

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What supplies will my teams need to compete?

- A:
- **Design/Build Challenge:** Teams complete a hands-on design challenge using designated materials provided on-site. Students are not permitted to use any other materials or tools.
 - **Multiple-Choice Exam:** Each team member should have an approved four-function, scientific or graphing calculator (refer to the Coach Guide for acceptable calculators); any reference books, periodic charts, special equations, lab notes, class notes, or other written materials. The exam will be written. No cell phones or laptops may be used during the exam.
 - **Presentation:** Each team must have one laptop or tablet with Wi-Fi capability. The device must also be able to access Google Slides or PowerPoint and be able to record a video. A cell phone may also be used for video recording.

Q: Is internet access needed for the TEAMS competitions?

- A: Internet access is needed only for the development and submission of the presentation portion of the competition. The presentations will be judged virtually. Check with your host hotel or internet provider on how the internet can best be accessed. National TSA does not provide access to the internet.

Q: Some of my team members are unable to attend the national competitions. May I substitute another student for that team member?

- A: Substitution of team members is allowed. The student(s) must have competed in the state level competitions. The number of substitutions allowed is based on the size of your team as follows:
- 2 team members (state level) = 1 substitution permitted (national level)
 - 3 team members (state level) = 2 substitutions up to permitted (national level)
 - 4 members (state level) = 2 substitutions permitted (national level)

If only one team from your school/group competed, then no substitutions can be made.

Q: Four team members competed at the state level, but only three of the team members are available to compete at the national competitions. Does a substitution have to be made for one team member?

- A: No, the team may compete with three team members. All teams must consist of 2-4 team members.

Q: Can one team member compete in part of the competition and another team member substitute in for a different part of the competition?

- A: No, the same competitors must participate in all three competition components.



Frequently Asked Questions (cont'd)

Q: Where are the national TEAMS competitions taking place?

A: The competitions are taking place in Louisville, Kentucky at the Omni Louisville Hotel in the second floor Commonwealth 5 ballroom.

Q: Does my team need to prepare anything ahead of time for the presentation portion of the competitions?

A: No prior preparation is necessary. The presentation instructions will be distributed at the orientation meeting on Friday, June 30th. Teams will be given time to complete the presentation that day.

Q: What is the TEAMS dress code? Are TEAMS participants required to wear blue TSA shirts?

A: Required competition attire consists of a collared button-down shirt or blouse or an official red TEAMS shirt; dress pants or skirt/dress at least knee length, dress shoes worn with dark socks or hosiery. TEAMS participants are not required to wear blue TSA shirts. Dress code details are posted on the [TEAMS website](#).

Q: Where can I find information regarding the National TSA Conference?

A: For information, visit the [2023 National TSA Conference page](#). The page is updated regularly with current information.

Q: Does TSA/TEAMS provide food and drinks? What dining options are available?

A: TSA/TEAMS does not provide food or drinks. A list of dining options is posted on the [TEAMS website](#).

Q: What events can TEAMS participants take part in at the National TSA Conference?

A: TEAMS participants are welcome to attend the TSA Pin Exchange, General Sessions, and Special Interest Sessions. Event details, times, and locations are posted on the [2023 National TSA Conference page](#). Details regarding topics and presenters will also be available in the TSA conference program.

Q: What forms do I need to fill out? Where should the forms be submitted?

A: Each team member must fill out the Authorization, Waiver, and Release form as well as the Code of Conduct form. Copies of the completed forms are to be retained and brought to the national competition by the team's coach. It is the responsibility of the coach to make sure there is a completed form for each participant. National TSA reserves the right to request a completed copy of the forms at any time from the coach. Forms must **not** be submitted to the national TSA office. Forms are posted on the [TEAMS website](#).

Q: Are coaches and guests permitted to view the competitions while they are taking place?

A: No, coaches and guests are not permitted in the room while the competitions are taking place.

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