

TAA Contest Rules



TO REGISTER FOR THE CONTEST VISIT THE TAA WEBSITE WWW.TEXASAUCIONEERS.ORG FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM.

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Purpose of Competition:

In order to promote the skill, dedication and achievement of the professional Auctioneer and bring public recognition of the Texas Auctioneers Association, we the members shall sponsor, promote and participate in an Annual Contest in an effort to improve our skills and strive with every effort to represent our profession, industry and association with the highest standards of salesmanship, sportsmanship and integrity.

Divisions of Competition:

State Champion Auctioneer • Senior Champion Auctioneer • Rookie Champion Auctioneer • State Champion Ringman • State Champion Team

GENERAL CONTEST RULES & COMMENTS: Applies to All Divisions

I. ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTESTANTS

1. Except for the Rookie, Ring Person Divisions & the non auctioneer Team member, contestants must be a current paid Full Member in good standing with TAA. A Full Member is defined by Article II Section 2.a of the TAA Bylaws and excludes Affiliates, Affiliate Non Resident and Honorary members.
2. Staff and Contest Committee will verify that early entry State Champion and Senior Champion contestants are Texas Licensed auctioneers and Rookie Champion contestants are either a Texas licensed or Associate auctioneer. Late entries must submit a copy of their TDLR Texas Auctioneers pocket license card or produce it at the time of entry.
3. Contestants may be a member of the TAA Board of Directors and/or Hall of Fame.
4. Contestant's convention registration fee, contest entry fee (if applicable) must be paid and items must be submitted and **received by the Contest Chair prior to 1PM on Friday of the Preliminaries of the Annual Convention.**
5. Contestants may enter as many Divisions for which they qualify. Contestant must not have ever won the Division(s) they are entering.
6. Contestant must bring (2) two items valued at \$50 each of their choosing to sell in the Preliminaries.
7. Contestants must be present and ready to compete when they are called or they will be disqualified without refund until the following year.
8. All Contestants entered in any Division must attend the Mandatory Meeting on the day of the Preliminaries Contest (See onsite meeting schedule for time and location). The Contest Chair will "Seal the Room" at which point any contestant not present for the Meeting will be disqualified without refund from competition until the following year. *Contest rules subject to modification.*
9. For all categories, note that items will be available for previewing. During the auction, items may be shown on public screen only.
10. **Contest Committee will require proof of Texas as primary residency.**

II. JUDGES AND SCORING CRITERIA FOR ALL DIVISIONS

1. A maximum of one (1) Texas Resident Auctioneer Judge may be used.
2. Although preferred, Judges do not have to be auctioneers.
3. Judges will be selected by the Contest Committee by simple majority no later than 30 days prior to Contest and submitted for approval by the TAA President.
4. Judges will be notified and will receive the Rules and the Judging Criteria prior to the Contest Preliminaries.
5. Judges should be the same for Preliminaries, Semi-Finals and Finals. If a change in Judges must be made, then the Committee will select someone new if the number of Judges falls below 5.
6. The number of Judges will be from 5-8.
7. Judges will be seated to afford privacy for each Judge.
8. Judges will be granted one (1) ten-minute (10) break during the Contest between Divisions at the discretion of the Contest Chair.
9. Judges will evaluate and score each contestant in the areas specific to the Division on a scale of 1 to 10. Judges can score in the tenth of a point.
10. Judges will score based on the Judge's experience, preferences and professional knowledge.
11. The Contest Committee will tabulate the score sheets to arrive at a cumulative total for the contestant.
12. In the event of a cumulative total tie at the end of any specific round, the highest score sheet from that specific round will be used to separate.
13. Contestants should not be eliminated from the competition for skipping any of the judging criteria, only penalized as the individual Judges see fit.
14. TAA will provide items for the State Champion & Ring Person finals.
15. Contestants will be mailed copies of their judging sheets within 10 days of the contest.
16. Should a situation arise that is not addressed in the Contest Rules, it is the duty of the Contest Committee to fairly, honestly and without prejudice arrive at a solution and inform the TAA President of their decision. The majority decision of the Contest Committee is final.

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SPECIFIC DIVISION RULES & COMMENTS **Contest Committee will require proof of Texas as primary residency.*

1) **STATE CHAMPION AUCTIONEER** *(To hold the contest there must be at least 3 people registered to enter the contest by 1PM Friday.)*

I. PROCEDURES

1. The top ten (10) cumulative scoring contestants will be announced as Semi-Finalists, at the Annual Business Meeting. Contestants should be prepared to compete in the Semi-Finals immediately following the Annual Business Meeting.
2. The Semi-Finalists will be asked two (2) questions, one (1) pertaining to TAA membership and one (1) pertaining to the Auctioneering profession.
3. The Contest Committee will tabulate the score sheets to arrive at a Semi-Finalists cumulative total for the contestant. The contestants Preliminary and Semi-Finalists cumulative scores will be added together to determine the Top five (5) finalists. Ties will be separated as stated in the General Rules using Semi-Finals Score Sheets.
4. The top five (5) Finalists will be announced at the beginning of the President's Banquet.
5. The Finalist Contestants will sell three (3) items provided by TAA in the Finals.
6. The Contest Committee will tabulate the score sheets to arrive at a Finalist's cumulative total for the contestant. The Contestants Preliminary, Semi-Finalists and Finalists cumulative scores will be added together to determine the rank. Ties will be separated as stated in the General Rules using the Finals Score Sheets.
7. Judges will score Contestants in areas as required by the specific Score Sheet.

II. ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE CATEGORIES

1. Pay a \$150 Entry Fee before May 5th and \$200 after May 5th.
2. Contestants will provide two (2) items valued at \$50 each to sell in the Preliminaries.
3. State Champion Prize - \$2000 and a plaque.
4. Reserve Champion Auctioneer - A plaque.
5. State Champion will serve on the following years Contest Committee and serve as Champion Representative on the TAA Board of Directors.

2) **SENIOR CHAMPION AUCTIONEER** *(To hold the contest there must be at least 3 people registered to enter the contest by 1PM Friday.)*

I. SPECIFIC RULES

- Contestant must be 55 years of age or older on the day of the contest.
- Contestant may be a Past Texas State Champion Auctioneer.

II. ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE CATEGORIES

1. Pay a \$50 Entry Fee before May 5th and \$75 after May 5th.
2. Contestants will provide two (2) items that have a value of \$50 each to sell in the Preliminaries.
3. Prize - A plaque.

3) **ROOKIE CHAMPION AUCTIONEER** *(To hold the contest there must be at least 3 people registered to enter the contest by 1PM Friday.)*

I. SPECIFIC RULES

- Contestant must NOT have held any type of Auctioneers license for more than a total of 36 months in their lifetime at the time of the contest.
- Contestant must be a Texas Resident Full or Affiliate Member of the TAA and must be licensed as a Texas Auctioneer or Associate Auctioneer.

II. ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE CATEGORIES

1. Pay a \$30 Entry Fee before May 5th and \$80 after May 5th.
2. Contestants will provide two (2) items that have a value of \$50 each to sell in the Preliminaries.
3. Prize - A plaque.



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3) STATE CHAMPION RING PERSON

I. SPECIFIC RULES

- Contestant must be a Texas resident and TAA member in good standing.
- Contestant may select their own TAA Member Auctioneer or may elect to use a Contest Committee Member.
- Finalist in the State Champion Auctioneer Contest may NOT be used as an Auctioneer in the Ring Person Finals.
- Contestant will ring from the floor without the use of a microphone.
- Champion will serve as ex-officio on TAA Board of Directors for 1 year and attend quarterly meetings and Scottish Rite event.
- Champion will co-chair Contest Committee the next year.
- All winners will be used in press releases, media referrals and videos for promotion of auctioneering.

II. PROCEDURES

1. The top three (3) cumulative scoring contestants will be announced as finalists at the beginning of the President's Awards Banquet.
2. The Finalists will sell three (3) items provided by TAA in the Finals.
3. The Contest Committee will tabulate the score sheets to arrive at a Finalists cumulative total for the contestant. The contestants preliminary and finalists cumulative scores will be added together to determine the rank. Ties will be separated as stated in General Rules using Finals Score Sheets.

III. ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE CATEGORIES

1. Pay a \$125 Entry Fee before May 5th and \$175 after May 5th.
2. Contestants will provide two (2) items that have a value of \$50 each to sell in the Preliminaries.
3. Prize - \$750 and a plaque.

3) STATE TEAM CHAMPION

I. SPECIFIC RULES

1. The auctioneer team member must be a full paid member in good standing and the ring team member must be a current, paid Affiliate or full paid member of TAA.
2. Both team members must be registered for the TAA convention.
3. Contestants will be responsible for choosing their own teams. Persons CAN enter the contest multiple times with different Auctioneers/Ringmen.
4. Teams must consist of at least one member 18+ years of age. Both contestants MUST BE residents of the state of Texas. Participating auctioneer team member MUST hold a valid Texas auctioneer license. Ring team member does not need to hold a license.
5. All winners will be used in press releases, media referrals and videos for promotion of auctioneering.
6. Team contest IS limited to 15 teams. First come, first serve basis.

II. PROCEDURES

1. The top three (3) cumulative scoring teams will be announced as the finalists at the beginning of the President's Award Banquet.
2. The Finalists will sell three items provided by the TAA in the finals.
3. The preliminary scores will be thrown out. And the scores will start anew for the finals.
4. Tie will be separated by the "Would you hire this team" category on the score sheet.

III. ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE CATEGORIES

1. Entry fee is \$250 (per team) before May 5th and \$300 after May 5th .
2. Teams will provide three (3) items to sell in the preliminaries that have a value of \$50 each to sell.
3. Team Prize - \$1,500 and a plaque.

