

Project Judging Criteria

Judging will be based on the criteria set forth in this rulebook. Projects will be judged using a competition rubric. The scores from the rubric will be used to compare all other projects entered in that particular classification number. The primary goal for judges is to score all of the projects in a category number. Tie breaks will be done using a set order of the sections of the rubric.

- The most qualified judges available will be responsible for judging. To avoid a conflict of interest, Texas TSA judges cannot judge areas directly related to their school. The awards and decisions of the Judging/Oversight Committee are final.
- Only those individuals authorized by the Contest Director are allowed in the display area after judging begins. Violation of the display or competitive event competition may result in forfeiture of awards by the school, student, chapter, or entry involved or other action determined by the Contest Management Team.
- To be considered for the Best in State (BIS) patch, the individual entries must be awarded the first place award for their classification. BIS patches are not automatically given but must be purchased at the designated time.
- Documentation must be included for all projects to be judged. Review the Minimum Required Documentation section of the rulebook for instructions on what is needed. The documentation will be used by judges when evaluating the projects with the competition rubrics.
- Some sections, subsections, and events have extra documentation requirements. Judges should read the rulebook to determine the specific documentation requirements for each event.
- Advisors cannot be used to judge events in which they have students participating. Only with the permission of the Contest Director, will Event Coordinators be allowed to violate this rule.
- The same entry cannot be used in multiple classifications. Further clarification will be provided under each specific section.