

TSC Code of Conduct



The NAPTA Process Technology Troubleshooting Skills Competition is an event that gives students the opportunity to practice process problem-solving, or troubleshooting, skills in a simulated plant environment that is safe, without the possibility of life-threatening consequences. This event, while simulated, represents the operator experience of working with a team of co-workers in a petrochemical plant. This code of conduct is intended to ensure professionalism, integrity, and a level playing field for all teams.



All participants, including team members, coaches, judges, and competition officials and facilitators are expected to behave in a professional and respectful manner during all TSC activities including competition rounds, practice and preparation, meetings, etc.

Please review this information in its entirety

Team Members will:

- Play by the rules – do not attempt to gain an unfair advantage over another team.
- Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, or cultural background.
- Follow all instructions given by the facilitators.
- Not engage in any discussion with judges or facilitators regarding competition decisions – discuss any issue with your coach, who will address it with the competition officials.
- Refrain from approaching the judging panel during or between the competition rounds.
- Be a good sport – recognize great performance by your team as well as other teams. Appreciate that all of your competitors worked as hard as you did to arrive at this point in the TSC.
- Participate in all industry-sponsored during the competition.
- Limit your discussion regarding team placement to your coach and other team members.
- Cooperate with your teammates, coaches, judges, opponents, and competition facilitators. Without them, there would be no competition event.

Team members who believe an infraction has been committed should report it to their coach immediately.

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Coaches will:

- Attend one of the **MANDATORY** informational webinars.
- Periodically check the NAPTA TSC website for information updates.
- Ensure that ALL team members participate in the full program of activities during the two days of the finals competition event.
- Follow all criteria and instructions provided by the facilitators, coordinator, and the judging panel members.
- Remain in the Coaches' Viewing Room, or the General Session area during all competition rounds.
- Refrain from approaching the judging panel members during or between the competition rounds.
- Limit discussion of the team placement to their team members.

Should a coach believe that an infraction has occurred, a formal protest document should be immediately submitted.

Judges will:

- Maintain the basic tenets of judging, including integrity, neutrality, respect, sensitivity, professionalism, discretion, and tactfulness.
- Immediately disclose an existing personal or professional relationship they have with a coach and/or any individual team members to the coordinator and facilitators.
- Recognize that anything that may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or apparent, must be avoided.
- Refrain from sharing competition-related information with anyone outside the judging panel before or during the competition event.
- Attend at least one of the coaches' webinar sessions.
- Not fraternize with team members and coaches during or between the competition rounds.

Any questions or comments regarding the TSC event or this document should be directed to NAPTA and the TSC Committee via administrator@naptaonline.org.