

ROAD-E-O REGULATIONS

Special Needs

1. Drivers must use a Special Needs school bus. Participating school divisions may not bring their own bus; buses will be provided at the event.
2. Each contestant will be allowed an adequate amount of time to familiarize him/herself with the bus prior to the operation of the vehicle to be driven in competition. Only a staging area official may assist driver in the adjustment of mirrors and seat within manufactured specifications. No other assistance will be permitted.
3. Participants will be assigned a contestant number for their vehicle at the road-e-o site, and will be judged by contestant number, not name.
4. Each driver is placed on the honor system **not to assist another driver in any way, nor receive assistance from other parties.** Additionally, **no riders are allowed during competition.**
5. Contestants will be allowed to compete in the road-e-o as either a team (driver and assistant) or Individual driver. Team or individual will be evaluated the same. One team per locality. Team events are; written test, WC securment and the loading and unloading of WC.
6. The wheelchair loading and securement events will focus on critically important procedures. Contestants will load and secure a wheelchair, and will be judged on items such as: setting lift, checking for head clearance before moving wheelchair through the lift door, selection of proper securement points on the wheelchair, adequate tightening of wheelchair securement straps and checking for securement, etc. The wheelchair-loading event must be completed within 5 minutes or less. The securement event must be completed within 10 minutes or less.
7. All events will be in accordance with the Virginia Department of Education's curriculum for school bus driver training and shall include, but not be limited to:
Maintaining proper driving position, not putting head out window, and wearing a properly adjusted seat belt at all times
8. Non-compliance with regulations could result in disqualification.
9. Driver's will be timed on one event, this time will be used in the event of a tie in your total score.
10. Upon maximum point deduction, driver will be signaled to move on to next event; failure to complete any obstacle event will result in maximum point deduction for that event.
11. Contestant shall set **parking brake** and shall **blow horn** when ready for measurements at the **Stop Line** and **Parallel Parking**.
12. Contestant **may only open door at Railroad Crossing and Student Pick-up events.** Any other time will result in point deductions.

13. A contestant may direct questions to anyone on the road-e-o committee, once they have completed the competition. **Judges shall not be approached.** Decisions of the Road-e-o committee are final.
14. Under no circumstance will contestants or specators be permitted on the obstacle course, staging area or testing room at anytime.
15. No scores will be provided during the competition. Summary score sheets will be provided to each locality after completion of the rodeo. Copies of individual score sheet or written test are not available for review or distribution.
16. Winners will be announced following completion of the road-e-o. Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place winners.

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