



TO: Capital District Region High School Principals
MasterMinds Coaches

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RE: **Registration for the 2020-2021 MasterMinds Season**

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Planning is underway for the 2020-21 MasterMinds program; **a season unlike any other in our history.** MasterMinds is a team-based, academic quiz bowl-style competition. It provides a competitive structure to recognize the strengths of academically talented students. Students benefit from the opportunity to develop teamwork and learn the value of sportsmanship.

This year, for the first time ever, **MasterMinds will be offered with remote play.** With limited or cancelled interscholastic events, MasterMinds still gives your students an opportunity to compete against students from other schools. While in-person play remains the gold standard for these events, given the pandemic, remote play is the only reasonable option. This remote play option allows students to play from home. If circumstances allow us to resume in-person play later this year, we would look to restart face-to-face competitions.

Recognizing the financial pressures on districts, **program fees have been frozen at last year's levels:** \$736 per Varsity team and \$321 for an optional Junior Varsity team (varsity participation is a prerequisite). Teams will play a 12-game regular season. Schools are responsible for their own transportation if in-person play resumes.

If you are interested in finding out more about the program, you can request additional information by checking the appropriate box on the registration form, or by contacting the MasterMinds Commissioner at nymasterminds@gmail.com.

To register, complete and return the enclosed Registration Form **no later than Friday, October 23rd**. Once registered, coaches can submit their Prescheduling Form:
<http://www.nymasterminds.com/general/downloads/AlbanyPreschedulingForm.pdf>

For more information contact Scott Kroner at the state MasterMinds office at (585) 473-0864 or by email nymasterminds@gmail.com. The MasterMinds website also offers answers to a host of questions, as well as a link to the prescheduling form. www.nymasterminds.com.

