in charge of finalizing team registration by **March 5th, 2022**, after which point the team is confirmed and no further changes can be made.

Head coaches are in charge of chaperoning your team throughout the weekend of MIST. They must be **25 years or older** to register and cannot be signed up as a judge for any competition. A team is only allowed a **maximum of two head coaches**. A coach is only allowed to be the assigned head coach for a maximum of two participating teams. If a team would like to have a specialized **assistant coach** (such as a basketball coach) present the weekend of MIST, they must also register as such. Assistant coaches must be **21 years or older** to register. There is **no limitation on the number of assistant coaches** a team may have. An assistant coach also cannot be a judge for any competitions.

A competitor must sign up under the high school they are currently attending. The following circumstances are the only exception to the preceding statement:

- A student is currently homeschooled or enrolled in an alternative educational program.
- A high school aged student is not currently enrolled in school or has graduated early (possibly taken the CHSPE).

In the instance where a person meets one of the above criteria, please utilize the “**Special Accommodations**” feature (details below) on myMIST and we will assist you in the process of signing up under the school that is nearest in proximity to you.

If competitors from different MIST teams would like to form a coalition, they are open to do so **only for team competitions** within Brackets, Group Projects, and Basketball. Each competitor must still be registered under the school they attend and must email socal@getmistified.com & register.socal@getmistified.com the following information: the team your school wants to form a coalition with and for which competition(s). Prior to forming a coalition, each school’s team must be confirmed in myMIST. Competitors may only form coalitions for the aforementioned categories and each school’s team **will still exist as a separate entity**. Points will be awarded to all the MIST teams within a coalition if they do place in the competition they were registered for.



If a competitor would like to have **guests** present the weekend of MIST, they must also be **registered through myMIST**. Guests can spectate open competitions as well as attend workshops and the awards ceremony. Regardless of how many days a guest plans to attend, they must be registered.

Special Accommodations

If a **competitor requires any accommodations** whether it is in respect to gender, team/school registration, interview format (applies to 2D Art, 3D Art, Photography, and Fashion Design), or anything else, they can **utilize the “Special Accommodations”** feature on myMIST. For those signed up in **Math Olympics**, they must also indicate whether they will be competing entirely virtually or opt for the hybrid method.

When a competitor first creates an account on myMIST, they will be prompted to fill out this section during the last portion of their account creation. A competitor should then describe what personal accommodations they need. For example, they can state “Will need to do 2D Art interview online” or “Personal restriction reciting Quran in front of the opposite gender” when it comes to requesting competition or gender related accommodations respectively.

If a competitor already has a myMIST account from a previous year and is logging back in to register for this year’s event, they can find the special accommodations section by going to their profile settings (top right corner of the webpage). After locating their profile, the competitor will then click on “Edit Account” which will then allow them to edit their personal accommodations box.



Competition Guidelines

The MIST 2022 Rulebook outlines the number of competitors that can sign up for each competition and early submission requirements for each. Competitors may only sign up for **one competition per category** (e.g., you cannot sign up for both 2D Art and 3D Art). For early submission formats and requirements, please refer to the official rulebook. All early submissions will be uploaded to the myMIST portal. If you have any questions regarding early submissions, please email socal@getmistified.com.

If a school needs help maintaining records of competition sign-ups, make a copy of our handy **team management tool**: <https://rb.gy/ilgigi>.

If a competitor is unable to attend the in-person tournament, there is an **online interview option** for the following competitions: **2D Art, 3D Art, Photography, and Fashion Design**. The competitor **must still abide by the in-person submission** guidelines listed under the Category 2 section for those respective competitions. If a competitor would like an online interview, they must notify us as soon as possible via the “Special Accommodations” feature in myMIST (explained in the Registration Information section). In order to meet the in-person submission requirement in this case, a team’s coach can submit all the necessary materials, in-person (March 19, 2022), on behalf of the competitors who opted for a virtual interview. A fellow team member may also submit the materials on behalf of a fully virtual competitor.

For **Math Olympics**, the competition will be held in a **hybrid fashion** during MIST weekend. The **pre-test portion**, which will occur on the **virtual MIST day** (Friday, March 18th), will be self-paced and conducted through an online testing software (Quizizz) for both virtual and in-person competitors. Competitors will be proctored through a Google Meet room with both their camera and microphone on. The **ciphering rounds** will be run a little differently: a **Google Meet** room with all **virtual competitors** and a **classroom on campus** for all **in-person competitors** during the **in-person MIST weekend** days (Saturday, March 19th & Sunday, March 20th). All the competitors within these rounds will be simultaneously competing against each other as each question is projected. While virtual competitors will still be utilizing the online testing software, in-person competitors will be working on paper. Once a competitor has completed the question, they must raise their hand and verbally say “Done.” For virtual competitors, they must submit their answer to the online testing software and then verbally say “Done.” Points will be awarded in accordance with accuracy as well as speed of competitor solutions (as mentioned in the rulebook).



For **Debate**, the **preliminary round will be held virtually** while all remaining rounds will occur in-person. This competition will still be classified as an in-person competition.

As for Esports, SoCal will not be offering any competitions within this category.

The following is a short summary of competitors sign-ups, early submissions, and on-site requirements:

Category 1: Knowledge and Quran

Knowledge Tests 1, 2, and 3

- Competitors: A maximum of 4 students per knowledge test per school. This is an individual competition.

Quran Memorization: Level 1

- Competitors: A maximum of 4 female and 4 male students per school. This is an individual competition.

Quran Memorization: Levels 2 and 3

- Competitors: A maximum of 2 female and 2 male students per level per school. This is an individual competition.

Quran Recitation

- Competitors: A maximum of 4 female and 4 male students per school. This is an individual competition.



Category 2: Arts

2D Art

- Competitors: A maximum of 4 students per school. This is an individual competition.
- On-site submission: The 2D artwork and 3 print copies of the written artist statement must be submitted in-person at check-in on March 19th, 2022.

3D Art

- Competitors: A maximum of 4 students per school. This is an individual competition.
- On-site submission: The 3D artwork and 3 print copies of the written artist statement must be submitted in-person at check-in on March 19th, 2022.

Fashion Design

- Competitors: A maximum of 4 students per school. This is an individual competition.
- On-site submission: The fashion design portfolio and 3 print copies of the written artist statement must be submitted in-person at check-in on March 19th, 2022.

Graphic Design

- Competitors: A maximum of 4 students per school. This is an individual competition.
- Early submission: The digital artwork and artist's statement describing the artwork must be submitted on MyMIST by March 5th, 2022.

Photography

- Competitors: A maximum of 4 students per school. This is an individual competition.
- Early submission: The photography portfolio and 3 print copies of the written artist must be submitted in-person at check-in on March 19th, 2022.



Category 3: Writing and Oratory

Extemporaneous Speaking

- Competitors: A maximum of 4 students per school. This is an individual competition.

Original Oratory

- Competitors: A maximum of 4 students per school. This is an individual competition.
- On-site submission: 3 print copies of the script must be submitted in-person at check-in on March 19th, 2022.

Creative Writing

- Competitors: A maximum of 6 students per school. This is an individual competition.
- Early submission: The written piece and artist's statement describing the artwork must be submitted on MyMIST by March 5th, 2022.

Spoken Word

- Competitors: A maximum of 4 students per school. This is an individual competition.
- On-site submission: 3 print copies of the script must be submitted in-person at check-in on March 19th, 2022.



Category 4: Brackets

Debate

- Competitors: A maximum of 2 students per school. This is an individual competition.

Math Olympics

- Competitors: A maximum of 4 students per school. This is an individual competition.

MIST Quiz Bowl

- Competitors: A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 6 students per team, 1 team per school. This is a team competition.

Improv

- Competitors: A minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 students per team, 1 female and 1 male team per school. This is a team competition.



Category 5: Group Projects

Business Venture

- Competitors: A minimum of 1 and a maximum of 6 students per team, 1 team per school. This is a team competition.
- Early submission: A project proposal must be submitted on MyMIST by March 5th, 2022.
- On-site submission: 3 print copies of the Business Venture outline as well as any supplemental materials must be submitted in-person at check-in on March 19th, 2022.

Nasheed/Rap

- Competitors: A minimum of 1 and a maximum of 6 students per team, 1 female and 1 male team per school. This is a team competition.
- On-site submission: 3 print copies of the lyrics must be submitted in-person at check-in on March 19th, 2022.

Humanitarian Service

- Competitors: A minimum of 1 and a maximum of 6 students per team, 1 team per school. This is a team competition.
- On-site submission: 3 print copies of the campaign plan as well as any supplemental materials must be submitted in-person at check-in on March 19th, 2022.

Science Fair

- Competitors: A minimum of 1 and a maximum of 6 students per team, 2 teams per school. This is a team competition.
- Early submission: A research paper must be submitted on MyMIST by March 5th, 2022.
- On-site submission: The presentation, in the team's medium of choice, must be submitted in-person at check-in on March 19th, 2022.

Short Film

- Competitors: A minimum of 1 and a maximum of 6 students per team., 1 team per school. This is a team competition.
- Early submission: The film, region's entry form, and artist statement must be submitted on MyMIST by March 5th, 2022.

Category 6: Sports

Basketball

- Competitors: A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 students per team, 1 female and 1 male team per school. This is a team competition.



Competition Materials

Supplemental materials for Knowledge Tests and MIST Bowl Topics can be found on the MIST National's website here: getmistified.com/rulebook. The materials are also listed below for your convenience. All content that will be utilized for the aforementioned competitions will only come from the following materials. For the Knowledge Test books, you do not have to purchase them from the linked sources. If you do decide to purchase them elsewhere, please ensure that you are consistent with the editions listed on the linked websites.

Knowledge Test Books

Test 1: [Towards Sacred Activism](#) by Dawud Walid

Test 2: [With the Heart in Mind](#) by Mikaeel Ahmed Smith

Test 3: [Hidden Figures](#) by Margot Lee Shetterly (only read Chapters 1-15)

MIST Bowl Packets

[MIST Bowl - Topic 1](#)

[MIST Bowl - Topic 2](#)

[MIST Bowl - Topic 3](#)

[MIST Bowl - Topic 4](#)

[MIST Bowl - Topic 5](#)

MIST Bowl - Topic 6: Current Events has no provided packet. Please study any events that have occurred since November 1st, 2021.

Debate Topics

[Debate Topics Packet](#)



Tournament Points & Scoring

Most competitions in MIST are scored based on their own unique ballots which can be found in the rulebook. These ballots allow judges to produce numerical scores that correspond to a competitor's overall performance. These scores are ordered and ranked. In the case of brackets (Category IV) and sports competitions (Category VI), ballots may be used to determine the outcome of preliminary rounds (such as Debate or Improv), but ranking is derived from the bracket outcomes directly. A competitor or group's overall ranking in a competition determines their tournament points earned for that competition. The system is as follows:

1st Place:	10 points
2nd Place:	8 points
3rd Place:	6 points
4th Place:	4 points
5th Place:	2 points

Please also note that it is possible to **lose** tournament points due to unexcused absences. If an absence is because of extenuating circumstances beyond a competitor's control, this does not apply. However, willful, or consequential failure to be present by the start time of a competition will result in the following penalties:

Unexcused Absence for Category I, II, III, & V competition:	-2 Points
Unexcused Absence for Category IV or VI competition:	-4 points

Tournament points go toward both an individual competitor total, as well as an overall team total. The summation of these points is ordered and ranked to determine the final tournament team and individual rankings. The top 3 for each competition, top 3 scoring individual competitors, and top 3 scoring teams will be announced at the award ceremony. The top 5 for each competition and overall will be posted at socialmist.com sometime afterward.

In the case of a tie within a specific competition, both competitors/teams will earn the same points (e.g.: tie for 2nd, both competitors/teams receive 8 points). In the case of a tie between overall tournament points totals, the following tiebreaker system will be used:

1. If the tournament points totals are the same, the winner is the competitor/team with the most "Gold" (1st place) medals earned from competition placement.
2. If both have the same number of "Gold" medals, the winner is the competitor/team with the most "Silver" (2nd place) medals earned from competition placement.
3. If both have the same number of "Silver" medals, the winner is the competitor/team with the most "Bronze" (3rd place) medals earned from competition placement.
4. If both have the same number of "Bronze" medals, a national representative is brought in to consult and break the tie using further contingency protocols.



Gender Segregated Competitions

The MIST 2022 rulebook indicates that the following *non-athletic* competitions are gender-segregated: Quran Memorization (Levels 1, 2, and 3), Quran Recitation, Improv, and Nasheed/Rap. **SoCal MIST believes in the equality of all competitors and their ability to compete and achieve based on their skill & talent alone, regardless of their gender.** This section seeks to add clarity as to the format of these competitions and what competitors should expect from the SoCal MIST 2022 regional tournament.

At SoCal MIST 2022, all competitors will be judged by the same panels, can spectate, and will receive regional rankings irrespective of their gender for all *non-athletic* competitions. **SoCal MIST respects the diversity of personal, cultural, and religious beliefs that our competitors bring to our tournaments and will provide accommodations for anyone who may feel underserved by this tournament format.**

Quran Memorization and Recitation

- **Competing:** Each school team is allowed 4 male and 4 female competitors for the Memorization Level 1 and Recitation competitions, but only 2 male and 2 female competitors for Memorization Level 2 and 3. Competitors will compete one at a time and all competitors (within each level) against one another.
- **Spectating:** All category one testing will occur in a private room with only a judging panel and will not be open to spectators. In the instance that a competitor has a personal restriction with reciting in front of the opposite gender, accommodations will be made. If this applies to you, please utilize the “Special Accommodations” feature on myMIST (further explained in the Registration Information section).
- **Ranking:** Overall rankings at the regional level will be considered based on the raw scores across all competitors within the competition. Regional competition medals will therefore be awarded based on competitor performance across the board, rather than their gender-relative performance. In accordance with National guidelines, female and male competitors will receive their scores and points notated as separate gendered competitions. This ensures that the top performing competitors within each gender bracket will qualify for nationals, regardless of their regional ranking.



Nasheed & Rap

- **Competing:** Each school team is allowed one team of all male competitors and one team of all female competitors. Teams will compete one at a time and all teams against one another.
- **Spectating:** Nasheed/Rap is a competition open to spectators since performing in front of an audience is a major factor in a team's overall scoring for the competition. In the instance that a competitor has a personal restriction with performing in front of the opposite gender, accommodations will be made. If this applies to you, please utilize the "Special Accommodations" feature on myMIST (further explained in the Registration Information section). Please note that the comfort of our competitors is of the utmost priority, as we believe competitors perform their best when they feel safe and respected. As such, accommodations will be handled anonymously and unilaterally such that no other competitors within or outside of your team will be aware.
- **Ranking:** Overall rankings at the regional level will be considered based on the raw scores across all teams within the competition. Regional competition medals will therefore be awarded based on team performance across the board, rather than their gender-relative performance. In accordance with National guidelines, female and male teams will receive their scores and points notated as separate gendered competitions. This ensures that the top performing teams within each gender bracket will qualify for nationals, regardless of their regional ranking.



Improv

- **Competing:** Each school team is allowed one team of all male competitors and one team of all female competitors. As this is a bracket competition, an all-male team may be facing an all-female team. In regular fashion, the opposite team will be asked to leave the room so as to not be influenced by the performance of their opponents.
- **Spectating:** Improv is a competition open to spectators since performing in front of an audience is a major factor in a team's overall scoring for the competition. In the instance that a competitor has a personal restriction with performing in front of the opposite gender, accommodations will be made. If this applies to you, please utilize the "Special Accommodations" feature on myMIST (further explained in the Registration Information section). Please note that the comfort of our competitors is of the utmost priority, as we believe competitors perform their best when they feel safe and respected. As such, accommodations will be handled anonymously and unilaterally such that no other competitors within or outside of your team will be aware.
- **Ranking:** Overall rankings at the regional level will be considered based on the raw scores across all teams within the competition. Regional competition medals will therefore be awarded based on team performance across the board, rather than their gender-relative performance. In accordance with National guidelines, female and male teams will receive their scores and points notated as separate gendered competitions. This ensures that the top performing teams within each gender bracket will qualify for nationals, regardless of their regional ranking. Since Improv is a bracket competition, a team's relative positions within a theoretical gender bracket will determine nationals eligibility, as well as their points earned toward overall tournament performance.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: If I am not fully vaccinated by MIST weekend, can I compete in-person?

A: All MIST attendees (organizers, competitors, volunteers, coaches, and guests) must be fully vaccinated by the in-person weekend (if they will be present on campus). Besides a medical exemption, no exceptions will be made when it comes to this policy. Through a vaccine mandate, we can ensure your safety and that of those around you.

Q: Do I have to be present for the entirety of MIST weekend?

A: We recommend that you prepare to attend the entire weekend of the tournament. Your competitions may take place on one or both days, and there will be day-long programming available that you won't want to miss out on! Failure to be present for check-in may result in disqualification. Absence or tardiness from workshops and competitions may also result in point penalties to your team.

Q: Can I join a team if I do not go to that school?

A: In most cases, no. The only exception to this rule is if you do not attend a traditional public school but are currently high-school age.

Q: Can my team combine with another school to form a single team?

A: No, coalitions are not allowed on the team level. However, for group competitions you may form a single group with students from another school for just that competition on a case-by-case basis. For example, if your team only has three male basketball players, you can collate with another school to meet the minimum 5 player requirement.

Q: Can my Youth Group form a team?

A: No since this would effectively be a multi-team coalition (see above).

Q: Can I compete if I am homeschooled or took the CHSPE?

A: Yes, if this applies to you, please contact us at socal@getmistified.com. In most cases, you will be able to compete with another pre-existing team.

Q: If I am no longer eligible to compete (e.g., I am currently a college student or working professional), how can I be involved in MIST?

A: You can become a volunteer or sign-up to be a judge if you meet the eligibility requirements! Both of those interest forms can be found on our website: <https://socalmist.com/>. While applications are currently closed, you can also apply to be a part of the amazing MIST executive board during the next recruitment cycle.



Q: Do I have to be Muslim to compete?

A: No. MIST may expose competitors to aspects of Islam, but does not require, impose, or expect any degree of religious adherence from any of its participants.

Q: Can I compete in both virtual and in-person competitions?

A: Yes, but you cannot sign up for more than one competition per category.

Q: Why does MIST cost so much? Are there financial aid options available?

A: MIST is a non-profit 501c3 organization that is completely volunteer run at all levels. As such, the costs to our participants are entirely representative of how much it costs us to provide our competitors with the weekend-long tournament experience. This registration fee helps us to cover food, venue, prizes, and other material costs we encounter. Each year, we try to find ways to keep our tournament affordable through the support of our community partners. If registration fees are a limiting factor for you, we do have financial aid options. Financial aid applications can be found on your registration dashboard on my.getmistified.com.

Q: What do you get if you win?

A: Competitors ranked 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in a competition will receive a corresponding medal or team trophy and will qualify to compete at MIST Nationals 2022. There are also trophies for the top three overall schools. The top 3 overall individual competitors will receive special prizes (which vary from year-to-year). The overall individual winner of MIST 2022 will win a sponsored Umrah trip.

Q: Does MIST pay for you to go to Nationals if you qualify?

A: Should you choose to participate in Nationals, MIST will provide you with clear price packages that include travel and hotel accommodations. Students from SoCal who compete in Nationals will travel together and compete as a single team. However, MIST will not pay for your travel and registration fees. If cost is a limiting factor, financial aid is often available at a National level, and SoCal MIST will try to solicit funding from the community to support you.

Q: Are transportation options available if we live far away from the tournament venue?

A: Generally, competitors are expected to facilitate their own transport to and from the event each day of the tournament weekend. However, if there is significant demand and numbers from a certain city/area for transportation options, MIST may help to facilitate bussing. If transportation options are made available, please note that there will likely be a \$20 - \$40 transportation fee.



Q: Does MIST organize hotels for students who are competing from out-of-town?

A: For regionals, MIST does not regulate where competitors may choose to seek hotel accommodations (if they are unable to commute). However, if you and/or your team intend to do so, please contact us at socal@getmistified.com so we can assist you with the details of this process.

Q: Will meals be provided at MIST?

A: Yes, but not all meals. Your registration fee includes lunch on both days. But make sure to eat a hearty breakfast before you leave for MIST in the morning! Both tournament days should also wrap-up early in the evening. Our venues are often near local restaurants and coffee shops (both on and off-campus) if you're looking to catch a bite between competitions.

Q: What is the dress code? Why is there a dress code?

A: All competitors must adhere to the national dress code which can be found at: <https://www.getmistified.com/dresscode>. The dress code exists to ensure a professional environment and that you make a good impression on the judges. Shorts, skirts, and short sleeve shirts are allowed during sports. If you have specific questions or concerns about the dress code, please contact us at socal@getmistified.com.

Q: Where can I find the MIST 2022 theme and rulebook?

A: The rulebook and theme description can be found on the MIST nationals website: <https://www.getmistified.com/rulebook>. It is also readily available on the SoCal MIST website: <https://socalmist.com/>.

Q: When will I be provided with a MIST name badge?

A: For in-person competitors, you will receive a physical MIST badge during the check-in process on March 19th, 2022.

Q: Oh no- I have school on Friday, March 18th, 2022! Does that mean I cannot participate in any virtual competitions?

A: All competitions on Friday will occur after regular school hours and will be held in the evening. Therefore, time conflicts with school should not be an issue!

Q: If I miss the early submission deadline for the competitions that require one, can I still compete in that competition?

A: While we are open to considering the circumstances, it is unlikely that a competitor will be able to compete in that competition. Please email socal@getmistified.com if you are having any issues with early submissions.



Q: Are Knowledge Tests open book?

A: Yes, a competitor can use their book during the exam. Internet searches and additional notes are not permissible.

Q: For competitions that require printed out statements for the on-site submissions, am I able to hand write them?

A: Please refrain from handwriting (for legibility purposes) and ensure that your statements are printed and bound.

Q: If I cannot make it to the in-person tournament yet would still like to compete in 2D Art, how can I submit my artwork?

A: In that instance when a competitor is unable to make it to campus for in-person submission competitions that have a virtual interview option, they can send in their artwork with their team coach or another member. The coach, or fellow team member, will then submit the artwork at check-in on behalf of the competitor. This **ONLY** applies to the following competitions: 2D Art, 3D Art, Fashion Design, and Photography. If a competitor chooses to have a virtual interview and has no means of submitting their artwork in-person, they will be unable to compete in one of the previously mentioned competitions.

Q: Can I use my tablet to create my artwork for Graphic Design?

A: Yes, any digital creation software is acceptable.

Q: Do we need to specify our team's Basketball colors at the time of registration?

A: You do not need to declare your team color on myMIST but should make sure that your team jerseys are identifiably uniform in some way.

Q: If I sign up for Basketball, do I have to sign up for another competition?

A: Yes, you must be registered for at least one competition from another category to be able to participate in Basketball.