

## TEAMS FAQ

### How do I register?

Use this [registration link](#) from **September 3, 2024 - January 8, 2025**, to register your teams.

### What is the average cost?

Teams that register to compete pay \$150 per team and \$100 per additional team registered at the same school.

### When do I register a team?

[Online registration](#) opens **September 3, 2024**. It is recommended that teams register as early as possible since access to competition resource material is available only after registration has been completed. The deadline for registration is **January 8, 2025**.

### Can I register more than one team?

Yes, you may register multiple teams. However, while more than one team from a school/group can participate, each student may only compete once and must choose to compete for either his/her school or group, not both.

### Can additional teams be added after registration is complete?

Yes. Teams can be added by contacting the [TEAMS Manager](#) until the registration deadline of **January 8, 2025**.

### When is the last date to add a team? Is there a way to drop a team and receive a refund?

Registration closes on **January 8, 2025**. As stated in the [TEAMS policies](#), registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

### Is my school eligible for a TEAMS registration discount? If so, where are the discount codes located?

A list of discount codes for eligible schools is available on the TEAMS website.

### When is the competition?

The 2025 competition window is **January 15 - February 18, 2025**. The team coach chooses one day to compete within the competition window. The essay component is submitted prior to the competition window opening. Middle school essays are due **January 13, 2025**. High school essays are due **January 14, 2025**.

### Do I report my competition date to national TSA?

You *do not* report your competition date to TSA. All competition documents must be submitted within the competition window of **January 15 - February 18, 2025**.

### How many students are on a team?

Teams must consist of 2-4 students.

### **Where do I enter my student's name?**

Student names are not collected for the TEAMS competition.

### **Who can participate in TEAMS?**

Students in middle school and high school are eligible to compete in TEAMS. Students may attend middle and high schools (public, private, homeschool), or belong to youth groups, or clubs and organizations (Boy/Girl Scouts, 4-H, Junior Achievement, etc.).

### **At what level will my teams compete?**

There are two levels: middle school and high school. Middle school TEAMS participants are in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade; fifth grade and ninth grade students may participate at a middle school if they are housed in the building within the middle school. High school TEAMS participants are in 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Where do the competitions take place?**

The TEAMS competition must take place in-person. It is the coach's responsibility to secure a space in which to host the competition locally (i.e., school classroom, gymnasium, library, local community center, neighboring school, collegiate host site). This space must adhere to your school's student safety protocols.

### **Can my team(s) compete with other teams?**

Teams from different schools/groups may compete together. It is up to the discretion of the coach to reach out to other TEAMS coaches to coordinate competition date, time, location and manage the event.

Teams may also compete at a nearby college or university. A list of available collegiate host sites is posted on the TEAMS website. Permission must be granted by the collegiate host site to compete at their location.

### **Who can serve as the proctor? How many proctors per team?**

Any person over the age of 18 that is out of high school may serve as the proctor. The team coach may also serve as proctor. One proctor per team is recommended.

### **How will the multiple choice exam be administered?**

One team member must submit the answers in the online testing system. An electronic copy of the exam is provided and may be printed for use during the exam only. All printed copies must be handed in after the time is up and destroyed by the coach.

### **Who can attend the National TEAMS Competitions?**

Teams whose combined overall state level score is among the top nationally will be eligible to compete at the National TEAMS Competitions.

### What is the competition format?

- *Design/Build*: Using designated materials, teams complete a hands-on design challenge related to the annual competition theme. This component must be completed and submitted during the competition window of **January 15 – February 18, 2025**.
- *Multiple Choice*: High school teams can take up to 60 minutes to solve 40 multiple choice questions focused on four engineering scenarios related to the annual competition theme. Middle school teams have 90 minutes to solve 40 multiple choice questions. This component must be completed and submitted during the competition window of **January 15 - February 18, 2025**.
- *Essay*: Each team researches and writes an in-depth essay. Middle school essays must be submitted by **January 13, 2025**. High school essays must be submitted by **January 14, 2025**.

### How do teams prepare for the competition?

Competition overviews are released which highlight the general engineering topics that will be presented the day of the competition. The overviews can be used to your team's advantage when preparing. For example:

- Encourage your team members to begin researching unfamiliar terms and engineering principles.
- Ask students to consider the challenge that is presented and explore what types of engineers might be involved in developing the solution(s).
- Incorporate the hands-on activities into practice sessions.

Practice problems from prior competitions are available in the password-protected coach account to familiarize students with the type of questions that are posed in the multiple choice exam section.