

# COMPETITIVE EVENTS GENERAL GUIDELINES

ALL  
2020-2021  
TAFE Competitive Events are governed by these guidelines.



Please copy & distribute these guidelines to all competitors, parents, teacher leaders, principals, and facilitators.

## Competitors

- Competitors are those students who actually compete in a competitive event.
- Every TAFE member *must be Educators Rising affiliated* to compete at the regional, state, and national level. [Educators Rising Link](#) after clicking on this link, click on either Educators Rising Middle and High or Educators Rising Collegiate.
- Competitors can only compete in 3 events of which no more than 2 can be national events. ELF Test, Student of the Year and Breakout Session do not count as part of the 3 events.
- Competitors must attend school in the region where the members are competing.
- Competitors *must qualify at their region conference before* competing at the Teach Tomorrow Summit. Competitors may only compete in three competitive events plus the ELF test and TAFE Student of the Year.
- Competitors **must** be in professional dress per the [TAFE dress code](#) to compete. Questionable attire will be addressed and must be corrected before being allowed to compete. A signed dress code statement (online form) is required to compete and must be kept in the possession of the teacher leader at all times.

## Competitive Events Terminology

<b>Individual</b>	1 competitor
<b>Dual</b>	2 competitors
<b>Team</b>	2-4 competitors
<b>Contest</b>	event that is scored against a standard of excellence and not ranked
<b>Competition</b>	event that is scored and competitors are ranked

## Competitive Events are Divided into 5 levels:

1. **Middle School (MS)** - This is for members in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades.
2. **Junior Varsity (JV)** - This is for members in 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grades.
3. **Varsity (V)** - This is for members in 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grades.
4. **Collegiate** - This is for students who have graduated high school and who are attending an institution of higher education. This is not for dual credit or collegiate academies in high school.
5. **Special Edition (SE)** - This is for students who are on an IEP. It is specifically designed to accommodate special needs students who need accommodations to compete in the competitions.
  - If a 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grader competes with an 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grader, they must compete in the Varsity division. Junior Varsity students can compete up a level with another person from Varsity, but Varsity cannot compete down a level with a person from Junior Varsity.
  - Middle School cannot compete with JV or V. JV and V cannot compete with Collegiate.

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## Number of Entries per Competitive Event

In the guidelines for each competitive event, it states how many entries a chapter can enter in that event. That is the number that each chapter can enter in each level that is open to that event.

- Example 1: Creative Lecture has 2 entries, but it is open to MS, JV, V, and Collegiate. Two (2) entries can be entered for each level.
  - Example 2: Ethical Dilemma has one (1) entry, but it is open to JV, V, and Collegiate. One (1) entry can be entered at each level per chapter.
- Competitors and teacher leaders should carefully read and familiarize themselves with *all the pages* of the event in which they will be competing.
  - Outstanding Chapter and Student of the Year are the only two events that do not have to qualify at region.
  - **All other events must qualify on the region level first.**
    - State events - state is the highest level to compete.
    - National events - national is the highest level to compete.
  - Be mindful to utilize these General Competitive Events Guidelines at the region and state levels. Once you qualify for nationals, the national level general guidelines will apply.
  - The **guidelines** contain specifics required.
  - All **forms** must be complete and submitted on-time.

## Materials & Presentation

All submitted materials must reflect *original work from the current school year*.

Current year is defined as starting after the TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit for state events and after nationals for all national events.

Material that may have been submitted in previous years is ineligible.

## Scoring

The **rubric** determines how the competitors will be scored.

The judges' decisions are final.

## Registering to Compete

- Teacher leaders must login to the TAFE website, [www.tafeonline.org](http://www.tafeonline.org), select their **Region registration** which will take them to the link to register for their region conference and competitive events. This must be done by the deadline set by the region in which they are competing.
- For state, teacher leaders must login to the TAFE website and register for the state conference and register for each event. Registering for the conference does not register you for the events. Each competitive event has a separate registration form.

## Day of Contest/Competition

- Dress Code and Statements of Originality forms must be completed and brought with you to conference. These must be kept in the possession of the teacher leader in case of question or challenge to the dress code.
- Students and teacher leaders will be required to sign the dress code information on the back of their name tags.

- If there are conflicts with a student's presentation times let the judges know so that arrangements can be made. **NO STUDENTS WILL BE DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE**; provision will be arranged, but they must arrive before the last person competes. Judges will not be expected to wait around to see if competitors show up.
- Competitors will be assigned a time to compete. They will be expected to arrive 15 minutes before their assigned time.
- If there is a scheduling conflict, competitor must inform the judge at check-in so accommodations can be made.
- If the competitor is not there at his/her scheduled time, the next in line will move up to that time slot.
- All competition requiring AV will have a screen, outlet, projector, table, and internet access for the competitor's use. Competitors must bring their own laptop or tablet and appropriate cabling to connect the projector to their device.
- All other materials and necessary items must be brought with the competitors. No one will be allowed in the competition room to help the competitors set up.

### **Advancement from Region to State**

- The number of **state qualifiers advancing from region** in each competition will be 20% of the competitors, allowing a minimum of 2 per competition and a maximum of 5 per competition. This does not include contests or the ELF test.

# Region Competitors	# Advance to State
0-12	Minimum 2
13-17	3
18-23	4
24+	Maximum 5

- To compete at the Teach Tomorrow Summit, state qualifiers will be submitted to the state office by the **Region President School Teacher Leaders** no later than 10 days following the region conference. This will be done by sharing the region Google doc spreadsheet.

### **Teach Tomorrow Summit**

- **Competition times** will be posted to the TAFE website ([www.tafeonline.org](http://www.tafeonline.org))
- The top (10) ten competitors/teams will be recognized on stage at the Annual Teach Tomorrow Summit.
- **Judge's electronic rubrics** will be emailed within two weeks following the Teach Tomorrow Summit.

### **Advancement from State to Nationals**

- In national qualifying events, the top 10 competitors/teams in competitions and contests will qualify to compete at the Educators Rising national conference.
- National qualifiers must submit entries on the Educators Rising website by the deadline set by Educators Rising.

### **Permissions**

- Competitors grant TAFE, the right to use and publish the submission in print, online, or in any media without compensation.
- Competitors grant TAFE the right to post photos of students for promotional purposes on the

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TAFE website.

- All source media used for the competition must be cited in competition submissions.
- Written permissions for copyrighted material must be obtained for the rights to display and present media-related materials at the TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit and to post media-related materials on the TAFE website. All permissions obtained to use copyrighted material must be included with entry submission. (Note: This requirement does apply to music used in videos and other media-related materials. It does not apply to artifacts collected for a project.) Failure to accomplish this will result in disqualification.