

# EMS Competition Rules

## Rule 1

Entries of all team members must be mailed or delivered as a complete package to the IRECA Conference Chairperson by the entry dead line. Payment or purchase order number for conference registration of each team member **MUST** accompany the official entry form.

## Rule 2

No individual may compete unless they are a current member or as part of a competition team membership in good standing with the IRECA.

## Rule 3

Each team must consist of three (3) members, one of whom shall be the team captain, or team member designated as such. An alternate team member may be listed on the application, but only three members will compete in the contest. Substitution permitted **ONLY** in case of illness / injury.

## Rule 4

Each team must provide its own emergency care kit and is expected to utilize its personal and/or everyday equipment as in its normal duties. This includes acceptable improvised methods. A list of the recommended minimum equipment will be at the end of these rules and is specific to each competition. Items to be provided by the competition committee will be on the competition list and adapted each year as needed. If specific items of equipment not on the list are stated on a problem, the contest committee will supply each team with these items. Gloves will be worn at all times. If gloves are torn in the midst of a problem, a statement to change gloves is sufficient.

## Rule 5

Teams may not enter the competition under same name. Substitute names may be assigned to those entered with similar names to eliminate scoring problems.

## Rule 6

The contest will feature TWO BLS (2) International Championship categories: YOUTH (under 19 years of age on date of competition or any competitor who shows proof of student status with a current student ID and college fee statement), and ADULT (Over 19 at the time of the competition). 1 ALS category is offered. Separate entry forms are required for each category.

## Rule 7

Each team will be judged on a minimum of two (2) separate scenarios. Scenarios will be designed to cover a variety of different situations which providers might encounter in their day-to-day activities as a pre-hospital care provider.

All teams will take a fifty (50) question examination, with exams being scored by the Competition Coordinator or his/her appointee. One (1) hour time limit will be permitted for this exam. Questions will be taken from Brady Publishing's most current EMT or paramedic textbook and the American Heart Association BLS and ACLS curriculum.

## Rule 8

Any, all or none of the scenarios may be simulated at the discretion of the contest officials depending on availability of simulation equipment. If simulated, the problem may be introduced without any advanced instructions and will be identified for each team. Only invasive procedures, such as oral airways or IV on live victims, may be

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simulated. No textbooks, pocket guides or cards, forms, or other materials that provide triage or treatment priorities and/or treatment sequences will be allowed in the competition space. Use of such items during the contest is grounds for disqualification.

## Rule 9

All teams shall meet with the Contest Officials at a time and place, designated by the Contest Committee. The purpose of the meeting is for roll call, turning of certified entry forms, clarification of rules or other activity, **NO FURTHER DISCUSSION WILL BE NECESSARY.** If specific information that pertains to each competition is deemed necessary by the contest coordinator, that information will be printed and available at the registration desk and at the EMS competitors course.

## Rule 10

The contest will start at the time designated and ALL teams shall be in their allocated positions, with their equipment, at least five (5) minutes prior to the start of the contest. No equipment or Emergency Care Kits are to be opened prior to the start of the contest. All equipment must be put away after the completion of each problem and before the start of the next problem. Teams may stay in their assigned positions, move or have other assignments as deemed necessary by the Contest Committee.

## Rule 11 – (Scoring)

A maximum time limit will be set for each problem. The time in which a team finishes a scenario may be utilized in the event of a tie, not only in overall time elapsed, but more importantly in immediate care within each scenario. Failure to complete the entire scenario will result in points lost.

## Rule 12

All Judges, at a minimum, must be at the certification/registration level of the Contest they are judging. The IRECA Contest Committee reserves the right to review the certifications/registrations of all judges. Any team competing is requested to provide one person to serve as a judge.

## Rule 13

All judges shall meet with the contest Coordinator and Chief Judges at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the contest. All judges are to remain with the contest officials until the start of the competition. The contest officials will distribute the contest scenarios, corresponding score sheets and scoring procedures to the judges during this meeting. Extra copies of these materials will be made available, if possible, to the spectators after the contest.

## Rule 14

Victims will be provided by the host committee. They shall meet with the contest officials and judges one hour prior to the starting time for the contest. Ten (10) minutes prior to starting time, judges and victims will report to their first assigned position. Extra victims should be arranged for as standby. Victims may or may not have casualty simulation. Injuries will be minimally indicated by colored dots.

## Rule 15

Following each scenario, Judges will complete the duplicate score sheets for that scenario, and turn in BOTH to the Contest Officials before taking their next position. All score sheets will be checked and totaled by the Contest Officials and Chief Judges only.

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## **Rule 16**

Score sheets will be forwarded to the team captain within two (2) months following the competition. These items will not be available prior to the close of the Conference.

## **Rule 17**

In case of any dispute regarding patient care, the chief judge for that problem will render the decision. On appeal, the Physician Member-at-Large of the IRECA Board of Directors and the Contest Coordinator will jointly be the FINAL authority.

## **Rule 18**

Spectators shall be kept clear of working areas unless specifically designated by the contest Coordinator. There will be no smoking in the room where the contest is being conducted, or flash photo without permission.

## **Rule 19**

The participating teams and their members shall agree to protect IRECA, its Officials, contest Coordinator and Committee, appointed Judges and the owners and management of facilities used from any liability, claims or expenses in the event of any accident during or in this contest.