

Important Information Regarding the TAPT School Bus Safety Competition (Rodeo)

(Both Regular Ed and Special Transportation Competitions)

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

Each contestant must be registered, and fees paid no later than **Monday, April 15, 2024, 5:00 pm** Central Time. No Exceptions. Late registrations or payments after that date will not be accepted.

If you wish to pay fees via a credit card to ensure timely payments are received, please use the link provided or go to the Resources TAB at tapt.com and select "Make A Payment." No Invoice # needed. Just enter Contestant(s) names and District.

Please do not pay for 4th place alternates.

Fourth place alternates may attend as a Judge if they wish but not as a contestant nor will they receive meals or tickets as a contestant.

Please be sure to coordinate payments with the regional chapter and do not send payment if the chapter plans to pay the fees. (Refunds will be made minus \$5.00 per person processing fees.)

Contestants must be the **original** Regional competition winners. No substitutions will be allowed. If a contestant is not available to compete, the next place winner or Alternate may be sent in that person's place if approved by the regional chapter.

ON-SITE EVENT REGULATIONS

Contestants must remain in the holding area as instructed until it is their turn to compete. Failure to follow this directive will result in disqualification.

Family members must remain off the course and in the area assigned for observers.

Cell Phones: Texting, sending photos or phone calls during the event to contestants is strictly prohibited and could be reason for disqualification. No cell phone use will be allowed during the event or testing.

NOTE: Contestants and Judges must be able to physically walk to and from the parking lot and competition locations without the assistance of any vehicles including golf carts.

Due to potential injury and liability to TAPT and the hosting school district, all judges and contestants must be able to climb steps independently and without assistance.

TAPT will not allow any unauthorized vehicles or golf carts to drive contestants or judges from the parking lot to the meeting building or to the competition area.

Shuttle service will **not** be provided from the Host Hotel to the competition site.

MEALS & BANQUET

- Each contestant, **ASSIGNED** Judge, and set up crew member will be provided breakfast and lunch.
- Please note that family members are not included in the breakfast or lunch and provisions for their breakfast and lunch should be planned accordingly.
- Each Contestant and **ASSIGNED** Judge will receive one ticket to the banquet.
- All others, including Directors or family members wishing to attend the Awards Banquet and Dinner must register (and pay) for tickets by the deadline. We cannot guarantee that tickets will be available for purchase onsite.
- There will be a separate Banquet Ticket registration for additional tickets.

SCORES

- No one except for TAPT authorized persons will be allowed in the scoring room.
- No changes may be made to any score sheets after collected from the judges.
- Judges should be available for any questions regarding their event score sheets.
- No scores will be provided prior to the Awards Ceremony.
- Score sheets will be distributed to the contestants after the announcements.
- Any score sheets not picked up will be mailed to the contestant's Director of Transportation.
- A Summary of Scores will be placed on the TAPT Website two to four weeks after the competition.

For location address and map, please go to tapt.com/Events.

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