

COMPETITIVE EVENTS

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

LEVELS IN COMPETITIVE EVENTS:	
What are the levels and who can compete in each level?	<p>There are 5 levels:</p> <p>Middle School (MS) - This is for members in 7th & 8th grades.</p> <p>Junior Varsity (JV) – This is for members in 9th & 10th grades.</p> <p>Varsity (V) – This is for members in 11th & 12th grades.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Can a 9 th or 10 th grader compete with an 11 th or 12 th grader?	<p>Yes. However, 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.</p> <p>Middle School cannot compete with JV or V. JV and V cannot compete with Collegiate.</p>
How many can compete in each level for each competitive event?	<p>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 enter at each level per chapter.</p>
How many can advance to nationals in each level of competitions?	<p>Top ten (10) can advance to nationals in each level.</p>
ALTERNATES:	
Can I substitute a competitor?	<p>Events with only one competitor cannot be substituted. Events with more than one competitor can be substituted if at least one of the competitors was in the original group. A substitute must complete the "Competitive Events Change Form".</p>
If two students competed in an event at Region and only one competed in that event at State, can the original two compete at Nationals?	<p>No, only the number of students who competed at State will be allowed to advance to Nationals.</p>
What if I qualify for the next level of competitions and I am unable to attend.	<p>Out of courtesy to other TAFE members, contact the State office immediately.</p>

If I am competing in three events, can I be an alternate for another event?	No, not at region. However, if you only advance to state in 2 of your events, you can be an alternate in 1 other event as long as you are not in more than 2 national events.
COMPETITION MATERIALS:	
What do I do with my displays, portfolio, or children's book once I have finished my competition?	Competitors keep their own items after the judging of their event. Do not leave them with judges, facilitators, volunteers, etc. You are responsible for safeguarding your own project items.
What do I do if the judge asks to keep my book, portfolio or display?	Leave it and ask the judge when you should return to pick it up. Then, return and pick it up at the time given to you by the judge. If there is no one in the room when you return, go to the competitive events headquarters room to see if it was turned in there. All items must be picked up by the end of competition day or they will be discarded.
Can I completely change my project between Region and State or between State and Nationals?	No! You can only improve upon your original project.
DRESS CODE:	
Can competitors wear costumes?	<p>Only <u>five events</u> allow competitors to dress in character costumes and then only if the costumes were used during the original project or presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Children's Literature Pre-K and Children's Literature K-3</u> competitors can dress in character costumes relevant to the book. ● <u>Bulletin Board</u> contestants can dress in character costumes relevant to the bulletin board. ● <u>Project Visualize</u> contestants may choose to dress in costumes worn during their project. For example, if a group did a fairytale reading night and they dressed up like characters from the fairytales they were reading, those costumes could be used in the contest presentation. ● <u>Professional Development Presentation Competition</u> can dress in character pertaining to the presentation
Does the Competitors' Dress Code Compliance form have to be signed for Region and State conferences?	YES! These are MANDATORY TO COMPETE! Signed copies must be in the possession of your Teacher Leader at all times.
Why do I have to be in professional dress code compliance at all times?	We are setting a standard of dress for the teaching profession. View Dress Code Compliance Form
ELF & PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TESTS:	
Do I have to be in dress code to take the ELF & Parliamentary Procedure Test?	Yes! If you are not in dress code, you will not be allowed to test.
What do I need to bring with me to the ELF & Parliamentary Procedure test?	You will need to bring your picture ID. The multiple-choice questions will be administered utilizing an online web-based system. The essay will be handwritten on paper provided.
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	In most instances, you will need to bring your own device; in that case refer to device policy. This information will be made known to you by your region president prior to the event.											
When I am finished with the ELF & PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE tests, can I leave?	Follow the directions of the testing administrator. When given permission, you can leave.											
REGISTRATION FOR COMPETITIVE EVENTS:												
In how many competitive events can I compete?	Students can compete in 3 events with no more than 2 national events. ELF Test, Student of the Year, and Breakout Session do count as part of the 3 events.											
	REGION	3 plus Breakout Session and ELF Test										
	STATE	All State qualified events plus Student of the Year for seniors										
What score qualifies for state?	All contests except ELF test need a qualifying score of 90-100 ELF test state qualifying score is 70. All competitions are placed, and state qualifiers are based on number who actually compete in the event.											
What is the number of state qualifiers advancing from region <u>competitions</u> ?	The number of <i>state qualifiers advancing from region</i> in each competition will be 20% of the competitors, allowing a minimum of 2 per <u>competition</u> and a maximum of 5 per competition. This does not include contests or the ELF test.											
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What is the last day to register for competitive events?	REGION	Contact your Region President										
	STATE	January 15, 2021										
When does registration have to be paid?	Checks must be postmarked by February 3, 2021 to receive the \$70 per person discounted rate. After February 3, 2021 the rate is \$90 per person.											
RUBRICS:												
Will we get our students' rubrics after they compete?	Region - you will have to ask the region president teacher leader. State - No, the scoring information will be sent to the teacher leader's email a within a week after the conference.											
SCHEDULE CONFLICTS:												
What do I do if I have conflicts with my competitive events schedule?	Fill out a Competitive Events Change Form and take it to the Competitive Events Headquarters room to get it fixed.											
STATEMENT OF ORIGINALITY:												
Does the Statement of Originality have to be signed for Region and State conferences?	Yes, signed copies must be in the possession of your Teacher Leaders at all times. Statement of Originality											
What is the purpose of the Statement of Originality?	The Statement of Originality is for competitors to sign stating that it is their original work and that it is from the current year. Current year is defined as starting after the TAFE Teach											

	Tomorrow Summit for state events and after nationals for all national events.
Do I need a Statement of Originality for every competition I compete in?	Yes, one for each competition. Signed copies must always be in the possession of your Teacher Leader.
EARLY JUDGING:	
What events have to be judged early?	<p>Lesson Plan and Video for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson Planning and Delivery Competition – Arts, ● Lesson Planning and Delivery Competition – Career and Technical Education (CTE), ● Lesson Planning and Delivery Competition – Humanities, ● Lesson Planning and Delivery Competition – STEM, ● Professional Development Presentation Competition <p>Position Paper for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Researching Learning Challenges Competition <p>Proposal Form for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakout Session Contest
What is the deadline for sending videos links and mailing documents?	January 22, 2021
Do I have to bring my documents with me if I mailed them in?	YES! It is always better to be prepared in case something happened.
VOLUNTEERS:	
What are Judge's responsibilities?	Click here for the Judge's Responsibilities . Click here for the Judge's Orientation .
What does a timekeeper do?	Click here for the Timekeeper's Responsibilities .
What does a door monitor do?	Click here for the Door Monitor's Responsibilities .
What does a runner do?	Click here for the Runner's Responsibilities .
How do I sign up to volunteer?	Click here and fill out the information.