

2018 GCAPT Special Needs Safety Road-e-o Regulations

1. The Gulf Coast Association for Pupil Transportation (GCAPT) hosts a regional Special Needs School Bus Driver Safety Competition welcoming public sector teams. In order to be eligible for regional Competition, teams must have competed at the respective district level. The driving events will be held on April 14th, at Spring ISD, Transportation. Breakfast will be served at 6:45am. Road-e-o course walk through will be at 8:00am
2. **In order to qualify for competition teams must meet the following criteria:**
 - a. Driver and Monitor: Must be involved in the daily transportation of students and employed by a school district, charter or contract company.
 - b. Driver only:**
 - i. Hold a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with "P" and "S" endorsements.
 - ii. Hold a valid State of Texas Certification Card (Enrollment certificate will not be accepted)
 - iii. Hold a valid Texas School Bus Driver Physical.
 - iv. Must not have had a preventable school bus accident (as defined by the National Safety Council Safe Driver Award Program) September 1, 2017.
3. Teams must be pre-registered by **April, 11th, 2018**. A team for the 2018 special needs Road-e-o who does not have all paper work completed and fees paid will not be allowed to participate.

REGULATIONS

1. Teams will be required to remain in the driver preparation area until called for competition. Contestants are not allowed on the course or adjacent to any of the events except during competition. Family members and observers are not allowed on the course during the event.
2. It is understood that students are on the bus from the time the driver leaves the starting line and the teams must conduct themselves accordingly.
3. In all events the doors must remain closed unless the rules of an event require the door to be opened.
4. Teams must check in with the Team Leader after each event so they may be directed to the next event.
5. Each team will be allowed a maximum of six (6) minutes to familiarize him/herself with the instrumentation and controls of the school bus to be driven in competition. The driver may request assistance from a competition official in the adjustment of mirrors and seats within the manufactured specifications.
6. The team may be timed at selected events. The team's accumulated time for the timed events will be used to determine ranking in the case of a tie in the final total score. No changes will occur on the course set-up once competition starts. However, the Competition Chairman may determine to disqualify any event during competition and apply the point value equally to all teams.
7. Teams may notify the competition Head Judge at the final event in the course if they feel that an interference or problem affected their competition. Any concern must be reported immediately before exiting the competition vehicle. Once the team has exited the competition vehicle, no

grievance or concern will be accepted. If interference or a problem is confirmed and the score of the individual competitor is affected, a determination will be made as to whether to allow a re-run of that event. If a re-run is granted, an official of the competition will escort the competitor directly to the event involved. If a re-run is allowed, the score of the re-run will become the official score and not the previous score that was recorded before the re-run. The determination by the competition Chairman will be final relative to the concern. Once the scores have been finalized and winners announced no grievance or changes in the score will occur.

8. No scores will be provided prior to the Awards Ceremony. Copies of individual score sheets will be provided to the teams at the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Any of the following may result in disqualification of a team:

1. Any misconduct on the part of a participant such as the following:
 - a. Unprofessional behavior
 - b. Speeding and/or unsafe driving on the course
 - c. Use of drugs
 - d. Use of any alcohol during or immediately prior to the competition.
2. Any contestant who knowingly accepts signals from anyone may be automatically disqualified (this will also disqualify the team). For this reason, all spectators will be required to stay minimum of 50 feet from the perimeter of each event. A spectator area will be provided.
3. Failure to maintain proper driving position, (i.e. firmly in the driver's seat, hands on the wheel, etc.)
4. A contestant/ driver is not allowed to place his/her head out the window. Making modifications to the driver's seat in any way, other than the manufacturer's standards, will disqualify the team and may disqualify any other team prior to the discovery. Drivers may use a driving cushion. No attachments to the brake or gas pedal will be permitted.
5. No smoking, eating or drinking beverages will be allowed during an event.
6. No communication devices of any type will be allowed on the bus during competition or to be operated while driving on the course (AM, FM, Disk Player, 2-way, CB, cell phones, Bluetooth's, Blackberries, etc.).
7. Drivers are required to produce a valid School Bus Driver's License, Certification Card, and Physical Card with which they normally operate at the time of registration.
8. Entry into the scoring area by a contestant or driving coach is not permitted. The Competition Chairman will make the final determination on any disqualification.

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Contestants Packet

Congratulations on taking part in a great learning experience!

Whether this is your first special needs team safety road-e-o or you have participated before, we want to make your experience as enjoyable and positive as possible. The purpose of this packet is to prepare you for the regional competition on **April 14th, 2018**. Go over this packet with your team members as it includes the actual score sheets judges will be using during the Road-e-o, as well as explanation of contestant procedures and the open book knowledge test. Each contestant team must complete this test before the road-e-o and bring it with them to the road-e-o registration.

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Road-e-o contestant check-in will be held on Saturday, April 14th, 2018 from 6:45am until 7:15am at Spring ISD transportation, Spring ISD 341 E. Richey Rd. Bldg. B Houston, TX. 77073

Road-e-o contestants walk through will start at 7:45am and events will start at 8:30am

Lunch will be served after completion of events.

Packet contents: Score sheets and contestant procedures for all events.

***** The emergency event score sheet that is displayed is an example only. *****

Special needs knowledge test is open book and must be completed **BEFORE** the road-e-o and turned in during check-in on **Saturday, April 14th, 2017**.

Dead line for entry forms and Payment is **April 11th, 2017**. Mail or fax completed entry form, all necessary paperwork, and check (or P.O.) to:

Demetrius Martin, Sr., GCAPT Treasure/Secretary
P.O. 691928, Houston, TX. 77269.

Please make check or P.O. payable to: (GCAPT) Gulf Coast Association for Pupil Transportation. **Fee is \$300.00 per Team.**

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Written Test Instructions

This is an open book test to be completed by the team members who enter in the road-e-o competition. The purpose of this test is to measure and increase your knowledge of transporting students with disabilities and preschoolers. As you consult the written resource and the websites that this document recommends as source for answers to test questions, you will learn more about issues, solution, organization, government entities, and people involved in special needs transportation

Each question is worth 5 points for a possible score of 100 points. Please read the directions and follow them carefully. Reach each question carefully before answering. Teams are required to use the test form provided. Print neatly.

IMPORTANT: Teams are required to bring a copy of the completed test with them to competition. It is to be turned in at the check-in stations where the teams sign in on Saturday. It is suggested that each team keep a copy of the completed test for their own purposes.

Suggested resources:

2016 National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures

2016 Texas school bus specifications

Child Passenger Safety Restraint System on School Buses Student Manual

Center for Disease Control (CDC.Gov)

Texas department of public safety

Course guide for school bus driver training in Texas

Pupil transportation safety institute

The individuals with disabilities education act

Section 504 of the rehabilitant act

Eduprogroup.com

Education compliance group

National dissemination center for children with disabilities

National Highway traffic safety administration

Nasdpts.org

TAPT, NAPT website

School transportation news and School bus fleet magazines

Use your imagination and visit as many web sites as needed.

2018 GCAPT Regional Road-e-o Student Behavior Profiles

The following students will be aboard your school bus during the *driving events* and *Emergency event* as noted below. You will need to make sure you are familiar with these students and their needs.

Jesse: 16 year old student with down-syndrome and is very affectionate towards people. Jesse has difficulty staying focused, and has trouble staying in his seat (especially as others load and unload). Jesse can be very talkative, and has a tendency to repeat conversations he has heard from his older brother. He likes race cars, and he has dreamt of going to the Indy 500 since he was 8 years old.

Harley: 17 year old student who suffers from emotional disturbance and PTSD from years of abuse as a child. Has trouble trusting adults, and does not like to be touched. Student is combative, and has trouble listening to people of authority. Harley tends to yell, kick, and scream when adults come near. Harley likes dogs, and basketball, and is looking forward to the NBA playoffs.

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(EMERGENCY EVACUATION EVENT ONLY)

Bobbi: 17 year old student with Autism. She is very independent, but loud noises have been known to cause a meltdown. She is involved in JROTC and is constantly makes the honor roll. Bobbi loves water, and goes swimming every day after school.

Andy: 14 year old student with emotional disturbance. Andy is very aggressive, and the coordinators at the group home he resides in are having a hard time trying to figure out how to keep him calm. Andy does not like to be touched and will become violent and run if he feels threatened in any way.