

Acceptable Use Policy for Students



INTRODUCTION

This Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) covers the use of internet websites utilized by the Technology Student Association (TSA) for its Internet-Based Competitions (Competitions). The AUP is in place to in order to complement the privacy and use policies associated with each website and to help ensure that all users have reasonable access to the sites free of unacceptable content and conduct. The AUP is not a complete statement of the current law or student obligations, and students and parents are also encouraged to consult both the [Digital Millennium Copyright Act](#) and the [Children's Online Privacy Protection Act](#) for general information on restrictions related to internet usage. Students and parents are also referred to each website providers' internet usage and privacy policies for further guidance.

TSA AUP POLICY GUIDELINES

Students accessing the TSA websites to view, upload or edit content should refrain from the following conduct:

1. Using any provided website for any commercial use or purpose unless expressly permitted by TSA and the specific provider in writing, it being understood that the website and related services are intended for educational, personal, and non-commercial use only;
2. Posting, uploading, or distributing any defamatory, libelous, or inaccurate student material or content or other content or other content;
3. Posting, uploading, or distributing any student material or content or other content that is unlawful or that a reasonable person could deem to be objectionable, offensive, indecent, pornographic, harassing, threatening, embarrassing, distressing, vulgar, hateful, racially or ethnically offensive, or otherwise inappropriate;
4. Impersonating any person or entity, falsely claiming an affiliation with any person or entity, or accessing the website accounts of others without permission, or performing any other fraudulent activity;
5. Deleting the copyright or other proprietary rights notices on the website or on any student material or content or other content;
6. Asserting, or authorizing, assisting, or encouraging any third party to assert, against TSA, the website provider, or any of their affiliates or licensors any patent infringement or other intellectual property infringement claim regarding any student material or content or other content, submitted, or otherwise made available on or through the website;
7. Making unsolicited offers, advertisements, proposals, or sending junk mail or spam to other users of the website or participants in any Competition (including, but not limited to, unsolicited advertising, promotional materials, or other solicitation material, bulk mailing of commercial advertising, chain mail, informational announcements, charity requests, and petitions for signatures);
8. Using the website for any illegal purpose, or in violation of any local, state, national, or international law, including, without limitation, laws governing intellectual property and other proprietary rights, and data protection and privacy;
9. Defaming, harassing, abusing, threatening or defrauding users of the website or participants in the Competition, or collecting, or attempting to collect, personal information about users, participants, or third parties without their consent;
10. Removing, circumventing, disabling, damaging or otherwise interfering with security-related features of the website, student material or content or other content, features that prevent or restrict use or copying of any content accessible through the website, or features that enforce limitations on the use of the website, student material or content or other content;
11. Intentionally interfering with or damaging the operation of the website or any user's enjoyment of it, by any means, including without limitation by participation in any denial-of-service type attacks or by uploading or otherwise disseminating viruses, adware, spyware, worms, or other malicious code.



Student and Parent Consent and Release Form for Participating in TSA Internet-Based Competitions

As TSA develops and integrates more technology centered tools to enhance its competitions and prepare our chapter members to meet the demands of a technologically challenging landscape, we require an understanding of and adherence to the guidelines set forth below in order for chapter members to compete in online TSA competitions. This includes the use of personal student email accounts to access online collaborative tools and instructional guides for certain competitive events. **School assigned email addresses are not to be used.** Members who do not submit a completed form will not be eligible to participate in online TSA competitive events.

PARENTAL PERMISSION AND RELEASE

I _____, the parent/legal guardian of _____ (“my child”), give permission for my child to use my child’s personal email account to access the online platform and informational resources in order to participate in the _____ event in preparation for and during the national TSA conference. I understand that this access is for educational use only and it is the responsibility of my child to restrict use to the stated purposes of the competition. I also accept full responsibility for supervision, if and when my child’s use of these services in a setting other than the aforementioned. By signing this, I give permission for my child to use the network and computer services and to register for accounts designated by TSA strictly to participate in this educational competitive event.

Accounts and platforms accessed by users are governed by the privacy terms (privacy policy) set by each platform. Student participation in any TSA competition is also governed by the attached Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). A website’s privacy policy discloses some or all of the ways a party gathers, uses, discloses, and manages user data. TSA does not have any control over other websites. Therefore, we cannot be responsible for the protection and privacy of any information which you provide while visiting such sites. You should exercise caution and look at the privacy policy applicable to the website in question.

I have reviewed this Consent and Release Form and the attached AUP, and I hereby release **Technology Student Association**, its employees, agents and volunteers, from any and all liability, claims, demands, causes of action and possible causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury that may be sustained by my child while participating in this event.

Parent or Guardian Name (please print)

Date

Signature

INTERNET AND ONLINE ACCESSIBILITY

I have reviewed this Consent and Release Form and the attached AUP and discussed them with my parent(s) and/or guardian(s) for the use of network and computer services relating to this competition. I will abide by the AUP, the websites’ privacy policies, will use these services for educational purposes only, and I will restrict use to preparing for or competing in this event.

Student Name (please print)

Date

Signature