

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION STATE PARATRANSIT ROADEO INFORMATION

The Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association and PPTA Roadeo Committee would like to welcome you to the Statewide Paratransit Roadeo! We appreciate your participation and wish each of you the best of luck in this annual event. This Roadeo not only gives you the chance to show-off your skills but allows you to test yourself, meet other operators from around the state, and, enjoy a day of professional competition. And, who knows, maybe even pick up a prize and few tricks along the way.

So that everyone can be familiar with the Roadeo, the following information is provided to all contestants and Roadeo staff. We ask that all participants, regardless of your role, adhere to the guidelines and allow everyone to enjoy a safe competition.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Pay attention to all vehicles at all times. Avoid endangering yourself or others by exercising caution and courtesy when operating a vehicle or, judging events. Judges, spectators and contestants will be instructed when and where to be and we ask that everyone follow those instructions carefully.

Due to geographic or other constraints, some events may change during course/event set-up but all changes will be conveyed to all participants and will be applied uniformly to all.

RULES OF CONDUCT

A few common-sense rules:

1. Contestants will be divided into groups for some events. Once assigned, all operators in that group must stay in the event area as directed until they have completed their test.

The general agenda is:

Written Test for all competitors.

One group will then proceed to the Wheelchair Securement Event.

A Second Group will compete in the Pre-Trip Inspection Event.

As groups finish one event, they will be directed to the next.

When these three events are complete, the driving test will be conducted for all participants in order of their random position.

2. Operators must remain outside the Wheelchair Securement Test and Pre-Trip Inspection Test areas until they are called to participate.
3. All operators will participate in a course walk-through as a group prior to the driving competition. After that, no operator is allowed to be on the course except during their competition. Operators will be instructed as to where to wait.

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4. During the events, operators are not to engage in unnecessary conversation with the Judges or other event staff. Questions about any particular event can be asked prior to the start of the competition during the event introduction or course walk through.
5. Unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to: use of profanity, aggressive behavior toward any other person, abuse of equipment or unsafe driving.
6. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted at the Roadeo site.
7. Once finished with the competition, operators are not to discuss any of the events with any operators who have not also completed the events.
8. Violations of any of the rules of conduct are to be reported to the Course Marshall as soon as possible. The Course Marshall shall have the sole authority to determine if a violation has occurred and the corrective action to follow. Depending on the severity of the infraction, the corrective action may include either deduction of points from a contestant's score or suspension from the competition.

SCORING

The competition is composed of four scoring areas worth a total of 950 Points:

<u>Area:</u>	<u>Points:</u>	<u>Approx. %:</u>
Written Test –	125	(13%)
Pre-Trip Inspection –	100	(11%)
Wheelchair Securement –	125	(13%)
Driving Test –	600	(63%)

Written Test – (125 Points Total)

The Written Test is composed of 25 Questions worth 5 points each that are taken from basic training materials used for transit driver training. Answers may be Multiple-choice or short-answer. There is a thirty (30) minute time limit for the Written Test.

Pre-Trip Inspection – (100 Points Total)

There are seven (7) pre-planned defects on the inspection vehicle. Operators will receive points for each defect discovered and identified. Contestants will conduct their inspection by verbalizing and item or area and then physically inspecting it. They will describe the defect to the Judge.

Six defects have a point value of seven (7) points each; one defect has a point value of eight (8) points. All planned defects are items that should be familiar to operators.

As contestants identify and describe the defect they will earn the points for that defect. No points are awarded for non-planned (inadvertent) defects which are not in the Judges' list.

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Contestants who have found all seven defects must continue their pre-trip inspection in order to earn the 25 event completion points.

There is a seven minute time limit for the inspection and contestants must stop when time has expired and informed by the Judge. Contestants are awarded 25 points for completing the inspection within the seven (7) minute time limit.

Contestants will be provided a generalized Pre-Trip Inspection Form they may use during the competition.

Contestants should perform their inspection in a logical order (i.e. moving front to rear, left to right, top to bottom). 25 Points will be awarded for proceeding in a logical order.

Because of time constraints, contestants are **NOT** required, nor allowed, to:

1. Lift\Engine Interlock – Contestants are not required to operate, inspect or cycle the lift. Contestants are, however, required to visually inspect the lift and immediate surroundings.
2. Brake Inspection – the brake system check will be limited to verifying that the service brake pedal is firm. Contestants will not be allowed to set the parking brake and attempt to move the vehicle!
3. Under the Hood Inspection – Contestants ARE required to verbalize all areas under the hood that they would normally (if allotted enough time) inspect and check.

Judges Participation –

Judges **CAN** assist contestants with their inspections, though only for specific tasks. For instance: the Judges may press the brake pedal, and shift the vehicle transmission into reverse with the ignition in the “on” position but without the engine running. The Judge can also assist the contestants in checking turn signals, brake and back-up lights.

Wheelchair Securement Test – (125 Points Total)

Wheelchair Loading & Securement is worth a total of 125 Points.

You are judged on: Sensitivity and Awareness; Loading the mobility device on the platform; Raising the Lift; and, Securing the Wheelchair and Passenger.

There is a seven (7) minute time limit. The Judge will announce when the seven minutes has elapsed and all action must cease.

Almost all points awarded in this event involve a **Verbal** and **Perform** component. In order to score points you must verbalize to the passenger all the activities you will perform in the process of loading and securing them and then physically perform them. The Judge must be able to hear you. If you do not verbalize what you are going to do before doing it, you will not receive the “verbal” points. Conversely, if you verbalize it but do not actually perform it, you will not receive the performance point value.

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For the purpose of this event you will NOT be allowed to ride up on the lift. The penalty for riding on the lift is -25 Points.

You will NOT be penalized for removing your hand from the chair to check the front and rear safety plate.

The Judge will begin the event timer when you greet the passenger. After you have loaded, positioned and secured the passenger (when you are finished) you will step back to be judged and the timer will stop. At that point the judge will release the wheelchair brakes and attempt to roll the wheelchair and passenger forward and backward. If the wheelchair does not roll or slide in either direction, you will be awarded 25 points. If the wheelchair rolls or slides by any amount, the contestant will receive zero (0) points.

Driving Test – (600 Points Total)

1. There are 600 maximum points for each competition.
2. 50 points will be deducted for obstacles attempted in the wrong order.
3. Ten (10) points will be deducted for any course marker not associated with an event (obstacle) touched.
4. The full value of the event (obstacle) will be deducted for any event not attempted or completed as designed.
5. In case of tie, the tie breakers will be as follows:
 - A. Lowest time on the course;
 - B. Score on the Judgment Stop.
6. Judgment of events (obstacles) will be the responsibility of the Event Judges. All decisions made by event Judges are final.
7. Procedural questions must be directed to appropriate On-field Rodeo Officials. (Chairman / Vice Chairman, or, Course Marshall)
8. Contestants are only allowed on the course when competing.
9. Contestants are not permitted to talk to Event Judges at any time during the competition.
10. Enforcement of all Rodeo “Rules and Regulations,” supervision of Event Judges, and on-the-spot procedural decisions will be the responsibility of the Rodeo Officials. The Chair of the PPTA Rodeo Committee or designated Course Marshall is the Chief Rodeo Official.