



Dear PPTA Members,

It is my pleasure to extend this invitation to you and your fellow workers to attend the PPTA 2016 Bus and Paratransit Rodeo to be held Saturday and Sunday, August 6 & 7 in Scranton, PA. This annual event continues the tradition of good competition and recognition for our fine operators around the state. Our host for this year's event, which promises to be filled with fun and excitement, is PPTA's Operations Committee and the County of Lackawanna Transit System.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each organization can send a maximum of three (3) contestants to each competition: 3 paratransit and 3 fixed route operators. If we do not fill all driver spaces we will open to allow a 4th participant 3 weeks prior to the competition. An agenda and answers to frequently asked questions are attached.

In order to be eligible, contestants must meet the following requirements:

- a) Must have been a full-time or part-time operator for the previous calendar year
- b) Should not have had a preventable accident within the previous calendar year
- c) Should have a good attendance record and otherwise be in good standing
- d) Agency/company must be a member in good standing with PPTA

◆ A MINIMUM OF TEN (10) DRIVERS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR EACH COMPETITION OR THE EVENT WILL NOT BE HELD ◆

Prizes per Class: First Place - \$500 Cash; Second Place - \$250 Cash; Third Place - \$125 Cash

Vehicles: 35' Low Floor Gillig Buses & 25' Champion - Ford Body on Chassis E450

Accommodations: Hilton Scranton & Conference Center \$129.00 per room per night plus applicable taxes
100 Adams Avenue
Scranton PA 18503
(570) 558-7330

Parking: \$9.95 per vehicle per night

Rodeo Site: Wilkes Barre/Scranton International Airport

Driver Entry Fee: **Fee is \$145 per driver.** Fee includes the following: Saturday Dinner, Sunday Rodeo, Sunday Continental Breakfast and Awards Luncheon for Entrant.

Additional Guest Fee: **\$95 per Adult and \$45 per child** 12 and under (includes Saturday Dinner, Sunday Rodeo, Sunday Continental Breakfast and Awards Luncheon)

Deadline: Submit registration and operator biography by **July 11** to LAllen@ppta.net

If you have questions or need more information, please contact PPTA at (717) 234-7211 x102.

Michael Devaney
Chair
PPTA Operations Committee



***PPTA BUS & PARATRANSIT ROADEO
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
AUGUST 6 & 7, 2016***

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Driver Registration(Full uniform)
12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Mandatory Driver Meeting
12:30 p.m. - Completed	Driver Written Testing (Paratransit) Fixed Route Pre-Trip Testing Paratransit Pre-Trip Testing Wheelchair Securement (Paratransit)
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Judges Registration
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Mandatory Judges Meeting
5:15 p.m.	Depart for RailRiders Baseball

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH

*Transportation is provided to Rodeo location. No unauthorized personal vehicles!

7:00 a.m.	Driver Check-In/Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m.	Driver Walk-thru / Bus Judges Check-In
8:00 a.m.	Rodeo Competition Begins
Afternoon	Award Presentation & Luncheon

FREQUENTLY ASKED ROADEO QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Q. Do I have to attend the Driver Meeting?
A. Yes, all operators **MUST** attend the Driver Meeting to gain information, check-in and hear all announcements. If you do not attend the meeting you will not be able to allowed to compete in the full Roadeo Competition. For specific questions, please contact Lena Allen at PPTA.
2. Q. Do I have to be on time for the competition?
A. Yes. Everyone is scheduled for a certain time and the schedule must be maintained. **You must report to the starter no later than 15 minutes prior to your start time.**
3. Q. Are you going to guide me through the course?
A. Yes. Before the competition begins, participants will walk you through the course and each obstacle will be explained. You may ask questions at this time to assure your understanding.
4. Q. How are contestants' numbers and time sequence selected?
A. By lottery drawing.
5. Q. Will I be driving the same type of bus/van that I drive in my system?
A. You will be driving the vehicle provided for either 35' bus or cutaway.
6. Q. Can someone ride with me?
A. No. Only judges are allowed to accompany the driver during competition.
7. Q. Is my manager allowed to walk behind my bus when I am competing?
A. No. Roadeo Officials and judges are allowed the only persons allowed on the course while competition is in progress.
8. Q. Do I have to take the safety test and Wheelchair Securement test?
A. Paratransit participants take the safety test and complete Wheelchair Securement.
9. Q. Do I go through the defect bus?
A. Yes, all participants will be tested on a Pre-Trip defect test bus.
10. Q. Am I inspected on my personal appearance?
A. Yes. All drivers are rated on personal appearance.
11. Q. Do I have to wear my badge, special shoes and uniform?
A. If it is part of your uniform.
12. Q. Does time on the course count?
A. Yes. The course time is 7 minutes. If you use more time, points are deducted.
13. Q. Does smoothness of operation count?
A. Yes. You are rated on your overall handling of the vehicle throughout the course.
14. Q. Does speed count?
A. Your speed through the diminishing clearance obstacle must be a least 20 mph.
15. Q. Who is going to adjust my mirrors?

- A. The judge will set both outside mirrors to your specification before you start the course.
16. Q. Do I have to use the horn and turn signals?
A. Yes. If you do not use your horn and/or turn signals you will lose points from the on-board safety judge.
17. Q. Am I allowed to go outside the line of perimeter cones?
A. No. You must stay within the course lines. Each course marker or perimeter cone touched will cause penalty.
18. Q. If I touch the base of a cone, does it count against me?
A. Yes. Hitting or even touching any portion of the cone counts as a hit.
19. Q. If I hit the same cone twice do I lose double points?
A. No. Once you are charged with hitting a cone, you are not charged with it again.
20. Q. Do I lose points if I back up?
A. Yes. In all segments of the course except for the first backup in the left and right reverses, you will lose points each time you reverse.
21. Q. If I complete an obstacle in the wrong order am I penalized?
A. Yes. Points are deducted for each obstacle done in the wrong order. Any obstacle completely missed or not attempted also has its full value deducted.
22. Q. How many prizes are awarded?
A. First, Second, & Third prizes are awarded in each category.
23. Q. Do you award dual prizes for a tie score?
A. No. We do not hold a tie breaker challenge but we do review several criteria to determine a winner. If there is a tied score we will give it to the operator with the shorter course time for completion.
24. Q. Will there be transportation from the hotel to the Rodeo site?
A. Yes. Buses will make several runs between the rodeo site and the hotel throughout the day. It is your responsibility to arrive at the Rodeo site on time. Shuttle service will begin one hour prior to check in.
25. Q. Will there be refreshments/lunch?
A. Yes. Continental breakfast & lunch are provided. Cold beverages will be available throughout the day.
26. Q. Can I bring my family?
A. Yes. All are invited to come and enjoy the festivities and competition.
27. Q. Does the Fixed Route or Paratransit complete the course first?
A. Paratransit operators will complete the course first then the Fixed Route operators will take the course.
28. Q. Do I have to be in full uniform for registration?
A. YES! You will have your picture taken when you check in at registration between 11am-12pm.



PPTA 2016 BUS & PARATRANSIT ROADEO REGISTRATION FORM

Transit System/Agency: _____

Contact Person Phone: _____

Contact Person E-Mail: _____

T-shirt size **Driver:** ___SM ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL ___XXXL

<i>Bus - 35' Low Floor 2011 Gillig</i>	<i>Paratransit - 25' 2012 Champion - Ford Body on Chassis E450</i>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
Guests	Guests
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

Total # Rodeo Contestants _____ x \$145 = \$ _____

ADDITIONAL GUESTS _____ x \$95 pp = \$ _____

ADDITIONAL CHILD GUESTS _____ x \$45 pp = \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

PLEASE INVOICE TRANSIT AGENCY FOR: \$ _____

___ VISA ___ MASTERCARD ___ DISCOVER ___ AMEX
Card # _____
Expiration: ____/____ Authorization Code: _____
Cardholder Signature _____

(717) 234-7211 or (717) 234-7176 (Fax)

REGISTRATION DUE BY JULY 11, 2016



PPTA 2016 BUS ROADEO CONTESTANT PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN A BIOGRAPHICAL FORM FOR EACH REGISTERED ROADEO PARTICIPAN.
PLEASE PRINT ON ALL FORMS!**

Indicate Competition Class: 35' Gillig _____ OR Paratransit _____

Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Home City: _____

Transit System: _____

What type of vehicle do you normally operate? _____

How long have you been an operator? _____

Number of PPTA roadeos participated in: _____ Number of national roadeos participated in: _____

If you have a partner/spouse, list the name of your partner/spouse:

Names of children, if any:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Number of Grandchildren, if any: _____

Awards/Honors _____

TELL US ABOUT YOU!!

Please give a brief statement about yourself. Include how you feel about competing in the Roadeos, your most interesting driving experience and lastly your job in general:

