

Test Your Skills Against Other Collegiate EMS Organizations! Medtronic NCEMSF Skills Competition Details

Read carefully and there will be no surprises other than the scenarios themselves.

The general skills competition will begin at 1800 on Friday and the ALS competition will begin at 2000. They will run as quickly and efficiently as possible but will probably last much of the evening. As teams check-in they will be assigned a number and approximate start time. A skills competition tracker will be running in the Welcome Social and team numbers will be called when the skills judges are ready for the next group. Teams must be in the Welcome Social to hear their numbers called. Teams will not be allowed to congregate in the halls outside the skills competition rooms. While waiting to compete, teams will be able to enjoy food, mingle with others and make banners to wave proudly at the Saturday morning delegation introductions.

A maximum of one team of four people may register per university for the skills competition and one team of four people may register per university for the ALS contest (at least one team member must be certified as a paramedic or equivalent to participate). The cost of registering is \$10.00 per team. The \$10.00 fee is payable at the Conference Skills Competition registration table on Friday before competing (cash or check only).

Each skills competition team will compete in three scenarios. One scenario will be medical and one will be trauma. The third scenario will be team building and require a fair degree of improvising. The ALS contest will consist of one or two scenarios.

Two judges will evaluate each scenario. Each judge will judge independently using a scenario specific template based on the National Registry Curriculum. Points will be given for correct assessment and proper treatment and deducted for blatant errors and patient mismanagement. The scores given by the two judges will be averaged and the averaged score for each of the three scenarios will be added to arrive at a final team score. The teams receiving the highest three scores for the entire competition will be acknowledged at the awards ceremony on Saturday and be presented with trophies. Only first place will be presented for the ALS contest.

Team members should be dressed in squad uniform as if actually on call while participating. Team members may not consume alcohol while competing. Each scenario will take place in a separate room. Only the team actively participating in the scenario and the judges will be allowed in the room. Sufficient equipment for each scenario will be provided, however, teams may need to improvise with the equipment provided. No additional equipment may be brought in with the exception of personal stethoscopes although they are not necessary. Teams will be expected to assess patients and perform all necessary skills as well as verbalize their thought processes.

Each team will be given nine minutes to complete each scenario (15 minutes for ALS). Time will begin as soon as the judge finishes reading the scenario. Judges will announce when the team has been on scene for 5 minutes and for 8 minutes (5, 10 and 14 for ALS). When the clock reaches 9 minutes on scene (15 for ALS) the judges will stop the scenario and ask for a report as if they are the ED staff or ask the team to write a quick SOAP note. Each team will be awarded as many points as it receives at the conclusion of the 9-minute (15 minute for ALS) time period.

Originally published: 16 January 2006
Last updated: 16 January 2006