

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

(Both Regular Ed and Special Transportation Competitions)

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

Each contestant must be registered, and fees paid no later than **Friday, April 11, 2025 at 11:59 pm** Central Time. No Exceptions. Late registrations or payments after that date will not be accepted.

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

ALTERNATES: 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.

ROSTER OF WINNING CONTESTANTS: Each Regional Chapter Roadeo must submit no later than the next day after the competition, a Roster of winning contestants to the TAPT Executive Director and to the Area Director. If one of the winning contestants can not compete later in the State level competition, notification must be sent in writing via email from the school district representative to the TAPT Executive Director and the local 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 Hotels to the competition site.

MEALS & BANQUET ELIGIBILITY

- Each contestant, and set up crew member will be provided donuts, fruit, coffee and lunch.
- ONLY ASSIGNED JUDGES will be provided donuts, fruit, coffee and lunch.
- Family members are not included in the breakfast or lunch and provisions for their breakfast and lunch should be planned accordingly.
- BANQUET: Each Contestant and **ASSIGNED** Judge will receive one ticket to the banquet.
- All others, including Directors, non-competing or judging district staff, 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 **online** Banquet Ticket registration for additional tickets. Banquet tickets must be paid for by credit card at the time of registration.

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 before leaving the competition.
- 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.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

All winning contestants that are eligible to proceed forward to the National and International levels of competitions must contact the Executive Director regarding registration.

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

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