OVERVIEW

While working on competitive events, participants will learn and refer to *The Student Leadership Challenge Five Practices for Becoming an Exemplary Leader* (SLC)*. Then, participants will develop, demonstrate, and document leadership skills and behaviors related to the Five Practices. In addition, participants will repeat the same steps in developing, demonstrating, and documenting skills and behaviors for non-competitive event leadership activities and experiences.

REGULATIONS

A. LEAP Reports are required for all high school events as part of the “Go/No Go” Specifications.

B. Participants who do not submit a LEAP Report for an event will not be eligible to compete in that event.

C. LEAP Reports will be submitted based on each event’s schedule and procedures.

D. Participants must use the official LEAP Report template provided on the TSA website.

E. Formatting
   1. Reports must be typewritten using the official LEAP Report template.
   2. The participant or team identification number may be typewritten or handwritten.
   3. Reports must be submitted in a SINGLE sheet protector, with Page 1 facing out on the front side, and Page 2 facing out on the back side.

F. Documentation
   1. A specific number of bullet points is not required; however, participants must be thorough in identifying and explaining the leadership behaviors and skills that they developed, demonstrated, and documented.
   2. Participants must use the SLC Practices, Behaviors, and LEAP resources when developing and documenting activities and experiences.
   3. Multiple competitive events (individual or team) may NOT be addressed in a single LEAP Report. Each event must have a separate and unique LEAP Report.
   4. Participants must use student initials only in the documentation and may not use student names. Participants who use student names anywhere on the document will incur a rules violation, and a 20% point deduction will be assessed in the rubric.
   5. Competitive Event Leadership Experiences
      a. Select three (3) or more of the SLC Practices (SLC resources).
      b. List bullet points of the actions, roles, and responsibilities and note how the SLC Behaviors were applied throughout the specific competitive event process.
      c. The information provided must be related only to a specific competitive event.
   6. General Leadership Experiences
      a. Select three (3) or more leadership categories.
      b. List bullet points of the actions, roles, and responsibilities and note how the SLC Behaviors were applied throughout the leadership experience.
      c. The information provided must be related only to the selected leadership category.
G. LEAP Interview

1. Semifinalists will sign-up for an interview time at the time and place stated in the conference program.

2. Semifinalists will respond to questions about the content of the LEAP Report as part of the LEAP interview.

3. For events with an existing semifinalist section, the LEAP Interview will be conducted as part of the semifinal round of the event and will last a maximum of five (5) additional minutes.

4. For all other events, the LEAP Interview will be conducted in a separate LEAP semifinalist portion and will last a maximum of five (5) minutes.

   NOTE: There are some exceptions in which all participants will be interviewed. See event guidelines for the procedure followed.

EVALUATION

Semifinalists will be evaluated on the content and quality of both the LEAP Report and interview. Refer to the official rating form of each event for more information.