

## **It All Adds Up!**

(When the team enters the room, tell them that this will be a verbal problem)

- 1) You will have 1 minute to think and 4 minutes to respond.
- 2) Each of you has 7 cards. After each response, you will place a card in the container. You will respond in sequence. You may give responses until you no longer have any cards or until time ends, whichever occurs first.
- 3) Questions count against your thinking time.
- 4) Common answers will receive 1 point. Creative answers will receive 5 points.
- 5) Your problem is to describe what happens when you add one thing to another. For example, you might say “when you add blue to red, you get purple” or “when you add 1 to 3 you get 4”

### **For Judges Only**

- 1) Provide 35 cards. If you have colored cards or cards that are somehow marked, that works the best.
- 2) Looking for unusual responses and always reward humor.
3. **Common responses:** any using numbers or things that are commonly put together: When you add water to oats you get oatmeal, when you add milk to chocolate you get chocolate milk, when you add polish to fingers you get pretty hands, when you add water to dirt you get mud.  
  
Creative responses: When you add people and food you get a party, when you add anger to discussion you get an argument, when you add music to a script you get a musical, when you add numbers and hands to a circle you get a clock, when you add creativity to competition you get Odyssey of the Mind.