

OVERVIEW

Participants demonstrate their knowledge of TSA and concepts addressed in the technology content standards by completing an objective test. Applying leadership and 21st century skills, semifinalist teams participate in a question/response, head-to-head competition.

ELIGIBILITY

One (1) team of three (3) individuals per chapter may participate. Teams that take the test and advance to the semifinalist portion of the event must be comprised of the same three (3) members.

TIME LIMITS

PRELIMINARY ROUND

- A. One (1) hour is allowed for the test. Three (3) members must be present at the same time and take the test individually.

SEMIFINAL ROUND

- A. Teams selected as semifinalists must be available as scheduled for oral competition.

ATTIRE

TSA competition attire is required.

PROCEDURE

PRE-CONFERENCE

- A. Participants review the TSA Honor Statement for Competitive Events found in the General Rules and listed in the individual competitive event rules.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

- A. Participants report to the event area at the time and place stated in the conference program for the test.
- B. Participants follow the specific regulations and adhere to the directions provided on-site by the event coordinator.
- C. All team members take the test individually.
- D. The sixteen (16) top-scoring teams qualify as semifinalists.

- E. The preliminary round score will be the average test score for the three (3) members. The sixteen (16) top scoring teams qualify for the semifinal round as semifinalists.
- F. A semifinalist list (in random order) is posted.

SEMIFINAL ROUND

- A. Semifinalist team members (and their advisor, if available) report to the oral event area holding room at the time and place stated in the conference program.
- B. After a short briefing, advisors leave and the teams remain in the holding room until they are called for competition.
- C. Teams are paired using the semifinalist teams' bracket.
- D. Each team will be listed on the bracket by their chapter ID.
- E. When instructed to do so, two (2) teams enter the event area and are seated according to instructions.
- F. Questions are drawn from a card file resource bank.
- G. If equipment malfunctions, a question that is being considered at that time automatically is eliminated. If equipment malfunctions three (3) times, time is called by the event coordinator to set up back-up equipment. After equipment has been set up and tested, the event continues from the point where it stopped.
- H. Once a team is eliminated, the team is out of the oral competition except for the round in which the third and fourth positions are determined.
- I. The top ten (10) finalist teams will be announced at the awards ceremony.

REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Students will work to develop their leadership and 21st century skills in the process of preparing for and participating in this TSA competitive event. The development and application of those skills must be evident in their submission, demonstration, and/or communication pertaining to the entry.

PRELIMINARY ROUND/WRITTEN EXAM

- A. Team members take the test individually.
- B. Tests will be administered online only. Written (paper) tests will not be used unless deemed necessary prior to, or on-site at the national conference. Online testing will require each member to provide a laptop, and all members must take the test online. Please review the [National TSA Conference Competition Requirements](#).
- C. Participants are responsible for bringing two (2) sharpened No.2 pencils to the test site.
- D. In the event the test must be administered using a hard copy and scantron:
 1. Student identification numbers must be entered on the scantron form in the space indicated.
 2. Participants must stop work immediately when time is called.
 3. Should a participant complete the test before the time allocated is over, the participant will submit the test and scantron form to the coordinator without any form of communication with any other member. Failure to do so results in disqualification of the participant.
 4. All tests and scantrons must be turned in before leaving the test area.
- E. The average of the test scores of all three (3) team members determines team ranking.
- F. These same three (3) team members compete in the semifinal round, should the team qualify.

SEMIFINAL ROUND/ORAL COMPETITION

- A. Sixteen (16) teams, based upon the test results, are selected as semifinalists.
- B. All three (3) members of a semifinalist team must be available to participate at the scheduled time for the oral competition portion of the event.
- C. If a team or member is late for participation, that team forfeits and is eliminated from competition.
- D. No transmitting or recording devices are permitted to assist in answering a question in the event area.
- E. No prompting is permitted.

- F. Teams that leave the holding room before being called for competition are eliminated.
- G. Teams may visit with other teams in the holding room.
- H. No advisors or visitors may enter the holding room once the semifinal round begins.
- I. Team members may not enter the oral event area as spectators until after their team has been entirely eliminated from competition.
- J. Questions, to include the bonus question, may not be discussed by teams. Team members may only discuss the additional question.
- K. Ten (10) teams are announced as finalists during the awards ceremony. The highest test scores of the teams that were eliminated in the initial round will receive 9th and 10th place. The highest test scores of the teams that were eliminated in the second round will be used to determine 5th-8th place.
- L. The procedures for reading questions and “buzzing in” are as follows:
 1. The team member who buzzes in to answer a question has five (5) seconds to answer the question without discussion.
 2. After a full question is read, competing teams have ten (10) seconds to answer without discussion. If neither team buzzes in, the reader moves to the next question.
 3. If a team member buzzes in before a question is finished being read, the reader ceases reading and the team member must give the exact answer as printed with the question without discussion. If the answer is incorrect, the reader reads the entire question for the opposing team.
- M. A team’s score is derived from the total number of correct answers to the questions asked:
 1. Twelve (12) questions and an additional question are asked per round; no questions are repeated in another round.
 2. For questions 1-11, a correct answer gives the team ten (10) points, and an incorrect answer results in a loss of five (5) points.

3. The 12th question is the bonus question and is worth fifteen (15) points; there is no penalty for an incorrect answer.
4. If the bonus question is not answered correctly, participants are not given an additional question.
5. If a team answers the bonus question correctly, the team is given an additional question to answer. There is no penalty for an incorrect answer. The team may discuss this question. A correct answer for the additional question is worth five (5) points.
6. In case of a tie, three (3) additional questions are asked. This procedure continues until the tie is broken.

EVALUATION

PRELIMINARY ROUND

- A. Each team's average written test score is used to determine the sixteen (16) semifinalist teams.

SEMIFINAL ROUND

- A. Semifinalists will be evaluated on their performance during the oral competition.

Refer to the official rating form for more information.

TSA HONOR STATEMENT

All work must be created and completed by individual competitors or teams. Plagiarism, the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) software, copyright violation, cheating, and falsification of information are prohibited. Participants may NOT use any generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) tools (e.g. ChatGPT, Google Gemini, GitHub Copilot, etc.). Any attempt to gain an unfair advantage will not be tolerated. Competitors at any level of TSA competition understand and agree to abide by the TSA Honor Statement.

If it is determined that a student violated the TSA Honor Statement, a rules violation of twenty percent (20%) will be incurred.

STEM INTEGRATION

This event has connections to the STEM areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

LEADERSHIP AND 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

This event provides opportunity for students to build and develop leadership and 21st century skills including but not limited to – Communication, Collaboration/Social Skills, Initiative, Problem Solving/Risk Taking, Critical Thinking, Perseverance/Grit, Creativity, Relationship Building/Teamwork, Dependability/Integrity, and Flexibility/Adaptability

CAREERS RELATED TO THIS EVENT

This competition has connections to one (1) or more of the careers below:

- Computer technician
- Construction analyst
- Engineer
- Entrepreneur
- Technology education instructor

TECH BOWL

2026 & 2027 OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET MIDDLE SCHOOL

Competition Round ID# _____

Team # _____ (A) Team # _____ (B)

Scorekeeper's Signature _____

SEMIFINAL ROUND – ORAL COMPETITION		TEAM A	TEAM B
Mark an X in the box beside the team that gives the correct response to the question and an O beside the team that gives an incorrect response. Record the scores for each response in the column to the right.			
Question #	Points		
1.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
2.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
3.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
4.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
5.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
6.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
7.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
8.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
9.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
10.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
11.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
12. Bonus question	+15 for answering the bonus question correctly; no penalty for answering the bonus question incorrectly		
Additional question	+5 for answering the additional question correctly; no penalty for answering the additional question incorrectly		
ORAL COMPETITION SUBTOTAL (130 points)			

Tie Breaker Questions			
1.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
2.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
3.	+10 for correct, -5 for incorrect response		
TIE BREAKER QUESTIONS SUBTOTAL (30 points)			

Rules violations (a deduction of 20% of the total possible points for the above sections) must be initialed by the judge, coordinator, and manager of the event. Record the deduction in the space to the right.

Indicate the rule violated: _____

SEMIFINAL SUBTOTAL (160 points)

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To arrive at the **TOTAL** score, subtract rules violation points, as necessary.

Comments:

I certify these results to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

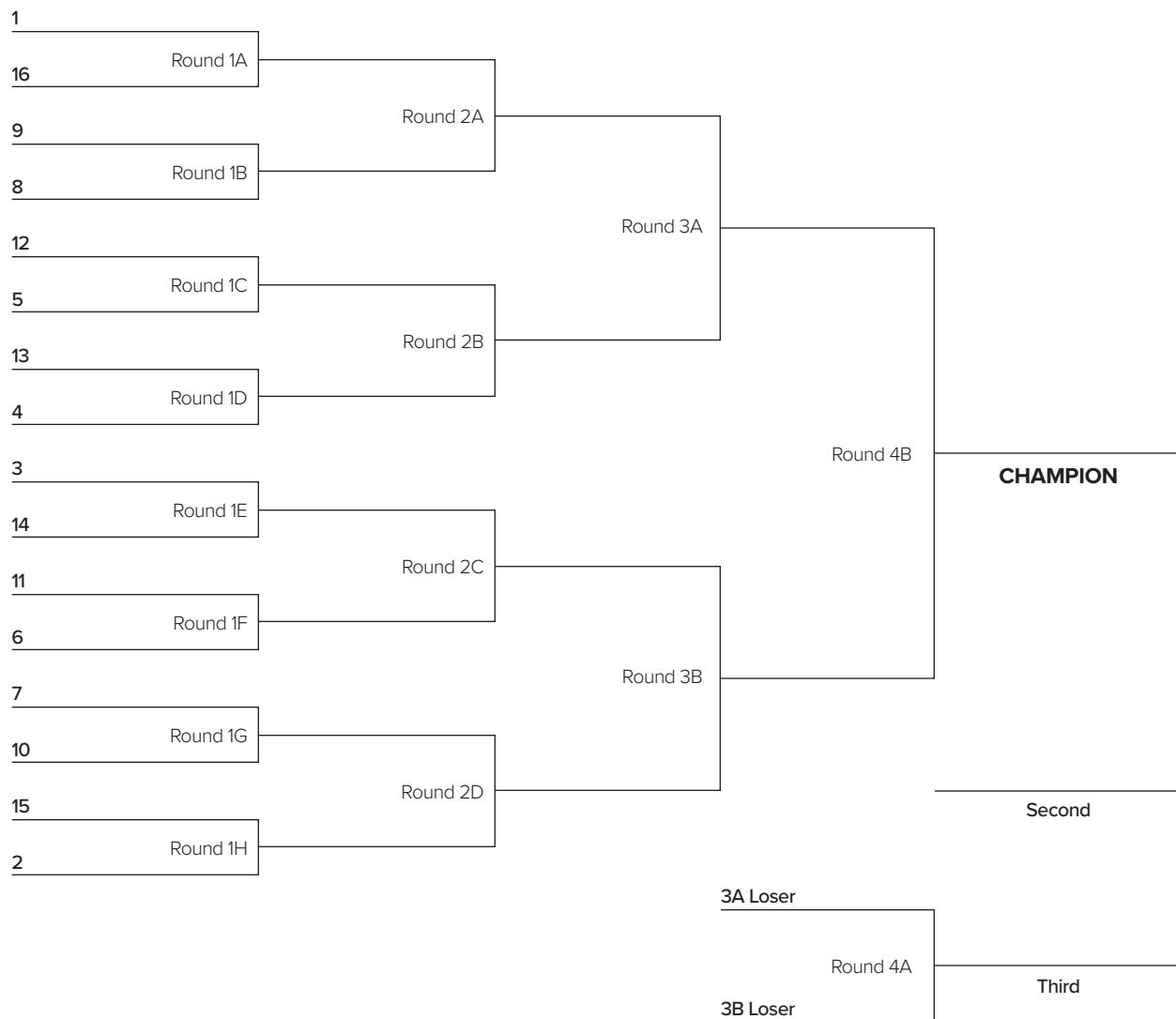
JUDGE

Printed name: _____ Signature: _____



SEMIFINALIST TEAMS BRACKET

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Note to evaluators: This is a single elimination format (semifinalist teams ONLY). Seed is determined by team ranking on written test.

Seed 1	Team #	Seed 9	Team #
Seed 2	Team #	Seed 10	Team #
Seed 3	Team #	Seed 11	Team #
Seed 4	Team #	Seed 12	Team #
Seed 5	Team #	Seed 13	Team #
Seed 6	Team #	Seed 14	Team #
Seed 7	Team #	Seed 15	Team #
Seed 8	Team #	Seed 16	Team #

TECH BOWL

EVENT COORDINATOR INSTRUCTIONS

PERSONNEL

- A. Event coordinator
- B. Timer for written exam, one (1)
- C. Proctors for written exam, four (4)
- D. Timekeeper for oral competition, one (1)
- E. Scorekeeper for oral competition, one (1)
- F. Moderator for oral competition, one (1)
- G. Assistants for oral competition, two (2)

MATERIALS

- A. Coordinator's packet, containing:
 - 1. Event guidelines, one (1) copy for the coordinator and for each judge
 - 2. TSA Event Coordinator Report
- B. Tables and chairs for the participants and judges
- C. Oral competition
 - 1. Table and chairs for the event judges
 - 2. Two (2) tables and six (6) chairs for the event team, facing the moderator and audience
 - 3. Tech Bowl bracket
 - 4. List of chapters for the event
 - 5. Buzzer system and controls
 - 6. A printed sign (to be placed outside the oral competition room) stating that no filming, taking of photos, or use of any electronic recording devices will be allowed in the competition room
 - 7. Stopwatch for timekeeper
 - 8. 5" x 8" question cards selected from the tech bowl test bank, with questions and the acceptable answer(s) clearly typed

RESPONSIBILITIES

AT THE CONFERENCE

- A. Attend the mandatory event coordinator's meeting at the designated time and location.
- B. Report to the CRC room and check the contents of the coordinator's packet.
- C. Review the event guidelines and check to see that enough personnel have been scheduled.
- D. Inspect the area(s) in which the event is to be held for appropriate set-up, including room size, chairs, tables, outlets, etc. Notify the event manager of any potential problems.
- E. At least one (1) hour before the event is scheduled to begin, meet with judges/assistants to review time limits, procedures, regulations, evaluation, and any other details associated with the event. If questions arise that cannot be answered, speak to the event manager before the event begins.
- F. Ensure the judges have access to the online judging system.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

- A. Prior to the conference, the event coordinator shall become familiar with the format of the exam (refer to the National TSA Conference Competition Requirements).
- B. Begin the event at the scheduled time by closing the doors and checking the entry list.
- C. All participants and event judges should be in the room at this time.
- D. Late participants and/or entries are considered on a case-by-case basis and only when lateness is caused by events beyond the participant's control.
- E. In order to compete, participants must be on the entry list or must have approval of the CRC.
- F. All participants and judges should be in the room at this time.
- G. In order to compete, participants must be on the registration list or must have approval of the CRC.
- H. Monitor the one (1)-hour test.

I. Decisions about rules violations must be discussed and verified with the judges, event coordinator, and the CRC manager to determine either:

1. To deduct twenty percent (20%) of the total possible points in this round
2. To disqualify the entry

The event coordinator, judges, and CRC manager must initial either of these actions on the rating form.

J. Determine the sixteen (16) semifinalist teams based on team members' averaged score on the written test.

SEMIFINAL ROUND/ORAL COMPETITION

- A. Run the oral component of the event as described in the Procedure section.
- B. Discuss rule violations (e.g. 20% deduction, disqualification) and have all relevant parties initial the rating form.
- C. Determine the ten (10) finalists. The highest test scores of the teams that were eliminated in the initial round will receive 9th and 10th place. The highest test scores of the teams that were eliminated in the second round will be used to determine 5th-8th place.
- D. If necessary, manage security and the removal of materials from the event area.