

CONTEST RULES



PURPOSE OF COMPETITION:

To promote the skill, dedication, and achievement of the professional auctioneer, and bring public recognition to the Texas Auctioneers Association, we the members shall sponsor, promote, and participate in an annual contest while striving to represent our industry with the highest standards of salesmanship, sportsmanship, and integrity.

DIVISIONS OF COMPETITION:

State Champion Auctioneer | Senior Champion Auctioneer | Rookie Champion Auctioneer
State Champion Ringman/Ring Person | State Champion Team

GENERAL CONTEST RULES & COMMENTS:

Applies to all divisions. Contest Rules subject to modification.

1. Contest Committee will require proof of Texas as primary residency for all divisions.
2. Contestant's convention registration fee **AND** contest entry fee **MUST** be paid to the TAA Office and items must be checked in at the onsite Auction Item Check-in prior to 2 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024, the day of the Preliminaries at the TAA Annual Convention.
3. Contestants must be present and ready to compete when they are called or they will be disqualified without refund until the following year.
4. All contestants entered in any division **MUST** attend the mandatory meeting on the day of the Preliminary 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 until the following year.
5. For all divisions, note that items will be available for previewing. During the auction, items may only be shown virtually.
6. Contestants may enter as many divisions for which they qualify and have never won.
7. Contestants may be a member of the TAA Board of Directors and/or Hall of Fame.
8. All winners' names, pictures, and videos may be used in press releases, media referrals, and promotional materials used for promoting the auction industry and the Texas Auctioneers Association.

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JUDGES AND SCORING CRITERIA:

Applies to 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 majority no later than 30 days prior to the Contest and submitted for approval to the TAA President.
4. Judges will be notified and will receive the Rules and the Judging Criteria prior to the Contest.
5. The number of judges will be from 5-8.
6. Judges are to remain the same for Preliminaries, Semi-Finals, and Finals. If a change in judges must be made, then the Contest Committee will select a new judge if the number of judges falls below 5.
7. Judges will be seated to afford privacy for each judge.
8. Judges will be granted one ten-minute 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. Please refer to each Specific Division Procedures for their detailed scoring process.
12. In the event of a cumulative tie at the end of any specific round, the highest score sheet from that specific round will be used to separate, except for the Finals round of the State Champion Auctioneer division, in which the Semi-Finals score sheets 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. Contestants will be mailed or emailed copies of their judging sheets within three weeks of the Contest.
15. Scoring may be done manually or digitally.
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.*

STATE CHAMPION AUCTIONEER

To hold the contest there must be at least 3 people registered for the contest by 2 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024.

1. SPECIFIC RULES

- a. Contestant must be a paid Full Voting Member in good standing with the TAA. A Full Voting Member is defined in Section I, Article II, Section 2.a of the TAA Bylaws. This excludes all Affiliate Members, resident or non-resident, and Honorary Members.
- b. Staff and Contest Committee will verify that early entries are Texas licensed auctioneers. Late entries must submit a copy of their TDLR Auctioneers pocket license card or produce it at the time of entry.
- c. Champion will serve as a representative on the TAA Board of Directors for the following year.
- d. Champion will serve on the Contest Committee for the following year.

2. PROCEDURES

- a. The Contest Committee will tabulate the preliminary score sheets to arrive at a cumulative total for each contestant.
- b. The top ten (10) cumulative scoring contestants will be announced as Semi-Finalists at the Annual Business Meeting. Contestants should be prepared to participate in the Semi-Finalist Interviews immediately following the Annual Business Meeting.
- c. The Semi-Finalists will be asked two (2) questions, one (1) pertaining to TAA membership and one (1) pertaining to the auctioneering profession.
- d. The Contest Committee will tabulate the Semi-Finals score sheets to arrive at a Semi-Finalist cumulative total for each contestant. The contestants Preliminaries and Semi-Finals cumulative scores will be added together to determine the top five (5) Finalists. Ties will be separated as stated in the General Rules.
- e. The top five (5) Finalists will be announced at the beginning of the President's Awards Banquet.
- f. The Finalists will sell three (3) items provided by TAA in the Finals.
- g. The Contest Committee will tabulate the Finals score sheets to arrive at a Finalist total for each contestant. Ties will be separated as stated in the General Rules using the Semi-Finals score sheets.

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SPECIFIC DIVISION RULES & COMMENTS (CONT'D)

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STATE CHAMPION AUCTIONEER (CONT'D)

To hold the contest there must be at least 3 people registered for the contest by 2 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024.

3. ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE CATEGORIES

- a. Pay appropriate entry fee with convention registration.
- b. Contestants will provide two (2) items valued at \$50 each to sell in the Preliminaries.
- c. State Champion Auctioneer Prize - \$3000 and a plaque.
- d. Reserve Champion Auctioneer Prize - A plaque.

SENIOR CHAMPION AUCTIONEER

To hold the contest there must be at least 3 people registered for the contest by 2 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024.

1. SPECIFIC RULES

- a. Contestant must be a paid Full Voting Member in good standing with the TAA. A Full Voting Member is defined in Section I, Article II, Section 2.a of the TAA Bylaws. This excludes all Affiliate Members, resident or non-resident., and Honorary Members.
- b. Staff and Contest Committee will verify that early entries are Texas licensed auctioneers. Late entries must submit a copy of their TDLR Auctioneers pocket license card or produce it at the time of entry.
- c. Contestant must be 55 years of age or older on the day of the contest.
- d. Contestant may be a Past Texas State Champion Auctioneer.

2. PROCEDURES

- a. The Contest Committee will tabulate the score sheets to arrive at a cumulative total for each contestant. Ties will be separated as stated in the General Rules.

3. ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE CATEGORIES

- a. Pay appropriate entry fee with convention registration.
- b. Contestants will provide two (2) items that have a value of \$50 each to sell in the Preliminaries.
- c. Prize - A plaque.

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ROOKIE CHAMPION AUCTIONEER

To hold the contest there must be at least 3 people registered for the contest by 2 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024.

1. SPECIFIC RULES

- a. Contestants must be a paid Full Voting Member or a paid Affiliate Member in good standing with the TAA. A Full Voting Member is defined in Section I, Article II, Section 2.a of the TAA Bylaws, and an Affiliate Member is defined in Section I, Article II, Section 2.b of the TAA Bylaws.
- b. Contestants must be a Texas licensed auctioneer or Texas licensed associate auctioneer.
- c. Staff and Contest Committee will verify that early entries are Texas licensed auctioneers or Texas licensed associate auctioneers. Late entries must submit a copy of their TDLR Auctioneers pocket license card or produce it at the time of entry.
- d. Contestant must NOT have held any type of auctioneer license for more than a total of 36 months in their lifetime at the time of the contest.

2. PROCEDURES

- a. The Contest Committee will tabulate the score sheets to arrive at a cumulative total for each contestant. Ties will be separated as stated in the General Rules.

3. ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE CATEGORIES

- a. Pay appropriate entry fee with convention registration.
- b. Contestants will provide two (2) items that have a value of \$50 each to sell in the Preliminaries.
- c. Prize - A plaque.

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SPECIFIC DIVISION RULES & COMMENTS (CONT'D)

**Contest Committee will require proof of Texas as primary residency.*

STATE CHAMPION RINGMAN/PERSON

To hold the contest there must be at least 3 people registered for the contest by 2 p.m. Friday, June 14, 2024.

1. SPECIFIC RULES

- a. Contestant must be a paid Full Voting Member or paid Affiliate Member in good standing with the TAA. A Full Voting Member is defined in Section I, Article II, Section 2.a of the TAA Bylaws and an Affiliate Member is defined in Section I, Article II, Section 2.b of the TAA Bylaws.
- b. Contestant does NOT need to be a licensed auctioneer.
- c. One Contest Committee approved out-of-state auctioneer will be provided for all Ringman/person contestants for Preliminaries and Finals.
- d. Contestant will ring from the floor without the use of a microphone, except for introduction.

2. PROCEDURES

- a. The Contest Committee will tabulate the Preliminaries score sheets to arrive at a cumulative total for each contestant.
- b. The top three (3) cumulative scoring contestants will be announced as finalists at the beginning of the President's Awards Banquet.
- c. The Finalists will sell three (3) items provided by TAA in the Finals.
- d. The Contest Committee will tabulate the Finals score sheets to arrive at a Finalist cumulative total for each contestant. Ties will be separated as stated in the General Rules.

3. ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE CATEGORIES

- a. Pay appropriate entry fee with convention registration.
- b. Contestants will provide two (2) items that have a value of \$50 each to sell in the Preliminaries.
- c. Prize - \$750 and a plaque.

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SPECIFIC DIVISION RULES & COMMENTS (CONT'D)

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STATE TEAM CHAMPION

To hold the contest there must be at least 3 teams registered for the contest by 2 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024.

1. SPECIFIC RULES

- a. The Team auctioneer contestant must be a paid Full Voting Member in good standing with the TAA. A Full Voting Member is defined in Section I, Article II, Section 2.a of the TAA Bylaws. This excludes all Affiliate Members, resident, or non-resident., and Honorary Members.
- b. The Team ring person must be a paid Full Voting Member of the TAA or a paid Affiliate Member as defined in Section I, Article II, Section 2.b of the TAA Bylaws.
- c. Staff and Contest Committee will verify that early entries for the Team auctioneers are Texas licensed auctioneers. Late entries must submit a copy of their TDLR Auctioneers pocket license card or produce it at the time of entry.
- d. The Team ring person contestant does NOT need to be a licensed auctioneer.
- e. Teams must consist of at least one member 18+ years of age.
- f. Both Team members must be registered for the TAA convention.
- g. Contestants will be responsible for choosing their own teams. Persons CAN enter the contest multiple times with different auctioneers/ringmen.
- h. The Team contest is limited to 15 teams. First come, first serve basis.

2. PROCEDURES

- a. The Contest Committee will tabulate the Preliminaries score sheets to arrive at a cumulative total for each team.
- b. The top three (3) cumulative scoring teams will be announced as the finalists at the beginning of the President's Awards Banquet.
- c. The Finalists will sell three items provided by the TAA in the Finals.
- d. The Preliminaries scores will be thrown out, and the scores will start anew for the Finals.
- e. The Contest Committee will tabulate the Finals score sheets to arrive at a Finalist cumulative total for each team.
- f. A tie will be separated by the "Would you hire this team" category on the score sheet.

3. ENTRY FEES AND PRIZE CATEGORIES

- a. Pay appropriate entry fee with convention registration.
- b. Teams will provide three (3) items that have a value of \$50 each to sell in the Preliminaries.
- c. Team Prize - \$1,500 and a plaque.