### **NAPTA Troubleshooting Competition**

### Changes & Other Information





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## Preparing for the Troubleshooting Competition







## Session Objectives

- Definition of Troubleshooting
- Competition Structure & Format Changes
- Competencies Needed for Success
- > Coach a Troubleshooting Team
- > Insider Tips
- Resources Colleges Need to Compete



## **Current TSC Format**

- > Qualifying Round held on home campus
- > Top 10 teams advance to the Final Round
- > Team structure consists of 4 persons Captain and 3 members
- No alternates
- > Teams may compete at the Finals level with 3 team members



# Proposed TSC Format (Option A)

- > Qualifying Round held on home campus
- > Top 20 teams advance to the Semi-Final Round
- > 2.5-day event Registration opens Thursday, April 23rd
- > Top 10 Semi-final teams advance to the Final Round
- Final Round of Competition Saturday April 25th
- > Team structure consists of 4 persons Captain and 3 members
- No alternates
- > Teams may compete at the Finals level with 3 team members



## Proposed 2020 Format (Option B)

No Qualifying Round held on your local campus
2.5-day event – Registration opens Thursday, April 23rd
Open (all teams) Round held on Friday, April 24th
Top 10 teams advance to the Final Round
Final Round of Competition Saturday April 25th
More Comprehensive Industry Networking Time
Awards Dinner Saturday Evening



Proposed 2020 Format (Option B) cont'd

> Teams will be comprised of 4 members

No alternates – Teams may compete with 3 members at the national level

Registrations accepted in order received

Registered teams will be capped at 40



### 2020 Format Update

Registration opens November 1, 2019

- Register your college name and number of teams ONLY
- > Max 2 teams per college for Case B.

<u>Note</u>: Names do not have to be submitted with the initial college registration. Team member information will need to be received no later than Monday, February 24th.



## **Competencies for Success**

Process Equipment Knowledge Process Control Knowledge Team Work and Communication Use of a Troubleshooting Methodology Simulator Experience Use of Operating Procedures Time Management Skills



## **Coach a Troubleshooting Team**

#### Knowledge

- Process science (pressure, temperature relationships, heat exchange, mass balance, etc.)
- Process equipment and control systems
- ✓ Read P&IDs

#### Team Selection

- Begin your team formations now Don't wait until January!
- Student commitment
- ✓ Team work
- Communications skills
- Dedicated, hard working
- ✓ Hold intramural competition to choose best team(s)
- Practice, Practice, Practice
  - Paper
    - Simulator



## **Resources Required**

- Student commitment to traveling and competing at the Finals Competition
- > Time outside of class to study, prepare and practice
- > Opportunity to run "mock" competition
- Access to a process simulator to practice computer simulations
- Learning a troubleshooting method/completing troubleshooting class.



## Insider Tips

- Team communication and dynamics
- Know how to use the simulator
  - ✓ Operate from the graphics
  - ✓ Faceplates
  - ✓ Trends
  - ✓ Alarms & alarm acknowledgement
- Not all scenarios start at 1:00
- We introduce variability to avoid the "steady state" of normal design
- Not just one thing can go wrong, but not everything has the same priority
- Know how to use procedures



## Let's Troubleshoot!

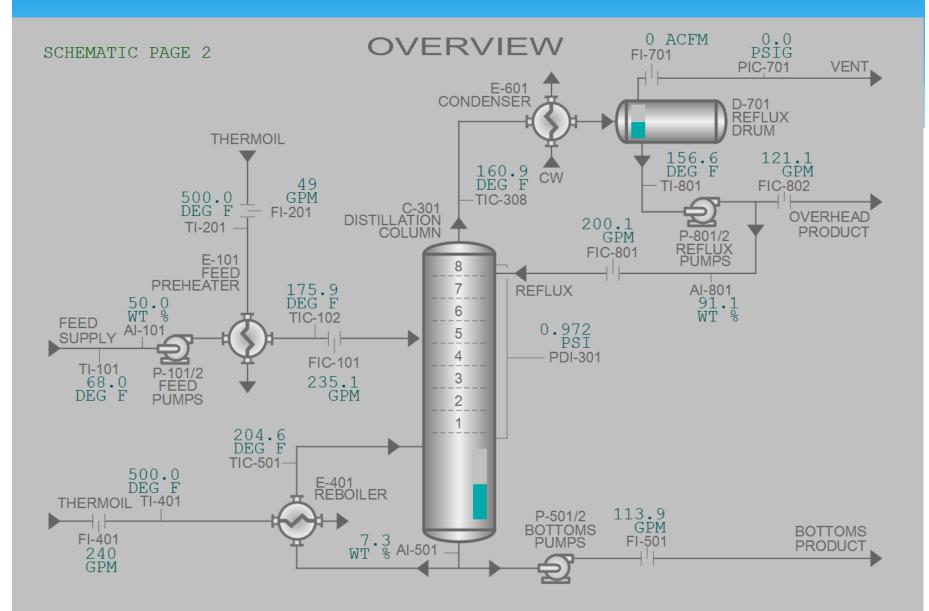
Divide Into Teams of 4

Complete the Worksheet

- ✓ Review Process Information
- ✓ Gather Data
- ✓ Identify Probable Cause(s)
- ✓ Determine Compensating and Corrective Action(s)
- Group Discussion & Debrief on Exercises



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### More Information to Come

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## Questions



