

Region 9 PA-TSA Leadership Conference
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MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

*** All MS Events that have a LEAP Leadership Resume must be handed in at the competition ***

- 1- **Biotechnology Design MS** – Display & Portfolio only; no on-site component for semifinalist (follow CEG Procedures Pre-Conference, Preliminary Round 1-3, and Regulations A-C).
- 2- **(PA) Calculator Robots MS** – Two (2) robots and two (2) calculators are required for the conference. Follow Conference Procedure and Regulations. Follow Evaluation Procedures (A) Preliminary Round Only. No Semifinalist Round will be held at Regionals.
- 3- **CAD Foundations MS**– Advisors and/or students must bring their own computers, power strips and extension cords. Laptops are preferred. Computers are the responsibility of the student and advisor. Judged onscreen; Judges are not responsible for any lost or stolen material; No interviews; (follow CEG Procedure: Preliminary Round 1-7, Regulations: Preliminary Round).
- 4- **Career Prep MS** – Must be submitted by email to ipennington@boyertownasd.org by January 14th 2018 at 11:59pm. The subject line of the email should read "Career Prep" Followed by your "individual regional conference student ID number". (Ex. Career Prep 1099-035) Please send the attachment in one .pdf format saved as your individual regional conference student

ID number (cover letter and resume together). CAUTION - Any email that does not include the proper information in the header or is sent in a format other than .pdf will be disqualified. You will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours of the due date. Be sure to choose a career from this year's list. (follow CEG Procedure: Preliminary Round 1-4, Regulations A-D).

- 5- **Challenging Technology Issues MS** – No second round semifinalist (follow CEG Procedure: Preliminary Round 1-4, Regulations A-D).
- 6- **Chapter Team Written MS** – Test Only, no semifinalist portion. Bring a pencil and something to write on, (preferably a clipboard). Individual Event at Regionals – this is a team event at States. (follow CEG Procedures: Preliminary Round 1-2).
- 7- **Children's Stories** – Follow CEG Procedure: Pre-Conference 1-3, Preliminary Round 1-3, Regulations: Preliminary Round A-C.
- 8- **(PA) Delta Dart MS** – Planes need to be constructed prior to conference; test flights only on-site. (Follow PA-TSA Procedures C).
- 9- **Coding** – Test only, no semifinalist portion. Bring a pencil and something to write on, (preferably a clipboard). Team will test together filling out one answer key. (follow CEG Procedures: Preliminary Round 1-2).
- 10- **Digital Photography** – Do NOT submit on a USB Flash Drive; Print design on standard 8.5" x 11" white printer paper; submit in a "design portfolio"; no on-site component for semifinalist (follow CEG Procedures: Preliminary Round, 3, Regulations: Preliminary Round A-C; Design Portfolio order should follow Regulations: Preliminary Round C).
- 11- **Dragster** – All cars passing a safety inspection will be raced; No wind tunnel testing will be done. (Follow CEG Procedure: Preliminary Round, 1-3, Regulations: A-D).
- 12- **Electrical Applications** – Test only, no semifinalist portion. Bring a pencil and something to write on, (preferably a clipboard). Team will test together filling out one answer key. (follow CEG Procedures: Preliminary Round 1-2).
- 13- **Essays on Technology** – Must be submitted by email to ipennington@bovertownsd.org by January 14th 2018 at 11:59pm. The subject line of the email should read "Essays on Technology" Followed by your "individual regional conference student ID number". (Ex. Essays on Technology 1099-035) Please send the attachment in one .pdf format saved as your individual regional conference student ID number. CAUTION - Any email that does not include the proper information in the header or is sent in a format other than .pdf will be disqualified. You will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours of the due date. The subtopic the essay is to be written on will be posted January 7th, 2018, exactly one week prior to the Essay's due date. Only the final Essay is to be submitted on the assigned subtopic. Students may create their outlines and notecards on each subtopic prior to January 7th, but outlines and notecards are not submitted or judged at Regionals, only the final Essay. No onsite component at Regionals.
- 14- **Flight** – Bring the completed Portfolio. Planes need to be constructed prior to conference; test flights only on-site (follow CEG Procedure: Launch Procedures 1-6).

- 15- **Forensic Technology** – Test only, no semifinalist portion. Bring a pencil and something to write on, (preferably a clipboard). Team will test together filling out one answer key. (follow CEG Procedures: Preliminary Round 1-2).
- 16- **Inventions and Innovations** – Drop off event only – no semifinalist portion (follow CEG Procedure: Pre-Conference 1-5, Regulations: Preliminary Round A-E).
- 17- **Junior Solar Sprint** – No display. Portfolio and Race only. Race will be held indoors. Attach battery pack and (2) two AA 1.5V batteries for indoor racing – must provide your own batteries. Solar panel must be attached in order to participate in the time trials and races (follow CEG Procedure: Preliminary Round 1-3; Regulations: Preliminary Round Documentation & Preliminary Round Model Car). Race lane will not be 20 m, but closer to 10m long at Regionals
- 18- **Leadership Strategies MS** – Bring pencils; no second round semifinalist portion (follow CEG Procedure: Preliminary Round 1-7; Regulations A-1).
- 19- **Mass Production MS** – Bring portfolio and projects; no semifinalist portion (Follow CEG Procedure: Pre-Conference 1-9, Preliminary Round 1-3; Regulations A & B)
- 20- **Mechanical Engineering** – Bring portfolio and projects; students will drop off in the morning and sign up for a time to come back and run their project (Follow CEG Procedure: Pre-Conference A, Preliminary Round 1-3; Regulations: Preliminary Round A-B, Semifinal Round A-C)
- 21- **(PA) Materials Processes** – Projects should be complete. Incomplete projects should still be submitted with a Portfolio. No semifinalist portion (follow PATSA Specific Regulations A-J)
- 22- **Medical Technology** – Portfolio & Display only; no semifinalist portion/presentation (follow CEG Procedure: Preliminary Round 1-5; Regulations: Preliminary Round A-D).
- 23- **Off the Grid** – Bring portfolio and projects; no semifinalist portion (Follow CEG Procedure: Preliminary Round 1-5; Regulations: Preliminary Round A-D)
- 24- **Prepared Speech** – No second round semifinalist portion; a podium is not guaranteed (follow CEG Procedure: Preliminary Round 1-3, Semifinalist 1-3; Regulations: Preliminary Round A-G, I, L, N, O, P). Sign up for a time slot to give your speech the morning of the conference.
- 25- **Problem Solving** – Bring your own tools and materials according to the rules; no semifinalist portion; (follow CEG Procedure: Preliminary Round 1-4, Regulations: Preliminary Round A-H).
- 26- **Promotional Marketing** – No semifinalist round; submit hard copies of entries; a printable advertisement poster, a wearable design for a drawstring bag, a digital signage that is a video. The advertisement must be printed on the appropriate size paper, the wearable design must be printed to size on an 8.5" x 11" white paper. Submit the video on a USB FLASH DRIVE; entries should be submitted on the day of the conference. Submit all required portions in a portfolio, include a title page with event title, conference city and state, the year and student ID number, and mount the advertisement poster on 1/4" white foam board. No semifinalist portion (follow CEG Procedure: Preliminary Round 1-4; Regulations: Preliminary Round A-H). See the national website for details under Themes & Problems.
- 27- **(PA) Robotics MS** – Submit only *Plan of Work* portion of the Journal in hardcopy format – NO CD or DVD will be judged. (Follow PA-TSA Procedures A-1).

- 28- **(PA) Safety Illustration MS** – Should be an original design (follow PA-TSA Regulations and Procedure).
- 29- **(PA) Snapshot MS** – No USB FLASH DRIVE needed; Theme should match the HS Photographic Technology event for the current year; 2018 theme = The Battle Between Nature and Technology – Who Wins? (Follow PA-TSA Regulations & Procedure).
- 30- **STEM Animation** – Judges will be using PC computers to run the USB – Portfolio and UBS flash drive submitted only – no finalist interviews. (Follow CEG Procedure: Preliminary Round 1-3, Regulations: Preliminary Round A-D)
- 31- **Structural Engineering** – Structures need to be built to the size stated on the Specifications sheet prior to the conference, no construction on-site; testing only on-site; bring only the sketch and member list for this span distance; (follow CEG Pre-Built Structure Regulations A-D, Procedure for on-site destructive testing of pre-built structures A-C). Be sure to check the challenge on the National Website.
- 32- **Tech Bowl Written** – Test only; no on-site component for semifinalist (follow CEG Procedures 1, 2 & 4). No team awards---the 6 students will be judged individually and will test individually. Bring a pencil and something to write on, (preferably a clipboard).
- 33- **Video Game Design** – Must be submitted by email to jpennington@boyertownasd.org by January 14th 2018 at 11:59pm. The subject line of the email should read "Video Game Design" Followed by your "team's regional conference ID number". (Ex. Video Game Design 1099-902) Please send the attachment in one .pdf format saved as your team's regional conference ID number. (Follow Regulations Preliminary Round A-G and submit the documentation as a PDF file. Page one (1) of the pdf must be the URL to the game. Page two (2) begins the list under regulation G.) **CAUTION** – Any email that does not include the proper information in the header and/or Sends a "broken" URL link and no PDF will be disqualified. You will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours of the due date. Did you know that you can submit the URL early and then keep working on the game? Semifinalist interviews **WILL** be held for **ALL** entries. (follow CEG Procedures Semifinal Round 1-4, and Regulations Semifinal Round A-B).
- 34- **Website Design** – Email the URL for your entry to jpennington@boyertownasd.org by January 14th 2018 at 11:59pm. The subject line of the email should read "Website Design" and your "team's regional conference ID number". (Ex. Website Design 1099-902) **CAUTION** – Any email that does not include the proper information in the header and/or Sends a "broken" URL link will be disqualified. You will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours of the due date. Did you know that you can submit the URL early and then keep working on the website? Semifinalist interviews **WILL** be held for **ALL** entries. (follow CEG Procedure: Preliminary Round 1-6, Semifinalist Round 1-3, Regulations: Preconference/Preliminary Round A-E, Semifinal Round A).



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HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

*** All HS Events have a LEAP Leadership Resume and must be handed in at the competition ***

1. **3D Animation HS** – No onsite problem – students should complete the animation & portfolio prior to the conference. Follow Procedure A & Regulations A-D, G, I. students will have a 10 minute block of time with the judges. They will have 5 minutes to present their Animation and the judges will have 5 minutes to interview the team. Students will set up and remove all laptops during this time. Leave the portfolio with the judges after the Interview and you can pick that up after judging is complete.
2. **Architectural Design HS** – Models & portfolios should be complete; incomplete models should still be submitted; Print out the PDF file and submit it as a "portfolio" – no flash drive should be submitted – no semifinalists portion (follow CEG Procedures A-C, Regulations A-E).
3. **Biotechnology Design HS** – Portfolio & display only; No multimedia presentation on USB FLASH DRIVE needed but must include printouts of presentation in Portfolio as last pages; no semifinalist portion (follow CEG Procedures A-B, Regulations A-D).

4. **Chapter Team Written HS** – Test Only, no semifinalist portion; Bring a pencil and something to write on, (preferably a clipboard). Students test and are judged individually (follow CEG Procedures A).
5. **Children’s Stories HS** – Follow CEG (Procedures A-E, Regulations A-K) – *only one copy of the book is required at Regionals – NO USB FLASH DRIVE required
6. **Coding HS** – Onsite component only – Must use Java – Follow CEG (Procedures A-E, Regulations A-F)
7. **CAD Architecture HS** – Advisors and students must bring their own computers. Laptops preferred. Computers are the responsibility of the student and chapter advisor. Judged onscreen; Judges are not responsible for any lost, broken or stolen material. Follow CEG (Procedures A-F and H, Regulations A-H). Students must supply their own sketch paper and pencils if they want it.
8. **CAD Engineering HS** – Advisors and students must bring their own computers. Laptops preferred. Computers are the responsibility of the student and chapter advisor. Judged onscreen; Judges are not responsible for any lost, broken or stolen material. Follow CEG (Procedures A-F and H, Regulations A-H). Students must supply their own sketch paper and pencils if they want it.
9. **Computer Integrated Manufacturing HS** – Entries must be completed ahead of time, no onsite construction. Teams must make the product and packaging ahead of time. For the Sales Pitch teams must have two copies of their project, one assembled, and one unassembled in the box. Think about “Shark Tank” (Follow CEG Procedures H-L, Follow Regulations A-F)
10. **Debating Technological Issues HS** –No semifinalist portion at Regionals. Follow (Procedure A-P, Regulations A-L, no semifinalist portion)
11. **Digital Video Production HS** – Drop Off Event only, no semifinalist component – (follow CEG Procedures A-B & Regulations A-C, E-I) Regulation H states a DVD is to be submitted, no DVD should be submitted, print out portfolio and submit hard copy.
12. **Dragster Design HS** – All cars passing a safety inspection will be raced; no wind tunnel testing (follow CEG Procedures A-C & Regulations A-F).
13. **Engineering Design HS** – Portfolio, model & display only; no semifinalist component (follow CEG Procedures A-B & Regulations A-I, M).
14. **Essays on Technology HS** – Must be submitted by email to ipennington@bovertownasd.org by January 14th 2018 at 11:59pm. The subject line of the email should read “Essays on Technology HS” Followed by your “individual regional conference student ID number”. (Ex. Essays on Technology HS 2099-035) Please send the attachment in one .pdf format saved as your individual regional conference student ID number and title of competition. CAUTION – Any email that does not include the proper information in the header or is sent in a format other than .pdf will be disqualified. You will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours of the due date. The prompt and articles the essay is to be written on will be posted January 7th, 2018, exactly one week prior to the Essay’s due date. Only the final Essay is to be submitted on the assigned subtopic. Follow (Procedures D (emailed not USB), E, H & Regulations D-J)
15. **Extemporaneous Speech HS** – No second round semifinalist (follow CEG Procedures A-G & Regulations A-G).

16. **Fashion Design & Technology HS** – Fashions should be complete; incomplete fashions should still be submitted; no semifinalist portion (follow CEG Procedures A-B & Regulations A-E, G).
17. **Flight Endurance HS** – Bring flight box and Air Plane; planes must be constructed prior to the conference, no construction the day of the event. (follow CEG Procedures A-L & Regulations A-G).
18. **Future Technology Teacher HS** – Holding semifinalist portion only; All entries will present lessons; students will have 5 minutes for presentation. Only necessary paperwork for the lesson is required, no Portfolio will be evaluated (follow CEG Procedures D-F, H-L & Regulations A, B6, B7, B8, C-K).
19. **(PA) Materials Processes HS** – Projects should be complete. Incomplete projects should still be submitted with a Portfolio. No semifinalist portion (follow PATSA Specific Regulations A-J)
20. **Photographic Technology HS** – No semifinalist portion. No CD/DVD needed, print out pdf file – DO NOT submit on a USB flash drive – submit as a portfolio. Regulations C requires camera settings, you cannot get this from using a phone camera. Images taken on phone cameras will be DQ'd. (Follow CEG Procedure A & Regulations A-K).
21. **Prepared Presentation HS** – No second round semifinalist. Regulation B should read: The topic for the Prepared Presentation event will be listed on the R9 Website exactly one week prior to the conference. (follow CEG Procedures A-D & Regulations A-J).
22. **Promotional Design HS** – No onsite component; Follow CEG (Procedures A-B, & Regulations A & C). Come with all items printed and displayed as the directions state.
23. **(PA) Robotics HS** – Submit only *Plan of Work* portion of the Journal in hardcopy format – NO USB FLASH DRIVE will be judged. (follow PA-TSA Procedures A-I).
24. **Scientific Visualization HS** – Portfolio and Project Only – No Semifinalist portion; Follow CEG (Procedures A-C & Regulations A-E, H)
25. **Software Development HS** – Holding semifinalist portion only; All entries will present their project and portfolio; students will have 5 minutes for presentation. Bring your own laptop. Only 3 team members may present (follow CEG Procedures A-F & Regulations A,C).
26. **STEM Careers HS** – Portfolio only; NO Video for Regionals; Drop off, NO onsite event. Follow CEG (Procedures A [no video] & Regulations A-B)
27. **(PA) Safety Illustration HS** – Should be original design (follow PA-TSA Regulations and Procedure).
28. **Structural Design & Engineering HS** – Structures need to be constructed prior to the conference and to regulations online. See TSAWEB.org website for updates and clarifications. Bring sketches; testing only on-site; no semifinalist portion (follow Pre-built Structure Regulations & Procedure for On-site Destructive testing A-C, Procedure for evaluation of structures) (Do Not follow CEG Procedure for semifinalist on-site construction).
29. **Technology Bowl Written HS** – Test only; no on-site component for semifinalist; Bring a pencil and something to write on, (preferably a clipboard). No team awards---the 6 students will be judged individually. (follow CEG Procedures A-D).

30. **Technology Problem Solving HS** – Bring your own tools and materials according to the rules (follow CEG procedures A-G).
31. **Transportation Modeling HS** – Drop off Model, Documentation, and Display. No semifinalist component.
32. **Video Game Design HS** – All teams will be interviewed, bring portfolio to the interview. Judges may hold onto portfolios until judging is complete if needed. Sign up for a time slot for interview. (Follow CEG Procedures C-E & Regulations).
33. **Webmaster HS** – URL must be submitted by email to jpennington@bovertownasd.org by January 14th 2018 at 11:59pm. The subject line of the email should read "Webmaster" and your "teams regional conference ID number". (Ex. Webmaster 2099-901) **CAUTION** – Any email that does not include the proper information in the header and/or sends a "broken" URL link will be disqualified. You will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours of the due date. Did you know that you can submit the URL early and then keep working on the website? **Semifinalist interviews WILL be held for ALL entries.** (follow CEG Procedures & Regulations).



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

National Rules Clarifications and Themes & Problems

Please periodically visit the websites below to obtain the most up-to-date information from the National level.

<http://www.tsaweb.org/Updates-and-Clarification>

<http://www.tsaweb.org/Themes-and-Problems>

Leap resume

ALL competitions must have a LEAP resume included in either the portfolio, or submitted with their project, or must be handed in when tests are being taken. No LEAP resume = DQ.

Judges Feedback Form

Be sure to include a single judge's feedback form in event Portfolios at this year's Region 9 Conference. All judging decisions are final and this form cannot be used to appeal a result. Is posted on the R9 Website

TSA General Rules

Please visit <http://www.tsaweb.org/TSA-Levels-Rules> for a review of the rules that span across all of the events.

Check In and ID Labeling of Projects

Student and/or Team ID #'s must be typed on the front cover page of all Portfolios that will be turned in for judging. Dragsters, structures, planes, USB Flash Drives, posters, etc should be labeled by some other means such as a sharpie marker or paint pen.

Students involved in a team event will be allowed to check in their entire team and projects. This means that only one student needs to report to the designated check in location. ***This student must know each team member's individual ID number to do this properly.*** You may still instruct all team members to report together if you so choose.

Snow Date is Saturday, February 10, 2018.

In the event of inclement weather, the decision to postpone the Regional 9 Conference to the snow date will be made by 5:00 PM Friday, February 3, 2018. Notification will be through the following source:

TSA Region 9 Website = <http://patsa.org/r9/>

Advisors should be sure to have emergency contact information in order to notify bus transportation, parents and others involved in your local school decisions. Please understand

that no changes/refunds will be made to your chapter registration in the event that we need to rely on the snow date. You acknowledge and agree to this fact when you submit and pay your registrations fees for the Region 9 Conference.

Student Participation

To prevent a student from attending the conference and only having a "turn-in" event with nothing else scheduled to do all day, a minimum participation policy is in effect. This policy requires that each student be registered for and participate in at least 2 (two) events at the Region 9 Conference. We ask that chapter advisors attempt to make sure that at least one of these events has an onsite component. Events with onsite components can be determined by viewing the Region 9 Conference Event Matrix.

Dress Code

The Region 9 Conference will follow the PA-TSA Dress Code of Category B as a minimum for all events. The dress code can be found at <http://patsa.org/conferences/dress-code>.

Female skirts must be no shorter than 3" above the knee, Leggings and Yoga Pants are not appropriate for Category B of the dress code and a student can be DQ'd for having such attire. This is the same code being followed at the state conference this year.

Judges Requirement

Chapters must provide 1 judge for every 10 participating students without a limit. A minimum of 3 judges is required from each chapter under 30 members. Although, we'd appreciate you providing more judges than your chapter is required under this policy. The consequence for not providing your minimum number of judges is that your chapter will not be allowed to participate until judges are provided. ALL chapters under 10 members MUST still provide at least three judges (you will be assigned if you don't volunteer).

- 1 tp 10 students = 3+ judges
- 11-20 Students = 3+ judges
- 21-30 students = 3+ judges
- 31-40 students = 4+ judges, etc,

Please contact Josh Pennington (jpennington@boyertownasd.org) with the name of your judge(s) and their event preferences, the link is also on the Region 9 website. **We are really counting on YOU!** Being a judge gives you the opportunity to view entries from other schools in a more in depth way; therefore learning the event better.

Competition Coordinators NEEDED

We are in need of coordinators for competitions that have onsite components. Some competitions are just making sure the competition runs correctly, others are designing a Design Brief prior to the conference and working with the judges assigned to you to make sure the competition runs smoothly. It is best to have advisors/teachers coordinating events because you know kids, you know grade levels, you know what can be done in a specific time slot, and you know how to challenge but not defeat kids. If you are willing to coordinate an event please contact Josh Pennington (jpennington@boyertownasd.org), Ella Sweet (ersweet2016@gmail.com) or Stacy Hallman (stacy.hallman@dboone.org).

Regional Registration Payment Due Date = Not Flexible

If you are having problems getting your Regional registration check cut from your school district business office, you can always send a personal check by the due date posted on the Region 9 websites. This will ensure your chapter's eligibility to participate in the Region 9 Conference. Then, just bring your school district check along with you on the day of the Conference and we will reimburse you on the spot in check form from our Region 9 bank account. No additional paperwork required.

NO ONSITE REGISTRATION ACCEPTED
NO REGISTRATION CHANGES AFTER iSERVICES
CLOSES – ZIP, NILCH, NADA, ZERO – DON'T ASK.
Registration closes on December 24, 2017.

Affiliation Deadline

No chapter will be permitted to participate in the Region 9 Conference competitions unless the chapter has officially registered with National TSA by January 15 of the conference year. This is a state rule in our by-laws. There will be no exceptions.

Event Rule Amendments

During Regional Conference the Regional Coordinator and the Regional Conference Planning Team may need to alter an event due to space and/or time considerations. All event decisions and standings are deemed as final.

PA-TSA Handbook

Please refer to the following link for more information on Pennsylvania TSA events and conferences. <http://patsa.org/handbook>

Regional Conference Attendance

All participants must be present at the conference in order to compete in events and be eligible for awards and qualifying status.

Special Needs

Please notify the Regional Coordinator with any special needs by the Regional Conference registration deadline.

ID Badges

All advisors, judges and students **MUST** wear their assigned ID Badge at all times during the conference.

Lunch

All students, advisors and judges will be given lunch passes this year to obtain their lunch. Additional lunches can be purchased after the lunch ticket has been used. Goodies will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Internet

There is no guest Wi-Fi available at the conference site.

Interview/Speech Sign-Ups

Sign-up times for ALL public speaking events and interviews will be on a first come, first serve basis.

State Officer Special Interest Session

The PATSA Officers will hold an informational meeting detailing what a student should know about running for state office.

Officer's Mixer

Two chapter officers should also attend the Officer's Mixer where they can meet leaders from other Region 9 schools.

Portfolios

TSA has changed the rules to require that research is submitted in a “portfolio” with a clear front cover.



Diversity Policy

Region 9 of the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (PATSA-R9) is committed to fostering, cultivating and preserving a culture of diversity and inclusion. Our human members are the most valuable asset we have. The collective sum of the individual differences, life experiences, knowledge, inventiveness, innovation, self-expression, unique capabilities and talent that our members invest in their events represents a significant part of not only our culture, but our reputation and organization’s achievement as well. We embrace and encourage our members’ differences in age, color, disability, ethnicity, family status, gender identity, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status and other characteristics that make each PATSA-R9 member unique. PATSA-R9’s diversity initiatives are applicable—but not limited to the following:

- Respectful communication and cooperation between all TSA members, judges, families and partners.
- Teamwork and member participation, permitting the representation of all groups and member perspectives.

All PATSA-R9 members have a responsibility to treat others with dignity and respect at all times. All members are expected to exhibit conduct that reflects inclusion during school, at school functions on or off campus, and at all other PATSA-R9-sponsored and participative events. Any member found to have exhibited any inappropriate conduct or behavior against others may be subject to disciplinary action, disqualification from competitions and/or removal from the conference site. Members who believe they have been subjected to any kind of discrimination that conflicts with the organization’s diversity policy and initiatives should seek assistance from a PATSA-R9 event coordinator. This Diversity Policy is an extension of the Anti-Harassment/Anti-Discrimination Policy already set forth by Pennsylvania TSA. http://patsa.org/sites/default/files/bod_appendix_g.pdf

Event Conflicts

Each advisor and student should attempt to choose events that do not take place at the same time. The prior year’s schedule is posted and can be used as a guide. In the event of an unavoidable conflict, it is the participant’s responsibility to discuss the matter with the event judge prior to the event beginning. All judges will be advised to allow late entry (if possible) to any student that provides prior notice.

Medical Emergency & Participant Forms

Each chapter advisor MUST have with them the PATSA Participant Forms for each student in attendance. Dial 911 in the case of emergency.

<http://patsa.org/sites/default/files/participant%20forms.pdf>

Event Pickup

There will be a scheduled time for students to pick up their events when judging is completed. Students are REQUIRED to pick up their projects. Any projects remaining at the end of the day will be discarded. Projects will not be mailed to schools.

Award Ribbons and Qualifiers

Ribbons will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place qualifiers of each event. Qualifiers not announced at the awards ceremony will be posted on the Region 9 page as soon as possible during Conference Weekend. Any student or team listed on this posting has qualified for the State Conference even if the number of event wins for a specific chapter exceeds the State Conference maximum shown in Appendix E of the PATSA Handbook. Please refer to Section 6.03 (g) of the PATSA Handbook for more details regarding Qualifiers.

Safety Glasses

Students must wear eye protection for any event that requires it. Students will not be allowed to participate in their event until this requirement is met.

PATSA Scholarships Available

Did you know that your students can win scholarships toward college? Please be sure to show them the opportunities that are posted at <http://patsa.org/programs/scholarships-awards>.

Region 9 Scholarship Available

This year Region 9 will be offering a scholarship to one senior. The due date for the scholarship is December 31, 2017 and the link is located on the R9 Website.

This Document's Revision History 2017-2018

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