

## National Qualifying Event Reminders

1. **Nationals Dress Code WILL be enforced in ALL NQE events, including project drop off that involves entry into NQE areas.**

Students must wear:

Official TSA Blue Competition Shirt, gray pants, black socks, black shoes.

Females may opt to wear skirts and/or hosiery in lieu of pants and socks.

An image of the official shirt is below and it must be purchased from

[www.tsaweb.org](http://www.tsaweb.org)

Technology Student Association Official Shirt/Blouse



Chapter Team must wear official TSA blazers, with patch, and the red TSA tie (males).

2. **Students and Advisors are required to know the rules of the events.**

Participants are also encouraged to check updates and clarifications on the National TSA Website throughout the year.

3. **The Go/No-Go Specifications will be used in NQE events.** Make sure all elements of your project are present and that basic rules noted on the Go/No-Go Specifications are met or it WILL NOT be scored.

An example is below:

Participant/Team ID# _____
<b>ANIMATRONICS</b>
2017 & 2018 OFFICIAL RATING FORM HIGH SCHOOL
Go/No Go Specifications
Before judging the entry, ensure that the items below are present; indicate presence with a check mark in the box. If an item is missing, leave the box blank and place a check mark in the box labeled ENTRY NOT EVALUATED. If a check mark is placed in the ENTRY NOT EVALUATED box, the entry is not to be judged.
<input type="checkbox"/> Skins/shells are removable.
<input type="checkbox"/> Interior skeleton and mechanism are accessible for inspection.
<input type="checkbox"/> Documentation is present in a clear front report cover.
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed LEAP Leadership Resume is present.
<input type="checkbox"/> ENTRY NOT EVALUATED

4. **LEAP Resume is required for High School. LEAP Response is required for Middle School.** These are both No Go Specifications, so if you forget them, the project will not be judged.
5. **When turning in a project, please make the LEAP Resume (HS) or LEAP Response (MS) the LAST PAGE of the portfolio.**  
For events that do not have a portfolio, please bring the LEAP Resume/Response flat with no sheet protector and/or binding. We just end up throwing those away...please save the plastic 😊
6. **Students with schedule conflicts are encouraged to speak to the NQE Managers** (Ricky Broussard and Kristin Rausch) to attempt to resolve the conflicts. All efforts will be made to accommodate the student, however, we cannot hold judges beyond the time of the event nor can we reschedule events. If it is impossible for a student to compete in two events at the same time and/or a substitution cannot be made in the case of a team event, the student will have the choice on which event to drop.
7. **Students must be registered with the conference and pick up their badge before attempting to turn in a project or enter a competitive event.** Please make sure you arrive in plenty of time to do registration before your first event begins.

8. **When turning in a project, please put the entry sticker on the BACK of the portfolio.**  
DO NOT scratch out the name or any numbers on the sticker. These do not count towards the “no names” rule.
9. **Event stickers and name badges issued by Texas TSA DO NOT count against the student in relation to the “no names” rule mentioned below.** We need names on both items to be visible. Please DO NOT scratch them out.
10. **DO NOT put your name or school on a project unless it specifically calls for it.** This includes introducing yourselves by name or school in a speaking event.  
MS allows names on: Children’s Stories, Community Service Video, & Construction Challenge, and Career Prep.  
HS allows names on: STEM Careers.  
For Plan of Work Logs in both levels, use student initials.
11. **Students competing in an event with a written test MUST bring their own #2 pencils and writing surface such as a clipboard.**  
Failure to do so will result in disqualification per TSA National Rules.
12. **Please review the event modifications on Sched.com by clicking on the events.**  
Modifications currently include:
  - a. Only running one round of speaking events (i.e.: no finalist round)
  - b. Shortened time for CAD events
  - c. Shortened set up time for System Control
  - d. No LEAP interviews for events that did not have an interview prior to LEAP (i.e.: Problem Solving, Digital Video Production, etc)
  - e. Photographic Technology will be done in the students’ hotel room or other location; we are not holding semi-finalists in a controlled group setting.
  - f. No tables or chairs for problems solving – HS and MS. Students will have to sit on the floor.
13. **NQE Protests and concerns must be addressed during the actual running of the event and need to be brought to the attention of the NQE Managers (Ricky Broussard and Kristin Rausch).**  
Due to the nature of many of the events, it is very difficult to fairly address protest or problems after the event is over, the judges have left, and the results have been posted.  
  
**ONLY ADVISORS may bring concerns and protests to the NQE Managers.**  
Parents or students must discuss the issue with their chapter advisor, who will bring it to the NQE Managers.
14. **Project/Display pick up is after the Third General Session on Tuesday Morning.**  
NO PROJECTS will be released before then. Anything left after 1pm on Tuesday will be disposed of.
15. **Per Texas TSA Board Policy, scoresheets will not be released.**  
We will have been testing out a modified feedback system for NQE’s. It will depend on the participation of the judges and coordinators. Please be patient as we try to find a workable system.
16. **We’re all volunteers. Please be kind.**  
If you have an issue, we’re here to help, but please remember the people running this have the same job as you do during the day, have students here as well, and we’re doing the best we can. We appreciate your patience when semi-finalist lists are not up as fast they should be, or we’re running behind in an event. Thank you 😊