

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEAP RESPONSE COMPETITION ENGAGEMENT REGULATIONS

(Required for ALL middle school level TSA competitive events effective September 2017)

OVERVIEW

Participants document skills they have developed and demonstrated while working on a specific competitive event, according to *The Student Leadership Challenge Five Practices for Becoming an Exemplary Leader (SLC)**. Participants also document skills learned for a non-competitive event leadership experience.

REGULATIONS

- A. LEAP Responses are required for all middle school events as part of the “Go/No Go” Specifications.
- B. Participants who do not submit a LEAP Response for an event will not be eligible to compete in that event.
- C. Responses will be submitted at the time and place stated in the conference program.
- D. The LEAP Response (and all content/activities listed within) must be in progress or have been completed during the current school year.
- E. Types of LEAP Responses
 1. Individual - Each participant is required to submit one (1) individual response for each individual event in which he/she is registered to compete.
 2. Team - Each team is required to submit one (1) team response for each team event in which it is registered to compete.
- F. General Formatting Requirements
 1. Participants must use the official LEAP Response template found on the [TSA website](#) or in the competitive events guide.
 2. Responses are limited to one (1) single-sided page per entry.
 3. Responses must be typed; the individual/team identification number may be hand-written.
- G. LEAP Response Content
 1. The Participant/Team Information section must include the following:
 - a. Participant ID number (individual events only); refers to the number assigned to a participant registered for a conference.
 - b. Team ID number (team events only); refers to the number assigned to a team (chapter) registered for a conference.
 - c. Competitive event name
 2. The Competitive Event Leadership Experiences section must include the following in paragraph form (a minimum of 100 and a maximum of 200 words): Name one (1) or more of the SLC Practices ([SLC resources](#)) and describe how the practice(s) was applied throughout the competitive event process.
 3. The Non-Competitive Event Leadership Experiences section of the LEAP Response must include the following in paragraph form (a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100 words): Name one (1) of the SLC Practices and describe how the practice was applied to actions/roles/responsibilities for the selected leadership activity.
 4. Multiple events (individual or team) may NOT be addressed in a single LEAP Response.
 5. Individuals/teams may use the same non-competitive leadership experience for multiple LEAP Responses.
- H. Refer to resources found on the [TSA website](#) for additional information and assistance in creating a LEAP Response.

EVALUATION

Evaluation is based on the content and quality of the LEAP Response; points are awarded at the semifinalist level only. No interview is required.