

Exempt Items

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Exempt items

Certain items are exempt from being counted in the cost as long as they remain intact and are used for their intended purpose. These are items considered accessible to all teams without a cost associated with them. They are limited to the following items. These must be listed along with everything else on the Cost Form but with \$0 assigned to it.

- (1) **Extension cords and multiple plugs.**
- (2) **Batteries.**
- (3) **Chairs, stools, tables and desks.**
- (4) **Jewelry** such as **wristwatches, earrings, rings, etc., and street clothes that do not enhance the solution or contribute to a costume.** Remember, if a team is wearing identical street clothes such as matching shirts, they would count towards cost because they appear to be a uniform, therefore enhancing the solution.
- (5) **Problem-specific shirts sold by CCI** at www.odysseyofthemind.com/shop.
- (6) **Trash items** - items that are usually discarded such as cardboard cartons, milk containers and scraps of wood that may be altered from their original state are exempt from cost. Used materials that are recyclable and have value such as a deposit are considered trash materials and are exempt from cost.
- (7) **Tool kit** - Tools used as intended to build and/or repair any part of the solution that do not enhance the performance. For example, a screwdriver used to repair a prop is exempt unless the appearance of the screwdriver and/or the way the screwdriver is used enhances the performance. The tool kit must be in the Staging Area when time begins and may be used on the competition site for setting up the performance or for repairs. If, at any time, their appearance or the way they are used positively impacts the performance they are no longer exempt and the team will receive a Spirit of the Problem penalty.

Note: Items such as storage bins, casters, or dollies may be used to move props from the Staging Area to the competition site, as long as they are not used in the presentation. They must be removed immediately after the item they are moving is placed in the competition area. If they are not, their cost will count in the problem solution.

Safety items exemptions

The following safety items are exempt from cost:

- (1) **Personal prescription items** of team members such as **eyeglasses** and **hearing aids**.
- (2) **Floor coverings**, such as **drop cloths**, that are used only to protect the floor, or **mats** used to prevent injury to a team member.
- (3) **Required foot coverings** that are worn as they are commercially produced. If anything is added to the foot coverings, the value of the additions must be counted. This exemption does not apply to shoes with built-in wheels. These must be counted in the cost and must also be approved for use in the competition facility by the Tournament Director.
- (4) **Safety glasses**

Assigned Value Items

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Assigned value items

The following items must be intact and used for their intended purpose. If they are decorated, the cost of the decorations will be in addition to the assigned value. The following list shows the categories of items and their assigned value.

(1) **Commercially produced musical instrument** and its **case**, including **required peripherals** such as a **stand, amplifier, and speakers**.

VALUE: \$5 or actual cost if less.

(2) Any type of **audio or video recorder or player** and **speakers** to hear the sounds if applicable.

VALUE: \$5 or actual cost if less. A **phone playing sounds through Bluetooth speakers** is also \$5.

(3) **Audiovisual cart**.

VALUE: \$5 or actual cost if less.

(4) **Laptop or desktop computer system** (including **monitor, keyboard and connecting cables**). **Smartphones** are considered computers.

VALUE: \$10 or actual cost if less.

(5) **Projector** of any type.

VALUE: \$10 or actual cost if less.

(6) **Television set or monitor** (not used in conjunction with a computer).

VALUE: \$10 or actual cost if less.

(7) **3-D Printed Items**: 50 cents for every ounce of printed plastic.

(8) **Robotic controller**: \$20