



TARS Convention Competition Rules 2023

NOTE: ALL EXTRICATION TEAMS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRE-PAY A \$150 FEE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION FOR THEIR CAR IN ORDER TO COMPETE

Extrication (Basic and Winner's Circle) Contest Rules

1. **One team allowed per agency per competition.** Teams shall pay the \$150 entry fee to cover the cost of the vehicle at time of registration. If a team reserves a vehicle and does not compete, the team entry fee is thereby forfeited to cover the cost of the vehicle. Teams who have not made payment and registered by the deadline date will not be allowed to compete.
2. All team members must be registered for the convention and I.D. badge must be worn during event.
3. Unregistered event competitors will result in complete team disqualification.
4. Minimum age for extrication contestants is 18 years old.
5. A team may consist of up to **5** members with one serving as a dedicated I.C. and one as a dedicated patient care provider.
6. The team captain shall be responsible for their team at all times during the competition.
7. The judges have absolute control of the "PITS" and "Scenario".
8. No time will be assessed for a "FREEZE" or tool failure.
9. Each team will have a 20-minute time limit and captain will random draw for vehicle, pit, and judge(s).
10. The tools for the competition will be furnished. Identical pits with identical tools will be set-up for all teams with the team selecting their preferred brand of hydraulics from those available on site during the event based on availability.
11. Teams must have submitted entry form by July 25th, 2023 to the State Office via regular mail or email to the State Training Coordinator at brian@tnars.org along with payment for your vehicle in order to compete.
12. First, Second, and Third place trophies will be awarded along with reimbursement of \$150 to 1st place team, \$100 to 2nd place team, and \$75 to 3rd place team. In addition, the winning team's fees for the 2023 extrication competition shall be waived.
13. Unsportsmanlike conduct from any team members or representative agency members before, during, or after contest **WILL** result in immediate team disqualification and/or forfeiture of any trophy/reimbursement if applicable (see qualifiers for "unsportsmanlike conduct" on final page of rules).
14. Score sheets will not be given to teams. Critiques following the contest will identify areas that were deficient or needing improvement will be verbalized to the team.
15. The decision of the judges shall be final. Skills and judging are based off the TARS Awareness/Operations Vehicle Extrication Program and/or the associated textbook *Vehicle Rescue 1-2-3 - University of Extrication*
16. Order of competition will be randomly drawn by team captain. Teams will compete head-to-head in multiple pits simultaneously. Agency contact will be advised of scheduled times prior to event.

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Emergency Medical Care Contest Rules

1. *One team allowed per agency per competition.*
2. All team members must be registered for the convention and I.D. badge must be worn during event.
3. Unregistered competitors will result in complete team disqualification.
4. A team may consist of up to 5 members.
5. The team captain shall be responsible for their team at all times during the competition.
6. The competition will be based on “EMR” level skills.
7. Each team shall furnish its own medical equipment.
8. Each team will have a 20-minute time limit.
9. The judges have absolute control of the competition and “scenario”.
10. Teams must have submitted entry form by July 25th, 2023 to the State Office via regular mail or email to the State Training Coordinator at brian@tnars.org . _
11. First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded.
12. Unsportsmanlike conduct from any team members or representative agency members before, during, or after contest WILL result in immediate team disqualification and/or forfeiture of any trophy/reimbursement if applicable (see qualifiers for “unsportsmanlike conduct” on final page of rules).
13. Score sheets will not be given to teams. Critiques following contest will identify areas that were deficient or needing improvement will be verbalized to the team.
14. The decision of the judges will be final.
15. Order of competition will be randomly selected and an assigned competition times scheduled and posted prior to the event. Agency contact will be advised of scheduled times prior to event as well.

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Team Building Rescue Challenge Contest Rules

1. *One team allowed per agency per competition.*
2. All team members must be registered for the convention and I.D. badge must be worn during event.
3. Unregistered competitors will result in complete team disqualification.
4. A team may consist of up to 5 members with one being a dedicated team captain (I.C.).
5. The team captain shall be responsible for their team at all times during the competition.
6. The judges have absolute control of the competition.
7. This will be a timed event; penalty points will be reflected in additions to team completion time.
8. Each team will have a 20-minute time limit.
9. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants, gloves, eye protection, and helmet
10. Teams must have submitted entry form by July 25th, 2023 to the State Office via regular mail or email to the State Training Coordinator at brian@tnars.org .
11. First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded.
12. Unsportsmanlike conduct from any team members or representative agency members before, during, or after contest WILL result in immediate team disqualification and/or forfeiture of any trophy/reimbursement if applicable (see qualifiers for “unsportsmanlike conduct” on final page of rules).
13. Score sheets will not be given to teams. Critiques following contest will identify areas that were deficient or needing improvement will be verbalized to the team.
14. The decision of the judges will be final.
15. Order of competition will be randomly selected and an assigned competition times scheduled and posted prior to the event. Agency contact will be advised of scheduled times prior to event as well.

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EVOC Driving Contest Rules

1. No on-site entries will be allowed, and event will take place during scheduled time frame.
2. All team members must be registered for the convention and I.D. badge must be worn during event.
3. Unregistered competitors will result in immediate disqualification.
4. The driving course will be set up by TARS and/or a VFIS EVOC instructors.
5. The judges have absolute control of the competition.
6. Erratic vehicle operation including but not limited to radical turns, braking, or acceleration will affect your target score and can be means for immediate disqualification.
7. This will be a timed event; penalty points will be reflected in additions to completion time.
8. Vehicle for course driving will be furnished for all drivers and all drivers will operate the same vehicle during the contest. Contestants will also take a written test prior to the driving course as part of their overall final score.
9. First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded.
10. Teams must have submitted entry form by July 25th, 2023 to the State Office via regular mail or email to the State Training Coordinator at brian@tnars.org .
11. Unsportsmanlike conduct from any team members or representative agency members before, during, or after contest WILL result in immediate team disqualification and/or forfeiture of any trophy/reimbursement if applicable (see qualifiers for “unsportsmanlike conduct” on final page of rules).
12. Score sheets will not be given to participants. Critiques, if applicable, following contest will identify areas that were deficient or needing improvement will be verbalized to the team.
13. The decision of the judges will be final.
14. Order of competition will be randomly selected and an assigned competition times scheduled and posted prior to the event. Agency contact will be advised of scheduled times prior to event as well.

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Rambling Rescue Cart Race/Display Contest Rules

1. All contestants (Driver and Pusher) must be registered for the convention.
2. I.D. badge must be worn during event.
3. Unregistered competitors will result in immediate team disqualification.
4. Participants will be dressed in full personal protective gear (helmet, boots, gloves, glasses, extrication gear (turnouts or extrication coveralls))
5. Cart Requirements/Regulations:
 - Maximum Cart Length is *6 feet long*, Maximum Cart Width (not including wheels) is *30 inches*, Maximum Wheel Diameter is *18 inches*, Maximum Cart Weight (not including occupants) is *300 pounds*. No mechanical propulsion devices are allowed, one driver per cart and one pusher per cart (both must be riding on the vehicle when vehicle crosses the finish line)
6. Order of finish determined by order of crossing finish line with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awarded on final race. Final race will be determined by prior heat race winners.
7. No appeals for collision, interferences, etc. will be allowed. The judges' decision will be final.
8. This is designed to be a **FUN EVENT**: keep that in mind.
9. Squads may have more than one cart entered but each cart must have its own separate driver and pusher. (No one cart may be entered more than once).
10. Teams must have submitted entry form by July 25th, 2023 to the State Office via regular mail or email to the State Training Coordinator at brian@tnars.org .
11. Unsportsmanlike conduct from any team members or representative agency members before, during, or after contest WILL result in immediate team disqualification and/or forfeiture of any trophy/reimbursement if applicable (see qualifiers for "unsportsmanlike conduct" on final page of rules). Unsportsmanlike conduct from any competitor before, during, or after contest **WILL** result in immediate disqualification.
12. Each squad at the convention will be given one ballot to cast their vote on appearance with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places decided by popular vote majority of votes received for the Appearance Winners.

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Qualifiers for Unsportsmanlike Conduct for ALL TARS Competitions– 2023

Unsportsmanlike conduct (also called untrustworthy behavior or ungentlemanly fraudulent or bad sportsmanship or poor sportsmanship or anti fair-play) is a foul or offense that violates the competition's generally accepted rules of sportsmanship and participant conduct. Examples include verbal abuse or taunting of an opponent or a competition official, an excessive celebration following a significant play, or feigning injury. The official rules of many competitions include a general provision whereby participants or an entire team may be penalized or otherwise sanctioned for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Examples Include but not limited to:

- Throwing of objects including PPE, tools, etc.
- Lying, cheating, stealing or other types of moral turpitude
- Verbal abuse of any kind
- Written, verbal, or social media threats
- Taunting of other competitors
- Taunting, arguing with, or abusing officials
- Excessive celebrations
- Feigning injuries
- Simulating actions intended to deceive the competition officials
- Failure to comply with the rules as set forth for the respective competition
- Safety Violations
- Disorderly behavior
- Competition fixing in which a team deliberately attempts to achieve an advantage against an opponent
- Other moral violations as set forth in the TARS by-laws