

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEAP RESPONSE REGULATIONS



OVERVIEW

While working on competitive events, participants will learn and refer to The *Student Leadership Challenge Five Practices for Becoming an Exemplary Leader (SLC)**. Participants will develop, demonstrate, and document leadership skills and behaviors related to the Five Practices in both competitive and non-competitive event leadership activities and experiences.

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. LEAP Responses submission varies based on each competitive event; please refer to the event for details
 - D. Participants must use the official [LEAP Response template](#) provided on the [TSA website](#).
 - E. Documentation:
 1. Responses must be typewritten using the official LEAP Response template.
 2. The participant or team identification number may be typewritten or handwritten. 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.
3. The LEAP Response (and all content/activities listed within) must be in progress or have been completed during the current school year.
 4. Participants must reference the SLC Practices, Behaviors, and LEAP resources when developing and documenting activities and experiences.
 5. Multiple competitive events (individual or team) may NOT be addressed in a single LEAP Response. Each event must have a separate and unique LEAP Response.
 6. Competitive Event Leadership Experiences section must include the following in paragraph form:
 - a. Select one (1) or more of the SLC Practices ([SLC resources](#)) and describe how the practice(s) was applied throughout the competitive event process.
 - b. A minimum of 100 and a maximum of 200 words.
 7. Non-Competitive Event Leadership Experiences section of the LEAP Response must include the following in paragraph form
 - a. Select one (1) or more of the SLC Practices ([SLC resources](#)) and describe how the practice(s) was applied throughout the leadership activity.
 - b. A minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100 words.

EVALUATION

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

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