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BUC DAYS

COMPETITIONS HANDBOOK













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Dear Buc Days Exhibitor,

Welcome to **Buc Days**! We're glad you're here and excited to have you join us **April 29–May 9, 2027**, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Buc Days is hosted by the Buccaneer Commission, an organization that's been part of this community since 1938. What started as a small pirate-themed event has grown into an 11-day celebration that includes Rodeo Corpus Christi, parades, the Stripes Carnival, concerts, the STEAM Expo, and the Port of Corpus Christi Leadership Program. Over the years, the Buccaneer Commission has awarded more than $2.9 million in scholarships and grants to students across the Coastal Bend.

This handbook is here to help you get ready and know what to expect. Inside, you'll find competition rules, schedules, venue maps, and award information. This year, competitors will have the chance to earn over **$90,000 in awards**, and we're proud to continue supporting the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.

Your participation is a big part of what makes Buc Days special. By being here, you're helping us celebrate tradition, support education, and bring our community together. We appreciate the time and effort you've put into preparing, and we're glad you chose to be part of Buc Days.

We wish you the best of luck and look forward to a great event.

Warm regards,



Johnny Philipello
President & Chief Executive Officer
Buccaneer Commission

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4H Clays Shoot Superintendent ..... Craig Cook
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Buc Days Rocketry Competition ..... Randy Ashley

Buc Days Food Challenge

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Buc Days Food Show

Food Show Superintendent ..... Norma Munoz
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Buc Days Horticulture Competition
Horticulture Superintendent ..... Daisy Castillo
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Buc Days Quiz Bowl Competition
Quiz Bowl Superintendent ..... Laura Reyna
Quiz Bowl Assistant Superintendent ..... Candace Williamson

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP LIST

Buc Days Competitions Chair: Mark Avelar
Buc Days Competitions Co-Chair: Scott Landreth

Buc Days 4H Clays Shoot
4H Clays Shoot Chair ..... Glenn Hagler
4H Clays Shoot Co-Chair ..... Steve Schultz

Buc Days Robotics / Rocketry Competitions
Robotics / Rocketry Competitions Chair ..... Gilbert Gonzalez
Robotics / Rocketry Competitions Co-Chair ..... Zachary Narvaez
Robotics Load-In Chair ..... Steven Pierce

Buc Days Culinary Competitions (Food Show/ Food Challenge)
Culinary Competition Chair ..... Roger Silva
Culinary Competition Co-Chair ..... Page Gray

Buc Days Public Speaking / Ag Product ID Competitions
Public Speaking / Ag Product ID Chair ..... Stephen Rybak

Buc Days Horticulture Competition
Horticulture Chair ..... Isla Lara

Buc Days Quiz Bowl Competition
Quiz Bowl Chairs ..... Gracie & Joe Flores
Quiz Bowl Co-Chair ..... Connor Cross

2027 COMPETITION EVENTS SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change

** Time depends on progression of the competition*

OFF-SEASON EVENTS

Saturday, February 20th

Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot: Qualifying Event Check-In 7:30am-8:30am
Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot: Mandatory Safety Meeting 8:30am-9:00am
Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot: Morning Squads Compete 9:00am-12:00pm
Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot: Lunch 12:00pm-1:00pm
Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot: Afternoon Squads Compete 1:00pm-4:00pm
Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot: Shoot-Offs (*if needed*) *4:30pm

Sunday, February 21st

Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot: Championship Round Check-In 7:30am-8:30am
Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot: Mandatory Safety Meeting 8:30am-9:00am
Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot: Championship Round 9:00am-*12:00pm
Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot: Shoot-Offs (*if needed*) *12:00pm
Buc Days Rocketry Competition: Participant Check-In 12:00pm
Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot: Awards Presentation & Lunch *12:30pm
Buc Days Rocketry Competition: Mandatory Safety Meeting 12:30pm
Buc Days Rocketry Competition: Awards Presentation *4:30pm

FESTIVAL EVENTS

Monday, May 3rd

Ag & Industry Awareness Days at Buc Days 8:00am- 2:00pm

Tuesday, May 4th

Ag & Industry Awareness Days at Buc Days 8:00am- 2:00pm

Wednesday, May 5th

Ag & Industry Awareness Days at Buc Days 8:00am- 2:00pm

Thursday, May 6th

Ag & Industry Awareness Days at Buc Days 8:00am- 2:00pm

Friday, May 7th

VEX Robotics Competition (VRC): ..... 8:30am – 5:00pm
VEX IQ Competition (VIQC): ..... 8:30am – 5:00pm
Food Show: Check-In Begins 8:30am
Food Show: Preliminary Rounds 9:00am-11:30am
Food Show: Tie Breakers (if needed) 11:30am
Food Challenge: Team Check-In Begins 11:30am
Food Show: Awards Presentation *12:00pm
Food Challenge: Preliminary Rounds 12:00pm- 3:30pm
Horticulture Competition: Load-In 4:00pm-6:30pm
Food Challenge: Final Round 4:00pm- 5:15pm
Food Challenge: Awards Presentation *5:30pm

Saturday, May 8th

VEX University Competition (VEXU): ..... 8:30am – 5:00pm
RECF Air Drone Competition (ADC): ..... 8:30am – 5:00pm
FIRST© Events: Load-In / Pits Open / Check-In Begins 8:30am
FIRST© Tech Challenge: Robot Inspection Begins 8:30am
FIRST© Lego League: Coaches Meeting..... 9:00am
FIRST© Tech Challenge: Drivers Meeting 10:00am
Quiz Bowl Competition: Check-In Begins 9:00am
Quiz Bowl Competition: Preliminary Rounds 9:30am-12:30pm
FIRST© Robotics Events: Opening Ceremony 10:30am
FIRST© Lego League: Practice Round 11:00am
FIRST© Tech Challenge: Qualification Matches Start 11:00am
Public Speaking Competition: Check-In Begins 11:30am
FIRST© Events: Lunch 11:30am
Public Speaking Competition: Preliminary Rounds 12:00pm-3:00pm
FIRST© Tech Challenge: Round 1 ..... 12:10pm
FIRST© Tech Challenge: Referee Break 1:10pm
Quiz Bowl Competition: Final Round 1:00pm-2:00pm
FIRST© Lego League: Matches Resume 1:15pm

FIRST© Tech Challenge: Round 2 ..... 1:25pm
Ag Product ID Competition: Check-In Begins 1:30pm
Ag Product ID Competition: Preliminary Rounds 2:00pm-5:00pm
FIRST© Tech Challenge: Referee Break 2:25pm
FIRST© Tech Challenge: Round 3 ..... 2:35pm
Public Speaking Competition: Senior Division Final Round *3:30pm
FIRST© Tech Challenge: Awards Presentation 4:00pm
FIRST© Tech Challenge: Load-Out *(following awards)* *4:30pm
FIRST© Lego League: Final Judge Decisions 4:30pm
FIRST© Lego League: Alliance Selection & Awards 5:15pm
FIRST© Lego League: Playoff Matches 5:45pm
Horticulture Competition: Awards Presentation *6:00pm
Quiz Bowl Competition: Awards Presentation *6:00pm
Public Speaking Competition: Awards Presentation *6:00pm
Ag Product ID Competition: Awards Presentation *6:00pm
FIRST© Lego League: Robot Game Winners 7:20pm
FIRST© Lego League: Load-Out Teams / Breakdown 7:20pm

GENERAL RULES

1. Eligibility

1.1 Invitational Status

This is an invitational event; the Buccaneer Commission reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any participant.

1.2 Social Security Requirement

All exhibitors and contestants must have a personal Social Security Number to be eligible to participate in Buc Days–sanctioned events. International teams/participants may be approved on a case-by-case basis.

2. Registration & Payment

2.1 Online Registration

All entries must be received electronically through the official Buccaneer Commission online registration system by the published deadlines. Registration for the Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot is available at https://www.iclays.com/. Registration for all Rocketry / RECF Robotics / Air Competitions found at www.bucdays.com. Registration for all *FIRST*© Robotics Competitions held at Buc Days is available through our website at bucdays.com. Registration information for all other youth competitions held at Buc Days can be found at https://bucdays.com/

2.2 Registration Deadlines

All entries must be submitted online before the respective deadline, with payment and entry signature authorization completed and postmarked on or before the required date.

Registration Deadlines			
Robotics / Rocketry Events		*Youth Competitions*	
FIRST© Lego League	April 16th, 2027	4-H Clays Shoot	February 12th, 2027
FIRST© Tech Challenge	April 16th, 2027	Public Speaking	April 16th, 2027
VEX IQ Competition	April 16th, 2027	Ag Product ID	April 16th, 2027
VEX Robotics Competition	April 16th, 2027	Horticulture	March 1st, 2027
VEX AIR Competition	April 16th, 2027	Food Show	April 16th, 2027
VEX University Competition	April 16th, 2027	Food Challenge	April 16th, 2027
Rocketry Competition	January 8th, 2027	Quiz Bowl	April 16th, 2027

2.3 Payment / Entry Fees

Payment for all applicable competitive events will be accepted through the designated online registration system and must be made by credit or debit card. The Competitive Event

Official(s) reserves the right to reject or conditionally accept any entry and to refuse entry to any participant at their discretion.

****If any team or participant would like to pay their mandatory registration fee via check, please call the Buccaneer Commission Office at (361) 882-3242 for more information*.

2.4 Entry Fees

Entry Fees	
4-H Clays Shoot	$200 per shooter
VIQC Robotics	$75 per team
VRC Robotics	$100 per team
RECF Aerial Drone Comp.	$75 per team
VEXU Robotics	$100 per team
Public Speaking	$30 per person
Ag Product ID	$30 per person
Horticulture	$25 per class
Food Show	$30 per person
Food Challenge	$75 per team
Livestock Quiz Bowl	$60 per team

No team or participant entry will be accepted unless it is submitted online before the respective deadline, with on or before the required date. The Buccaneer Commission reserves the right to ban any participant from future events if there are ongoing issues with payment of fees.

2.5 Prize Money

All winning teams and/or participants in the Buc Days STEAM Expo must complete a Prize Money Form and submit it to the Buccaneer Commission no later than *June 2nd, 2027*. If a completed form is not received by this deadline, prize money will be forfeited.

Once the Buccaneer Commission receives a completed and acknowledged Prize Money Form, checks will be issued and mailed bi-monthly to the address listed on the form. Checks must be cashed within 90 days of the date it was issued. Requests to re-issue checks must be made in writing to the Buccaneer Commission to the attention of the Competitions Coordinator (Elyse Suckley).

Prize Money Forms must be submitted through Buc Days using one of the following methods:

- Day of Event: Completed forms may be turned in directly to the Event Superintendent on the day of the event.

- Mail: 1415 N. Water Street, Corpus Christi, TX, 78401
  (Must be postmarked by June 1st, 2027)
- Hand Delivery: 1415 N. Water Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

3. Passes & Parking

3.1 Festival Grounds Pass / Distribution
Each participant (and their coach, if applicable) will be issued one (1) free gate admission pass valid for the duration of the competitive event which will be shared via the email included on the registration form. For any individual attending the event who is not a registered participant, additional passes may be purchased on our website for a pre-sale price of $10 or at the gate for $12.

3.2 Competition Parking Pass
Each participant or team will be provided one (1) parking pass prior to the event via the email provided on the registration form. The parking pass will grant parking in any Buc Days–operated lots. Additional parking passes can be purchased on our website or in-person for the price of $15.

4. Participant Conduct

4.1 Decorum
Buccaneer Days is a family-friendly event. While on the festival grounds, all participants are considered ambassadors of the Buccaneer Commission. As such, a participant's conduct as an exhibitor or patron should be exemplary, and violators may be subject to punishment up to and including disqualification. Participants must refrain from any improper or disruptive conduct, public display of profanity, violence, excessive consumption of alcohol, and inappropriate social media content regarding the Buccaneer Commission or its representatives.

4.2 Objectionable Participants
The Buccaneer Commission reserves the right to remove from the festival grounds any team or participant that may be falsely entered, deemed unsuitable, or objectionable in the sole discretion of Event Official(s), without assigning a reason. All fees will be forfeited.

4.3 Interference
If any participant, in any way, whether in person or by agent or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them, the show or competition, the Event Official(s) may demand a proper apology from the participant, may

exclude him/her from competition, bar him/her from the Buc Days festival grounds, and may also withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.

4.4 Electronic Communication
Unless specifically permitted in the rules of your competition, the use of electronic devices (including cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, etc.) is prohibited during active contest times. Medical exemptions may apply and must be communicated in advance.

4.5 Attire & Personal Appearance
All participants must dress appropriately for their specific competition, following any rules or guidelines provided for that event. Certain competitions may require team uniforms, aprons, hair coverings, or other safety or hygiene gear (e.g., gloves, hats, lab coats, safety glasses). Participants are expected to wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the activities in which they are participating.

5. Judging & Protests

5.1 Decisions
The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, are proven.

5.2 Official Protests
All official protests must be submitted in writing to the Competitive Event Official(s) immediately following the incident that prompted the protest. Each protest must be accompanied by a $300 deposit, which will be donated to the Buccaneer Commission if the protest is denied. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be fully refunded. The protest must clearly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and provide valid and sufficient reasons. Protests not filed within 24 hours of the alleged incident will not be considered. The decision of the Buccaneer Commission is final and not subject to appeal. Judging procedures will not be interrupted while a protest is under review.

5.3 Disqualification
Should any participant who is awarded a prize be disqualified, the lower placing participant will NOT move into the higher position.

5.4 Judging Schedule
Participants are responsible for knowing the times at which they or their team will be judged. Any team or participant not presented promptly will be ruled ineligible and barred from competition.

6. Safety & Liability

6.1 Emergency Evacuation Protocol

At times deemed necessary by local, state, or federal authorities, or by the Buccaneer Commission and its officials, the festival grounds may be temporarily or permanently evacuated. Such actions may result from, but are not limited to, extreme weather conditions, pandemics or other public health emergencies, bomb threats, terrorist acts, or acts and declarations of war. Evacuations will be carried out in coordination with the appropriate authorities, with priority given first to the safety of human life, then to the protection of property. Exhibitors may be required to turn their property over to the Buccaneer Commission or as otherwise directed by governmental authorities. Once the evacuation order is lifted, exhibitors will be permitted to re-enter the festival grounds and reclaim their property.

6.2 Property/Security:

All contestants or persons in charge of property, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the Buccaneer Commission (and their respective facilities in use) do not undertake to do so and shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property of contestants thereof. All contestants are responsible for security of their own property. The contestant is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their property.

6.3 Liability

All exhibits are under the control and direction of the Competitive Event Official(s); however, the Buccaneer Commission is not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage that may occur. Each participant is solely responsible for any loss, injury, or damage—whether consequential or otherwise—caused by, or arising from, any item they exhibit, as well as for the accuracy of its description in the rules. Participants shall indemnify and hold harmless the Buccaneer Commission from all legal actions, claims, or damages related to their participation, including any injury or damage to other persons or property resulting from their actions or exhibits.

6.4 COVID-19 Warning, Rules, and Acknowledgment of Risk

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present, including the Buc Days festival grounds or any location hosting a Buc Days–sanctioned event. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can cause serious illness or death. All participants, their family members, and any other individual involved in competitive events during the Buccaneer Days festival must comply with all applicable health and safety guidelines.

7. Grounds & Facilities Use

7.1 Waiting Areas (“Campgrounds”)
Waiting areas will be extremely limited for most competitive events and must be kept clean at all times. Parents, CEAs, ASTs, adult leaders, or their representatives are asked to help minimize the number of chairs, coolers, and other equipment brought by their team. Participants should remain aware of their surroundings and be considerate of others when setting up in these spaces. Exhibitors who misuse or overcrowd waiting areas may be subject to disqualification. While we understand that families may need space for chairs, equipment boxes, etc., please be mindful of others and avoid occupying public walkways or shared spaces unnecessarily.

7.2 Electrical Equipment
All electrical equipment brought onto the festival grounds must conform to all applicable safety regulations. Any team or participant who refuses to cooperate with Event Official(s) in this matter will be immediately removed from the festival grounds. The team or participant will forfeit all fees and premiums.

7.3 Campers / Trailers
Pickup trucks with campers cannot be used as living quarters and cannot be parked in Buc Days–operated parking lots before, during, or after festival hours. House and cook trailers are not permitted to be parked or used on festival grounds or Buc Days–operated parking lots.

7.4 Pets / Service Animals
No pets, including dogs, are allowed on the Buc Days festival grounds. Service animals, as defined by the ADA, are permitted. A service animal is a dog—or, in some cases, a miniature horse when reasonable—that has been individually trained to perform work or tasks for a person with a disability. Service animals are welcome in any area where the public is normally allowed to go. Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered unless doing so interferes with their work or the individual’s disability prevents using these devices. In such cases, the individual must maintain control through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

8. Special Policies & Laws

8.1 Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code (TABC)
As this is a TABC-licensed facility, no outside alcohol is permitted on the Show Grounds. Violations of this Rule may result in immediate removal from the Show Grounds.

8.2 Photographs & Media

Official photographs and videos taken during Buc Days events are the property of the Buccaneer Commission. By entering competition areas or the Buc Days festival grounds, participants and guests consent to being photographed, filmed, or recorded for use in promotional, news, or commercial purposes. Parents or guardians are deemed to have consented to such uses of their child's likeness by allowing participation.

9. Administrative & Legal Clauses

9.1 Special Rules

Special Rules are published in any department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the Special Rules and the General Rules, the terms of the Special Rules shall supersede the General Rules.

9.2 Force Majeure

The Buccaneer Commission is not liable for any delay or failure to conduct its operations, activities, shows, or events when such delay or failure is caused by a force majeure event. A force majeure event is any occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Buccaneer Commission that delays or prevents performance, including but not limited to:

1. Breakage or accidents involving equipment, machinery, or facilities
2. Strikes, lockouts, or other labor disputes
3. Statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, or rules issued by governmental authorities
4. Judicial decrees or orders
5. Acts of God
6. Animal diseases and/or quarantines
7. Wars, riots, or insurrections
8. Civil disobedience, public demonstrations, or sabotage
9. Fires, floods, explosions, or severe weather
10. Inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities, or transportation
11. Depressions, recessions, or other economic downturns
12. Embargoes or energy shortages
13. Any other causes beyond the Buccaneer Commission's reasonable control

The Buccaneer Commission reserves the right to cancel an event for reasons beyond Force Majeure.

9.3 Refunds

There will be no refunds of fees. In the event of cancellation of a specific contest/show, refunds may be offered in partial or full amounts and will be determined solely by the Buccaneer Commission.

9.4 Interpretation of Rules

All individuals, including participants, are encouraged to report any rule violations to Event Officials immediately so that appropriate action can be taken. The Buccaneer Commission reserves the final and absolute authority to interpret these rules and resolve all matters, questions, and disputes arising from or related to the competition. Any exhibitor found in violation of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be subject to any penalties deemed appropriate by the Buccaneer Commission.

Buccaneer Commission Scholarship Requirements

Recipient must begin use of Buccaneer Commission Scholarship within six months of graduation from high school. Recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student at a college, university, trade school or the recipient must show proof of military enrollment. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Recipient must submit the following documents to the Buccaneer Commission at the address below by August 2nd, 2027:

1415 N. Water Street, Corpus Christi, TX, 78401

i. Completed Buccaneer Commission Scholarship Contract
ii. Thank you letter to Buccaneer Commission
iii. Class Schedule for Fall 2027 Semester, substantiating semester hour requirements (i.e., class schedule with total hour reflected)
iv. Upon meeting all requirements for scholarship disbursement, scholar ships will be paid directly to the college, university, or trade school designated by the recipient as follows: Disbursement of Scholarship Amounts: 50% of total scholarship provided for Fall 2027 / 50% of total scholarship provided for Spring 2028.
v. If the recipient is not attending a college, university, or trade school but has enlisted in the military, payment will be provided after six months of military training/ activity has been completed. Documentation in the form of military service documents, orders, or payroll/ tax records with dates will be required to receive the funds.
vi. Failure to fully comply with Buccaneer Commission Scholarship Policies will result in forfeiture of scholarship funds.
vii. Should a recipient not attend college, or fail to maintain academic standards or college enrollment, the balance of the scholarship will be forfeited to the Buccaneer Commission Scholarship Program.
viii. Any exceptions to these rules must be requested in writing by the Recipient and approved in writing by the Buccaneer Commission.
ix. The Buccaneer Commission reserves the right to interpret or amend these rules and requirements at any time at its discretion and to settle and determine all disputes, questions or matters regarding, arising from or incident to the Scholarship Program, including but not limited to revocation of a scholarship.

Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Craig Cook, Manager at CCGC
Assistant Superintendent – Jeff Hyde
Chairs – Glenn Hagler & Steve Schultz

Location – Corpus Christi Gun Club (CCGC)
2832 FM 763, Corpus Christi, TX, 78415

Total Prize Money / Scholarships Awarded: ***$35,000***

Qualifying Event:	**February 20th, 2027 – 7:30am-8:30am**
Orientation:	8:30am (Mandatory Safety Meeting)
Tournament Begins: (Qualifying Round)	Shooting starts at 9:00am
Skeet Rounds:	*Morning Squads*: 9:00am/ 9:45am/ 10:30am/ 11:15am *Afternoon Squads*: 1:00pm/ 1:45pm/ 2:30pm/ 3:15pm
Lunch:	12:00pm-1:00pm
Sporting Clays:	*Morning Squads*: 9:00am *Afternoon Squads*: 1:00pm
Shoot-Offs for the Qualifying Rounds:	Shoot offs will begin promptly after shooting has finished and scores have been confirmed.
Championship Round:	**February 21st, 2027 – 8:30am**
Orientation:	8:30am (Mandatory Safety Meeting)
Tournament Begins: (Championship Round)	Shooting starts at 9:00am
Shoot-Offs for the Championship Round:	Shoot offs will begin promptly after shooting has finished and scores have been confirmed.
Awards Presentation:	*12:30pm – Lunch and Award Presentation

1. **Participation**: This is a shotgun shooting competition. Contestants in the Buc Days Clays 4-H Shoot (affiliated with Rodeo Corpus Christi and Buccaneer Days) are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this competition. This invitational event associated with Rodeo Corpus Christi operates independently of 4-H guidelines for shotgun shooting competitions. This competition will be limited to the first 180 entries based on age and their correlating Male and Female Divisions:
    a. **Male Divisions**:
        i. Junior Division (3rd, 4th, and 5th graders only)
            1. 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 10 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
        ii. Intermediate Division (6th, 7th, and 8th graders only)
            1. 10 years of age (in addition to being in the 6th grade) and not over 14 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
        iii. Senior 1 Division (9th and 10th graders only)
            1. 14 years of age (in addition to being in the 9th grade) and not over 16 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
        iv. Senior 2 Division (11th and 12th graders only)
            1. 16 years of age (in addition to being in the 11th grade) and not over 18 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
    b. **Female Divisions:**
        i. Junior & Intermediate Open Division (3rd through 8th graders)
            1. 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 14 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
        ii. Senior Open Division (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders only)
            1. 14 years of age (in addition to being in the 9th grade) and not over 18 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.

    National Skeet Shooting Association and National Sporting Clay Association governing body rules will apply, unless superseded by the Buc Days Clays 4-H Shoot Special Rules. All entries in this competition are subject to the rules that follow.
    c. **Sporting Clays:** http://nsca.nssa-nsca.org/rule-book/
    d. **Skeet:** http://mynssa.nssa-nsca.org/rule-book/

2. **Eligibility**: Participation in the Buc Days Clays 4-H Shoot is limited to TX resident students, who are members of a TX 4-H Club. Exhibitors must be United States citizens and possess a valid social security number to be eligible for participation in the event. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private elementary or secondary schools in TX. Students must be between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and 18 on or before August 15th, 2026. Each 4-H Club member

must be in good standing with its state and National affiliates. Involvement in international or national events does NOT disqualify otherwise eligible shooters.

a. Contestants also must have competed in the 2025 and/ or 2026 4-H State Games to enter the Buc Days Clays 4-H Shoot.
b. A contestant is not eligible if already graduated from high school.

3. **Ineligible Exhibitors**: 4-H members are eligible by the Buccaneer Commission for participation in the event at the time that entries are received. Any CEA (County Extension Agent) who has a member who becomes ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the appropriate.
   Superintendent at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of any activity in which the ineligible exhibitor was to participate. If an exhibitor is determined ineligible, then the entry is ineligible.
   a. Foreign Exchange Students: Non-United States citizens and Foreign Exchange students are ineligible to compete in the Buc Days Clays 4-H Shoot. All contestants must be United States citizens and possess a valid social security number to be eligible for participation in the event.

4. **Rules of Entry**:
   a. **Entry Requirements:** The right is reserved, by management, to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the grounds or Corpus Christi Gun Club (CCGC).
      i. Entries are limited to the first 180 entries and will be based on first come, first serve. No waitlist will be offered.
      ii. Verification will be confirmed with the CEA (County Extension Agent) to validate that each participant is enrolled in Texas 4-H at the time of entry. Should we not receive enrollment notice in a timely manner, the Buccaneer Commission will require the participants assistance to obtain that information.
   b. **Entry Format:** Entry will open by October 1st, 2026, and will close when the maximum entry limit is reached or on February 12th, 2027 at midnight. Each entry will consist of their qualifying events for Sporting Clays (100 targets) and American Skeet (50 targets). Event entry fees will be **$200.00.** No refunds will be given after January 8th, 2027, unless participant is deemed ineligible, in which a full refund will be granted.
      i. Everyone will select to compete on Saturday (February 20th, 2027) in both American Skeet and Sporting Clays and the top 5 participants in each Open Age Division (30 total) will continue to the Championship

Round on Sunday, February 21st, 2027, for the opportunity to win prize money and scholarships.

ii. At the time of entry, you will select your Sporting Clays Flight which will determine the Skeet Rotations available to you as listed below.
   a. 9:00am Sporting Clays rotation will be paired with American Skeet Rotations at 1:00pm, 1:45pm, 2:30pm, or 3:15pm
   b. 1:00pm Sporting Clays rotation will be paired with American Skeet Rotations at 9:00am, 9:45am, 10:30am, 11:15am

5. **Event Format**:
   a. **Qualifying Round: (Saturday, February 20th, 2027)**
      i. The Qualifying Round will consist of 100 Sporting Clays targets and 50 American Skeet targets.
      ii. The total combined score for both qualifying events (Sporting Clays and American Skeet) will be added together for overall placing for each of the Open Age divisions.
         a. Example of scoring totals:
         a. If you shot a 95 in Sporting Clays and a 45 in American Skeet your total combined score for placing in your Open Age Division would be 140.
         b. Example of shooter placing:
         a. Shooter A shoots 149
         b. Shooter B and C shoots 147
         c. Shooters D, E, F, G, H, and I shoot 145.
         d. Shooters A, B, and C will advance to the Championship Round taking the top 3 spots and shooters D, E, F, G, H, and I will shoot off for the final 2 spots.
      iii. Only the top 5 shooters (30 Total) from each of the Female and Male Divisions will advance to the Championship Round.
      iv. NSCA procedures will be followed for any necessary shoot offs/tie breakers in Sporting Clays.
      v. NSSA procedures will be following for any necessary shoot offs/tie breakers in Skeet.
   b. **Championship Round: (Sunday, February 21st, 2027)**
      i. The top five shooters (30 Total) from each of the Male and Female Divisions will advance to the Championship Round on Sunday, February 21st, 2027. The list of shooters who advance to the Championship Round will be announced on Saturday, February 20th, following the final score tabulation and shoot offs if necessary.

ii. *All scores from Saturday's Qualifying Round will not apply during the Sunday, February 21st, Championship Round. Each contestant will shoot with a clean slate of scoring.*

iii. Each contestant that has advanced to the Championship Round will compete in Skeet doubles (50 targets) and Whiz Bang (50 targets) for the Championship Round.

iv. The shooters that advance to the Championship Round must be present and must participate to receive any prize money or scholarship funds.

v. NSSA and Texas 4-H Whiz Bang procedures will be followed.

6. **Shoot offs/ Tie Breakers**:
    a. **Qualifying Round (Saturdays Round) shoot off format will be as follows:**
        i. Skeet doubles from stations 3/4/5/4/3 (10 Shots)
        ii. Sporting clays (From the 5 Stand Field) 5 pairs from station 2 (10 shots).
        iii. Scores from skeet and 5 stand will be combined, and placings will be established.
        iv. If shooters are still tied, they will shoot the following.
            a. Sporting clays (From the 5 Stand Field) 5 pairs from station 4 (10 shots)
            b. Skeet doubles from stations 3/4/5/4/3 (10 Shots)
            c. Scores from skeet and 5 stand will be combined, and placings will be established.
            d. If shooters are still tied, they will shoot the following.
                a. Skeet doubles from stations 3/4/5/4/3 (10 Shots)
                b. Sporting clays (From the 5 Stand Field) 5 pairs from station 2 (10 shots)
                c. Scores from skeet and 5 stand will be combined, and placings will be established.
                d. If shooters are still tied, they will continue the above rotations until all placings are established.

v. Doubles shoot-offs

a. Doubles shoot-offs shall be conducted doubles stations 3-4-5, miss-and-out by station. This means that a shooter must break both targets on a station in order to beat a shooter who only broke one target (i.e. if one shooter breaks the first target and another shooter breaks the second target, they are still tied).

b. In regular skeet miss-and-out shoot-offs, long run from the front shall determine the winners. Ties shall continue to shoot the round until the tie is broken.

b. **Championship Round**

i. NSSA and Texas 4-H Whiz Bang shoot off procedures will be followed for the Championship Round, as well as the same shoot off procedures that are listed for the Qualifying Round.

ii. All ties, during the Championship Round, shall be shot off unless otherwise specified by shoot management and published in the program or posted at the registration table.

iii. If shoot-offs are held, the shoot-offs must be held on targets or positions not previously shot by any participating competitor in the Sporting Clay Competition.

iv. If shoot offs are not possible by conditions, the Buccaneer Commission has the right to use alternative means to determine results**.**

v. The Protest Committee will determine final placings, if necessary.

7. **Check-In**: All shooters are required to check in on Saturday, February 20th (7:30am – 8:30am) and must be present for the mandatory safety orientation. Shooters will be given credentials in the form of a shooter number at check-in that must always be displayed while shooting (attached to their shooting vest, shirt, outerwear, or shooting pouch). **NO LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXPECTIONS!**

8. **Safety Orientations**: Safety orientations will be conducted on Saturday, February 20th at 8:30am for the Qualifying Event and Sunday, February 21st at 8:30am for the Championship Round. Safety orientations are mandatory for everyone who will participate in the events that day. Failure to attend the mandatory safety orientation for the Qualifying Round or Championship Round will result in disqualification. **NO SPECIAL/ ADDITIONAL ORIENTATIONS WILL BE HELD!**

9. **Squadding**: Squadding for skeet will be assigned on a random basis, within age divisions. Male and female shooters are subject to be mixed based on their age. No special request accommodations will be made. Accommodations for siblings will be considered for sporting clays only. Please add sporting clay requests for siblings in the 'comments' section of iClays. Squadding will be posted online at the iClays website after registration is closed. Contestants should check periodically, as updates and changes may be made before the event.

10. **Safety Requirements**:
    a. **Range Safety**: The safety of all involved is of paramount importance. All range safety rules will be strictly enforced. Any shooter failing to conform to safety standards will be warned of disqualified from the event. Minor infractions will be noted and marked on the shooter's badge. Repeated infractions or major safety violations will result in disqualification from the event.
    b. **Open and Empty**: All firearms will remain open and empty until the shooter is on the shooting station, and it is her/her turn to shoot. The firearm must be open and empty before leaving the shooting station. Over and under' s broken open and semis or pumps must have actions open.
    c. **Muzzle Control**: Shooters must always maintain safe control of their muzzles. Regardless of condition, muzzles may not be pointed toward or rested upon any part of the body of the shooter or any person. This includes the use of toe pads. The only exception is the limited exposure required in changing chokes. Violation of this rule may result in warning, disqualification from a round, or disqualification from a match.
    d. **Eye Protection**: Shooting glasses or equivalent prescription glasses are required for all events. All persons on any course are required to have eye protection, including range personnel, and shooters. All spectators on the sporting clays course are required to always have eye protection on. Eye protection for spectators watching the skeet events is encouraged to wear eye protection as well.
    e. **Ear Protection**: All persons on any course are required to have hearing protection. Either ear plugs or earmuffs may be worn at the discretion of the shooter, or ranger officer; but proper hearing protection is required. *Electronic devices are not allowed while shooting, this includes cell phones, headsets, electronic watches, Bluetooth devices, or any other form of electronic device. NO EXCEPTIONS.* One set of complimentary ear plugs will be in each shooter packet. Observers should provide their own ear protection. All spectators on the sporting clays course are required to always have hearing protection on. Hearing protection for spectators watching the skeet events are encouraged to wear hearing protection as well.
    f. **Firearms**: Any 12 gauge or smaller fired from the shoulder shotgun, which conforms to NSSA/NSCA rules.
    g. **Ammunition**: NO RELOADS – NSCA PERMITTED FACTORY AMMUNITION ONLY – Shooters must furnish their own appropriate ammunition. It is vitally important to allow extra ammunition for shoot-offs, malfunctions, or other contingencies. Ammunition is subject to inspection and verification.
        i. No load may contain more than 1 1/8 ounces of shot.
        ii. No load may contain any shot larger than Number 7 ½
        iii. All loads must contain lead shot.

h. **Field and Range Boundaries**: For multiple reasons, control of traffic on and around all fields and ranges is essential. Please respect these boundaries and the directions of the officials.
i. **Disruption:** Parents, coaches, and other individuals should remain positive and supportive, being careful not to disrupt or exhibit behaviors deemed detrimental to shooters or the operation of the match. Sanctions ranging from warning to ejection from the grounds or disqualification of shooters may be imposed for interference with the operation of the match or disruption of the events on the firing line or field.
j. **Alcohol Policy**: Alcohol will not be allowed on the grounds of the Corpus Christi Gun Club for this specific event. Consumption, use, and possession of alcohol by persons under the age of 21 is prohibited by law and is not permitted anywhere on the grounds at any time.
k. **Drug Policy**: Shooting is not allowed while under the influence of any drug or prescription medications that effect judgement and conduct to a degree that a participant is unsafe.
l. **Tobacco Policy**: Smoking is not permitted on or near the firing lines or in any area where it would be considered inappropriate or is a situation where the smoke constitutes interference to shooters. Smoking use and possession of tobacco products (including smokeless) by minors is prohibited by law and is not permitted anywhere on the grounds at any time.
m. **Weather**: Rain or shine, the event will continue unless officials are made aware of lightning in the area. The Corpus Christi Gun Club will make decisions on the suspension and proceeding of the shoot, if needed.

11. **Official Scores**: The official score is the record kept by the referee/scorer on a sheet furnished him/her by Management. The referee/scorer's decision in whether a target is dead or lost is final. All reported scores are checked for accuracy and corrections will be made when required. Shoot officials maintain the objective of producing timely, accurate and complete scoring records for each event. They do not represent any club, county, team, or individual. The Buccaneer Commission Superintendent(s) will be responsible for conducting any and all aspects of the event pertaining to 'shooting'. Including, but not limited to squadding, scoring, posting of scores, determination and conducting shoot-offs, determination of winners, and rule interpretation.
    i. A Master sheet will be used at each station and will be in possession of the scorer. Scorecards will be carried from station to station by the contestants and should only be written on by the scorer. Parents, coaches, observers

should never have possession of the shooter's scorecard. Fabrication of scorecards will result in disqualification from the event, with no possibility of proceeding to the Championship Round or winning prize money/ scholarships.

12. **Appeals**: A shooter may appeal a ruling on the field immediately if he/she feels a referee has missed a call. Once the shooter has called for another target, leaves the station, or the next shooter has fired, such right of appeal is lost. The referee may seek assistance from the scorer or may poll the squad at his or her discretion. The decision of the referee on the field is final and not subject to further appeal. Parent/ coach scoring is not official scoring and will not be consulted.

13. **Protests**: Protest Committee for this event will include the Superintendent(s), Assistant Superintendent(s), Director of Competitions at the Buccaneer Commission, and the Corpus Christi Gun Club (CCGC). Protests must follow the guidelines located in the 'General Rules' section of the Exhibitor Handbook.

14. **Accommodations**: Lodging is the responsibility of the shooter's party and will not be arranged by the Buccaneer Commission or the Corpus Christi Gun Club (CCGC).

15. **Coaching**: A participant may not be coached while in the shooting box. Coaching includes any communication between the coach, parent or other spectator and the shooter; verbal or non-verbal. The shooter may request assistance from the range safety officer and the range officer may assign an assistant, in the event of a malfunction.

16. **Dress Code**: Participants and spectators are required to dress appropriately. Wearing eye and ear protection is required and fully enclosed shoes must be worn for safety reasons by both shooters and spectators. All shooters and coaches should consider their dress in that they may be having photographs taken or be asked to interview for the media.

17. **Use of Two-Way Radios**: To assist us in range and match operations, only authorized persons are permitted to use two-way radios on the grounds. Any action by either or adults interfering with the frequencies in use imposes a safety hazard. Deliberate disruption of range communication by anyone at the event will be considered a safety violation and will be treated as such.

18. **Personal Carts**: Contestants are allowed to bring their own buggy or cart for this event. Cart rentals will be available for $100 per sporting clay round. All cart rentals must be purchased through your online iClays registration and must be paid for by January 22nd, 2027. All cart operators must be 18 years of age or older and must complete the Corpus Christi Gun Club waiver prior to driving on the sporting clays course.

19. **Buccaneer Commission Scholarship Requirements (for qualifying Class of 2027 Senior):**
    ****If the recipient of the Male Senior 2 Division Scholarship is awarded to an individual in 11th grade, these same rules will apply for that individual when retrieving the funds, the following year****
    ****If the recipient of the Female Senior Open Division Scholarship is awarded to an individual in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade, these same rules will apply for that individual when retrieving the funds, the following year****

    ****Male Senior 2 Division and Female Senior Open Division individuals are not limited to one scholarship, meaning a contestant could compete to win the scholarship prize when they are in the 11th grade AND when they are in the 12th grade****

20. **Awards**: The following prizes will be awarded to each Male Divisions (Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1, & Senior 2) and Female Divisions (Junior / Intermediate Open Division & Senior Open Division) to the top 5 individuals from the Championship Round that will be held on Sunday, February 21st to compete for a grand total of $35,000 in prize money and scholarships**. ONLY, the total combined scores (Skeet doubles – 50 targets and Whiz Bang – 50 targets) from the Sunday Championship Round will determine the following award placings.** Shoot offs will be conducted if necessary to determine the final top 5 placings for each of the Open Age Divisions.

    a. **TOP GUN AWARD**
        i. The Top Gun Overall Shooter (Male or Female) (Combined scores from Saturday's Qualifying Round and Sundays Championship Round) will receive an award chosen by the Buccaneer Commission. This award will be given to the shooter following Sundays Championship Round. If a shooter in the male division and a shooter in the female division score the same overall score, there will be the option of a shootout for those participants.

b. **MALE DIVISIONS AWARDS**

i. A total of $2,000 will be awarded to the Junior Division (3rd, 4th, and 5th graders).

a. Grand Champion- $1,000 prize money and buckle
b. Reserve Grand Champion- $600 prize money and trophy
c. 3rd place- $400 prize money and trophy
d. 4th place- Trophy
e. 5th place- Trophy

ii. A total of $3,000 will be awarded to the Intermediate Division (6th, 7th, .and 8th graders).

a. Grand Champion- $1,500 prize money and buckle
b. Reserve Grand Champion- $850 prize money and trophy
c. 3rd place- $650 prize money and trophy
d. 4th place- Trophy
e. 5th place- Trophy

iii. A total of $5,000 will be awarded to the Senior 1 Division (9th & 10th graders).

a. Grand Champion- $2,250 prize money and buckle
b. Reserve Grand Champion- $1,500 prize money and trophy
c. 3rd place- $1,250 prize money and trophy
d. 4th place- Trophy
e. 5th place- Trophy

iv. A total of $11,000 will be awarded to the Senior 2 Division (11th & 12th graders). The top 2 contestants in the Male Senior 2 Division will receive their funds in the form of a scholarship.

a. Grand Champion- $6,000 scholarship and buckle
b. Reserve Grand Champion- $3,000 scholarship and trophy
c. 3rd place- $2,000 prize money and trophy
d. 4th place- Trophy
e. 5th place- Trophy

c. **FEMALE DIVISIONS AWARDS**

i. A total of $3,000 will be awarded to the Junior / Intermediate Open Division (3rd through 8th graders).

a. Grand Champion- $1,500 prize money and buckle
b. Reserve Grand Champion- $850 prize money and trophy
c. 3rd place- $650 prize money and trophy

d. 4th place- Trophy
e. 5th place- Trophy

ii. A total of $11,000 will be awarded to the Senior Open Division (9th, 10th, 11th & 12th graders). The top 2 contestants in the Female Senior Open Division will receive their funds in the form of a scholarship.

a. Grand Champion- $6,000 scholarship and buckle
b. Reserve Grand Champion- $3,000 scholarship and trophy
c. 3rd place- $2,000 prize money and trophy
d. 4th place- Trophy
e. 5th place- Trophy

Alternative Plan to Determine Shoot Placings

Buc Days 4-H Clays Shoot

Discussed and approved by the Protest Committee—October 18, 2023

As part of Section 6(b)(iv)

If in the event of inclement weather and or any other act of nature and the result of those conditions impact the shoot during the qualifying round or the championship round, the final placings guidelines will be followed to determine the final shoot results.

Scenario 1: If during the qualifying event on Saturday inclement weather or any other act of nature prevents the qualifying shoot from being able to finish. The shooters that did not complete the qualifying round on Saturday will come back on Sunday morning to complete their qualifying round.

Scenario 2: If the championship round cannot be shot due to inclement weather or any other act of nature, the following will be followed to determine the championship placings.

- The final placings will be determined by the qualifying event scores based on the below format.
    - The committee will use the sporting clays scores from the qualifying event with predetermined stations and utilize a station scorecard shoot off format. **(Predetermined stations will be determined by the Superintendent and Co Superintendent of the shoot)**
    - If the final placings cannot be determined by the sporting clays scores, then the skeet long runs will be used to determine the final placings.
        - First long run front, then if needed.
        - Long run back will be used next.

Scenario 3: If during the championship round the shoot cannot be completed due to inclement weather or any other act of nature, the following will be followed to determine the championship placings.

- The final placings for the qualifying event will be determined by the qualifying events scores for sporting clays and skeet based on the below format.
    - The committee will use the sporting clays scores with predetermined stations and utilize a station shoot off format. **(Predetermined stations will be determined by the Superintendent and Co Superintendent of the shoot)**
    - If the final placings cannot be determined by the sporting clays scores, then skeet long runs will be used to determine the final placings.
        - First long run front, then if needed.
        - Long run back will be used next.

Scenario 4: If after the championship round has completed and if shoot offs are necessary but due to inclement weather or any other act of nature the shoot offs cannot be completed, the following will be followed to determine the championship placings.

- The final placings for the Championship event will be determined by the Championship events scores for Whiz Bang and skeet doubles based on the below format.
    - The committee will use the Whiz Bang stations scores to determine the final pairings.
        - The committee will use the stations runs in the order of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
    - If the final placings cannot be determined by the Whiz Bang scores, then skeet doubles long runs will be used to determine the final placings.
        - First long run front, then if needed.
        - Long run back will be used next.

Buc Days Rocketry Competition

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Jason Arms
Assistant Superintendent – Randy Ashley

Chair- Gilbert Gonzalez
Co-Chairs- Zachary Navarez

Location – Corpus Christi Gun Club(CCGC)
2832 FM 763, Corpus Christi, TX, 78415

Total Prize Money Awarded: ***$1,000***

Event Date:	**Sunday, February 21st, 2027**
Check-In Begins:	12:00pm
Mandatory Safety Meeting	12:30pm
Competition Start Time	1:00pm
Rocketry Awards	*4:30pm

Registration Deadline: January 8th, 2027

Eligibility: Students enrolled student in grade 9-12.

1. **Participation**: The Buc Days Rocketry Competition is a team model-rocket launch challenge for students currently enrolled in grades 9–12. Every team will receive a rocket kit, assemble and finish it themselves, run a flight simulation, pass a pre-flight safety inspection, and fly it twice down the range under the supervision of certified rocketry officers. The event is Sunday, February 21, 2027, at the Corpus Christi Gun Club. The launch is conducted as an official outreach event of the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) and is run under the direction of NAR-certified Range Safety Officers (RSOs).

2. **Eligibility**: The competition is for students grades 9 through 12 in the Coastal Bend area. Students compete in teams of up to five (5) members. Individual entries are not offered. No student may be on more than one team. Every student must hold a role on the team. A parent or legal guardian must sign the Buc Days waiver and media release for any competitor under 18. Each team must have an adult coach, teacher, parent, or mentor on record who can be reached throughout the build period.

3. **Registration**: Students must register through the Buc Days website. Participation is limited and expected to be offered on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached. Registration will open on November 9th, 2026, and will close January 8th, 2027. There is no registration fee for the rocketry challenge.

4. **Venue & Logistics**: The event will be held outdoors at Corpus Christi Gun Club (2832 FM 763, Corpus Christi, TX 78415). A tent and seating area will be available, but visibility of the launch pads will be limited. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs, shade, water, and sunscreen. Safety glasses are recommended at the launch pads. Spectators must remain behind posted safety lines. No pets, drones, smoking/vaping, and personal fireworks are prohibited. Teams may bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages in coolers. Competitors must check in as scheduled, attend the safety briefing, and remain available for their assigned flight rotation and awards. Final schedules and weather updates will be shared with registered participants.

5. **Rocket Kit & Construction**: After registering, every team will receive a standardized kit of parts supplied by Buc Days. Teams are responsible for assembling, finishing, and preparing their own rocket for flight. No substitute airframe, nose cone, or fin material may be used in place of kit parts without prior written approval from the

RSO team, since the released simulation specifications (Section 24) are calculated against the stock kit.
The kit will include the following:

a. 1x body tube airframe (pre-cut to spec)
b. 1x nose cone (plastic)
c. Fin stock (balsa) for 3 fins, team mounts appropriately for safe flight
d. 1x engine mount tube, centering rings, and engine hook
e. 1x 12–18 in. parachute with shroud lines
f. Shock cord, screw eye / Kevlar leader, and nylon shear pins
g. Launch lug(s) and recovery wadding

6. **Assembly Standards**:
    a. All fillets, glue joints, and fin attachments must be structurally sound — no visible gaps, warping, or incomplete bonds.
    b. The motor mount must be centered and securely retained; the engine hook or motor retention method must positively prevent motor ejection at burnout.
    c. Recovery hardware (shock cord anchor, screw eye, Kevlar leader) must be rated for the rocket's expected recovery loads and show no fraying, cracking, or pull-out.
    d. Nose cone shoulder and body tube coupler must fit snugly enough to require the specified shear pins to hold under normal handling, yet separate cleanly under ejection charge pressure.
    e. Teams should build to the exact fin count, span, and root/tip chord released with the official rocket specifications in Section 24, since altering fin geometry changes the simulation and stability margin.

7. **Rocket Painting & Decorating:** All rockets must be decorated in the spirit of the Buc Days pirate theme while showcasing creativity and school/community pride. Encouraged designs include pirate imagery, nautical elements, school colors, mascots, and sponsor logos. Decorations must remain family-friendly. Offensive or inappropriate content, military weapon references, depictions of violence, and the word “missile” are prohibited. RSOs and event staff will review decorations during the pre-flight safety inspection. Rockets that do not meet these requirements must be corrected before receiving flight approval.

8. **Flight Simulation**: Teams must simulate their rocket's flight before launch day using a recognized rocket flight simulation program, such as OpenRocket (free) or RockSim, entering the parameters above along with the assigned motor. The

simulation should predict an apogee reasonably close to the 440 ft target and confirm a stable static margin.

a. Simulation file (.ork or .rkt) and/or a printed summary showing predicted apogee, velocity off the rod, and stability margin must be submitted before the deadline in Section 3.3.
b. Bring a printed or digital copy of your simulation summary to launch day — the RSO will review it during your pre-flight inspection.
c. Any change to the rocket after the simulation was submitted (paint weight, added decoration mass, a repaired fin, etc.) that could plausibly shift the CG or mass must be re-simulated (see modifications).

9. **Motors:** All teams fly on motors purchased and supplied by Buc Days / TxSTEMed on launch day. Teams and coaches must not bring or substitute their own motors. The approved motor designation(s), total impulse class, and delay grain will be released alongside the specification sheet in Section 5.1 so it can be entered into the flight simulation ahead of time.

10. **Range Safety Officers**: All flight readiness reviews, safety inspections, and range operations are administered by adult volunteers holding NAR Level II and Level III high-power certification. The Level III certified RSO(s) serve as the event's Ranking Safety Officer with final authority over every launch decision, including the authority to scrub, delay, or cancel any individual flight or the entire event. The Range Safety Officer's decision on any safety matter is final and not subject to appeal on launch day. No rocket flies without RSO sign-off on both the pre-flight inspection card and the flight simulation review. RSOs and Launch Control Officers (LCOs) will be identified by high-visibility vests.

11. **Competition Format & Scoring**: Each team will fly their rocket twice, subject to passing safety inspection and following range-officer instructions. The target altitude is 440 feet above ground level (AGL). The two recorded flight altitudes are averaged, and the competitor whose average is closest to 440 feet will place highest. Additional scoring, tie-breaking, and award details are outlined in the detailed handbook.

12. **Safety Requirements**: All rockets must pass a pre-flight inspection by the event's Range Safety Officer (RSO) before flying. Competitors must attend the mandatory safety briefing and follow all RSO instructions and applicable National Association of Rocketry (NAR) safety rules. Buc Days/TxSTEMed will provide the approved

motors on launch day; students must not bring or substitute their own motors. Rockets that do not pass inspection will not be permitted to launch. See section 24 for pre-flight safety inspection template.

a. RSO will check the following:
    i. Recovery System: Parachute or streamer must be present, undamaged, properly packed, and able to deploy cleanly. Shroud lines must be untangled and attached, with recovery wadding loaded when required.
    ii. Shear Pins: Correct size and quantity of nylon shear pins must be installed according to kit instructions. Tape, wood, or over-tightened hardware may not be substituted.
    iii. Airframe Separation: Airframe sections must separate smoothly by hand at the shear-pin joint with reasonable force and without binding.
    iv. Motor Mount & Retention: Motor must be correctly seated and securely retained, with a functional engine hook or retainer.
    v. Structural Integrity: Fins, nose cone, and body tube must be securely bonded without visible damage, warping, or delamination.
    vi. Decoration Compliance: Rocket must meet all decoration requirements outlined in Section 7, with no prohibited words, imagery, or weapon-style depictions.
    vii. Mass & Center of Gravity (CG): Rocket's as-built mass must reasonably match the mass entered into the submitted flight simulation.
    viii. Flight Simulation: Teams must present simulation results (Section 8) showing predicted apogee and a stable static margin for the assigned motor.

13. **Inspection Card**: Each team receives a Flight Card at check-in (see section 25 for template below). The RSO initials each item above and signs the card before the rocket is released to the pad queue. Bring your Flight Card with you through the entire rotation — pad crews will not allow an un-signed rocket. Below are common reasons for a failed inspection, which the teams should be aware of:
    a. Parachute packed too tightly or with sharp folds that could prevent it from unfurling
    b. Missing, wrong-size, or substituted shear pins
    c. Airframe sections that bind, stick, or require excessive force to separate by hand
    d. Loose or wobbling fins, or visible glue-joint gaps

e. No simulation file/printout, or a simulation that does not match the as-built rocket
f. Decoration containing prohibited content

14. **Making Rocket Modification at the Range:** Teams may make minor modifications to their rocket on launch day for example, reinforcing a fin, adjusting nose weight, repairing a paint chip, or swapping a shock cord. However, any modification that could change the rocket's mass, center of gravity (CG), or aerodynamic profile requires both of the following before that rocket can fly again:
    a. A new flight simulation run reflecting the modification, showing updated predicted apogee and stability margin, presented to the RSO.
    b. A new, complete safety inspection (Section 13) — a prior pass does not carry over once the rocket has been altered.
    c. Modifications must be completed and re-verified within the day's schedule; the RSO team may decline to re-inspect a rocket if time does not allow, at their sole discretion, in the interest of keeping the range on schedule for all competitors.

15. **Flight Line Operations**:
    a. Team will load their own rockets onto assigned launch pads under the supervision of pad safety crew.
    b. Only the teams designated flyer(s) and the pad crew may enter the flight line while a rocket is on the pad.
    c. The Launch Control Officer (LCO) will call each team name and pad number, complete a final safety check, and lead the countdown before ignition.
    d. If a motor fails to ignite, all personnel must wait at least 60 seconds after the last ignition attempt before approaching the pad, in accordance with the NAR Safety Code.

16. **Recovery of Rocket**: After landing, teams must wait for an RSO or range spotter to confirm the area is safe before retrieving their rocket. Rockets in hazardous or restricted areas must not be retrieved; contact range staff for assistance. Participants must carry an event walkie-talkie for safety announcements and return it upon arriving back at the event area. Recovered rockets and Flight Cards must be brought to the scoring table to have altimeter/tracker readings recorded.

17. **Altitude Tracking**: Each flight's apogee altitude will be measured using an onboard altimeter loaned to the team. Recorded altitudes are final once entered on the event

scoring sheet unless an equipment malfunction is confirmed by the RSO. The team will return the altimeter before leaving the event.

18. **Scoring & Ranking**: Every team flies twice. Both scores are against the same 440 ft target altitude, and the two results are averages to produce a final score. Teams are ranked from lowest score to highest score. The team with the lowest score (closest average altitude to target height) is ranked first.
    Below is how your score is calculated:
    a. Average Altitude = (Flight 1 apogee + Flight 2 apogee) ÷ 2
    b. Score = the absolute difference, in feet, between your Average Altitude and the 440 ft target
    c. Lower score is better — a score of 0 means your average altitude landed exactly on 440 ft
        i. Example: Flight 1 = 410 ft, Flight 2 = 460 ft → Average = 435 ft → Score = |435 − 440| = 5

19. **Tie-Breaker:** Closer single flight (the flight with the smaller individual difference from target) wins the tie. If still tied, the team whose Flight 1 was closer to target height is ranked higher. If still tied, a fly-off may be offered at the RSO's discretion, time and weather permitting.

20. **Disqualification:** A flight may be scored as a maximum-penalty non-finish (or the team may be offered a re-flight at RSO discretion, if range time allows) if any of the following occur:
    a. The recovery system fails to deploy (ballistic or "lawn dart" recovery)
    b. The rocket sheds an airframe section, fin, or nose cone that is not attached to the recovery system
    c. The rocket leaves the designated recovery area or cannot be safely recovered
    d. The altimeter device is confirmed to have malfunctioned or was not properly armed/installed
    e. The rocket was modified without a new simulation and re-inspection

21. **Awards**: A total of $1,000 in prize money will be awarded to top teams.
    a. 1st Place Overall- $500 prize money and team trophy
    b. 2nd Place Overall- $250 prize money and team trophy
    c. 3rd Place Overall- $150 prize money and team trophy
    d. Best Pirate Themed Rocket- $100 prize money and team trophy

22. **Applicable Rules & Regulations**: All rockets built for this event are intended to qualify as Class 1 – Model Rockets under 14 CFR §101.22(a): no more than 125 grams of propellant, slow-burning motor, constructed of paper/wood/breakable plastic with no substantial metal parts, and a liftoff weight not exceeding 1,500 grams including propellant. No FAA waiver or prior notification is required for a compliant Class 1 flight, but the general operating limitations of 14 CFR §101.23 still always apply. This event and every rocket flown at it must comply with:
    a. The NAR Model Rocket Safety Code:
        i. https://www.nar.org/ModelRocketSafetyCode
    b. Federal Aviation Administration regulations for amateur rockets under 14 CFR §101.22–101.25, specifically the Class 1 (Model Rocket) general operating limitations
        i. https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/chapter-I/subchapter-F/part-101/subpart-C
    c. Any state or local burn ban, fire-danger advisory, or open-flame restriction in effect at the launch site on the day of the event
    d. The rules of the host range facility and any additional range-specific safety briefing given the morning of the event.

23. **Team Roles and Responsibilities:** Each team has up to five members, and every member must contribute to the team. The roles below are adapted from the team responsibilities the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) and Aerospace Industries Association recommend for the American Rocketry Challenge (team captain, flight simulation, airframe construction, propulsion & ignition, and fundraising/outreach). Because Buc Days / TxSTEMed supplies the motors and launch equipment, the propulsion role here focuses on motor retention and recovery.

Team Role	NAR / ARC Basis	Responsibilities
Team Captain (Program Manager)	ARC: Program Manager / Team Captain	Keeps the team on schedule and meets every deadline in Section 3.3; main contact with the coach and event staff; makes sure all the pieces fit together; keeps the Flight Card on launch day.
Simulation & Design Lead	ARC: flight simulation	Builds the OpenRocket or RockSim model from the Appendix C specifications; tracks mass, CG, and stability margin; submits the simulation (Section 5.1); re-simulates after any modification (Section 8.4) and presents it at inspection.
Airframe & Construction Lead	ARC: airframe / build craftsmanship	Leads assembly to the standards in Section 4.2: fin alignment, glue fillets, motor mount, nose cone fit; manages range-day repairs.
Propulsion & Recovery Lead	ARC: propulsion & ignition	Owns motor retention, the parachute, shock cord, and shear pins; packs the recovery system; installs the altimeter; leads the team through pre-flight inspection (Section 8) and pad loading.
Marketing & Outreach Lead	ARC: fundraising / outreach	Leads the team name, rocket name, and pirate-theme design (Section 4.3); seeks sponsors; shares the team's progress with its school and community; represents the team at the Expo.

Teams with fewer than five members combine roles so that every role is covered, and every member must hold at least one role. List each member and their role(s) on the registration form. Roles are a way to divide the work, not a limit on it: all members are encouraged to help with the build and launch day.

24. **Official Rocket Specification & Simulation Sheet**:

Parameter	Value	Notes
Airframe outer diameter		
Airframe length		
Empty (unloaded) mass		
Loaded (with motor) mass		
Nose cone shape & material		
Fin count / planform / span / root & tip chord		
Center of Gravity (CG), loaded		
Center of Pressure (CP)		
Minimum stability margin		
Approved motor(s)		
Recovery method		
Target apogee altitude	440 ft AGL	

25. **Pre-Flight Safety Inspection Template**:

Printable checklist — one copy per team per flight.

↑	Inspection Item	Pass?	RSO Initials
1	Parachute/streamer present, undamaged, properly folded/rolled	Y / N	
2	Correct shear pins installed (type & quantity)	Y / N	
3	Airframe separates smoothly by hand at shear-pin joint	Y / N	
4	Motor correctly seated and retained	Y / N	
5	Fins, nose cone, and body tube structurally sound	Y / N	
6	Decoration free of prohibited content (Sec. 4.3)	Y / N	
7	As-built mass consistent with submitted simulation	Y / N	
8	Flight simulation reviewed — stable margin, apogee near 440 ft	Y / N	
9	Modification since last inspection? If yes, new sim + full re-inspection completed	Y / N / N/A	

Team Name: _____ Rocket Name: _____

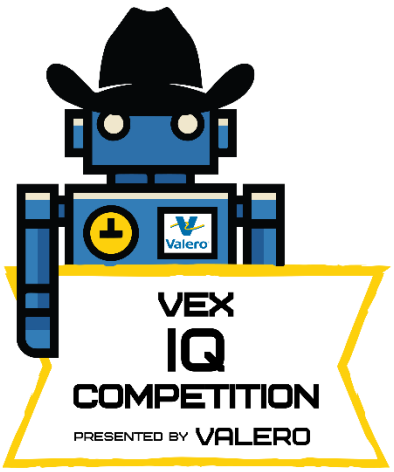
Flight #: _____ RSO Signature: _____ Time: _____

26. **Flight Card & Scoring Template:**

Field	Flight 1	Flight 2
Pad #		
Motor used		
Time launched		
Recorded apogee (ft AGL)		
Recovery OK? (Y/N)		
RSO initials		

Average Altitude = (Flight 1 + Flight 2) ÷ 2 = _____ ft

Score = |Average – 440| = _____



VEX IQ (VIQC) Competition

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Joseph Beckmann

Chair- Gilbert Gonzalez
Co-Chairs- Zachary Narvaez & Steven Pierce

Location – Henry Garrett Ballroom

Total Prize Money Awarded: ***$2,550***

Event Date:	**Friday, May 7th, 2027**
Load-In / Pits Open / Check-In Begins:	8:30am
Lunch	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Load-Out / Event Closes	5:00pm

Official day-of schedules will be in the 'VEX Team Packet' sent via email two weeks before the event to registered teams. Match schedules will be published in the RobotEvents Tournament Management software day of. Actual end time depends on actual progress of the event.

Registration Deadline: April 16th , 2027

Eligibility: Teams(K-5) enrolled in VEXIQ and in good standing with VEX

1. **Participation / Eligibility**: Participation in the VEX IQ Competition at Buc Days is limited to 24 teams with K-5 participants (≤ 11-year-olds). Priority given to local teams.

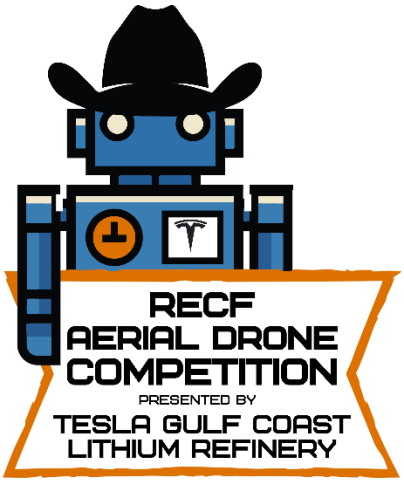
2. **Registration**: Registration will open December 1st, 2026. Registration occurs at robotevents.com and will close on April 16th, 2027. Each team will pay a $75 registration fee before being confirmed as an attendee.

3. **Equipment Load-In / Load-Out Procedures**: All teams must check in at the Buc Days Office (Henry Garrett Center, 1415 N. Water St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401) to receive credentials. No equipment may be loaded onto the festival grounds without these credentials. Teams must load-in together and a committee member will direct you to your zone. Drivers must then park in the designated lot shown on the 'Robotics Parking Map'.

4. **Pits & Power**: Teams will be provided a 10'x10' space with 110v AC power for their pit. Teams are encouraged to bring a 25' standard three prong extension cord to connect to provided power. Teams are encouraged to bring presentation materials as this is a publicly attended event with awards for team spirit and presentations.

5. **Event Game Play and Customization**: This event will use the 2026 – 2027 "Level Up" game rules which can be at: https://www.vexrobotics.com/iq/competition/viqc-current-game.
   There will be a scoring modification to celebrate our pirate themed event. Teams will be scheduled to complete skills. We will evaluate progress during lunch and may add an additional match based on timing. Teams will receive at least 7 qualification matches. After qualifications, we will use single elimination in quarter / semi-finals and then best of three in finals. There will be no head referee appeals for this event. There is no official VEX judging in this event.

6. **Awards**: A total of $2,550 in prize money will be awarded throughout the event.
   a. Tournament Champions (x2)- $500 prize money and team trophy
   b. Tournament Finalists (x2)- $400 prize money and team trophy
   c. Robot Skills Champion- $300 prize money and team trophy
   d. Robot Skills 2nd Place- $250 prize money and team trophy
   e. Robot Skills 3rd Place- $100 prize money and team trophy
   f. Arr-mazing Spirit Award- $100 prize money and team trophy



RECF ADC Competition

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Randy Ashley

Chair- Gilbert Gonzalez
Co-Chairs- Zachary Narvaez & Steven Pierce

Location – Henry Garrett Ballroom

Total Prize Money Awarded: ***$4,000***

Event Date:	**Saturday, May 8th, 2027**
Load-In / Pits Open / Check-In Begins:	8:30am
Lunch	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Load-Out / Event Closes	5:00pm

Official day-of schedules will be in the 'RECF ADC Team Packet' sent via email two weeks before the event to registered teams. Match schedules will be published in the RobotEvent Tournament Management software day of. Actual end time depends on actual progress of the event.

Registration Deadline: April 16th , 2027

Eligibility: Teams enrolled in RECF and in good standing with RECF

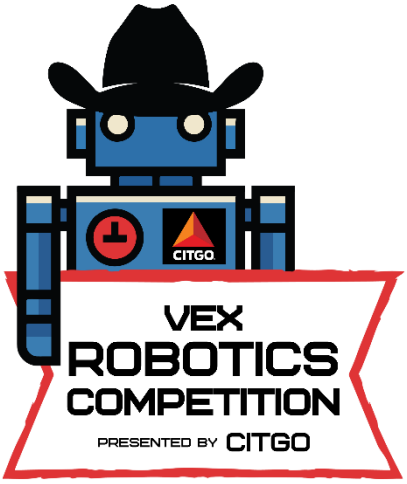
1. **Participation / Eligibility:** Participation in the RECF ADC Competition at Buc Days is limited to 24 teams. Priority is given to local teams.

2. **Registration**: Registration will open December 1st, 2026. Registration occurs at robotevents.com and will close on April 16th, 2027. Each team will pay a $75 registration fee before being confirmed as an attendee.

3. **Equipment Load-In Procedures**: All teams must check in at the Buc Days Office (Henry Garrett Center, 1415 N. Water St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401) to receive credentials. No equipment may be loaded onto the festival grounds without these credentials. Teams must load-in together and a committee member will direct you to your zone. Drivers must then park in the designated lot shown on the 'Robotics Parking Map'.
4. **Pits & Power**: Teams will be provided a 10'x10' space with 110v AC power for their pit. Teams are encouraged to bring a 25' standard three prong extension cord to connect to provided power. Teams are encouraged to bring presentation materials as this is a publicly attended event with awards for team spirit and presentations

5. **Event Game Play and Customization**: This event will use the 2026 – 2027 "Fast Track" mission game rules which can be found at https://games.recf.org/adc/1.1. There will be a scoring modification to celebrate our pirate themed event. Teams will receive at least 6 qualification matches and 3 attempts at skill runs (autonomous / piloting). Teams will be assigned times to complete skill runs. We will evaluate progress during lunch and may adjust +/- based on timing. We will have 8 alliances and will use single elimination in quarter / semi-finals and then best of three in finals. There is no official VEX judging in this event.

6. **Awards**: A total of $4,000 in prize money will be awarded throughout the event.
    a. Tournament Winning Alliance Award (x2)-
        i. $750 prize money and team trophy
    b. Tournament Finalist Alliance Award (x2)-
        i. $500 prize money and team trophy
    c. Teamwork Mission Champions Award (x2)-
        i. $500 prize money and team trophy
    d. Skills Mission Champion Award- $400 prize money and team trophy
    e. Arr-mazing Spirit Award- $100 prize money and team trophy



VEX Robotics (VRC) Competition

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Seth Lara

Chair- Gilbert Gonzalez
Co-Chairs- Zachary Narvaez & Steven Pierce

Location – Henry Garrett Ballroom

Total Prize Money Awarded: ***$7,000***

Event Date:	**Friday, May 7th, 2027**
Load-In / Pits Open / Check-In Begins:	8:30am
Lunch	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Load-Out / Event Closes	5:00pm

Official day-of schedules will be in the 'VEX Team Packet' sent via email two weeks before the event to registered teams. Match schedules will be published in the RobotEvents Tournament Management software day of. Actual end time depends on actual progress of the event.

Registration Deadline: April 16th , 2027

Eligibility: Teams enrolled in VEX Robotics and in good standing with VEX

1. **Participation / Eligibility:** Participation in the VEX VRC Competition at Buc Days is limited to 32 teams. Priority is given to local teams.

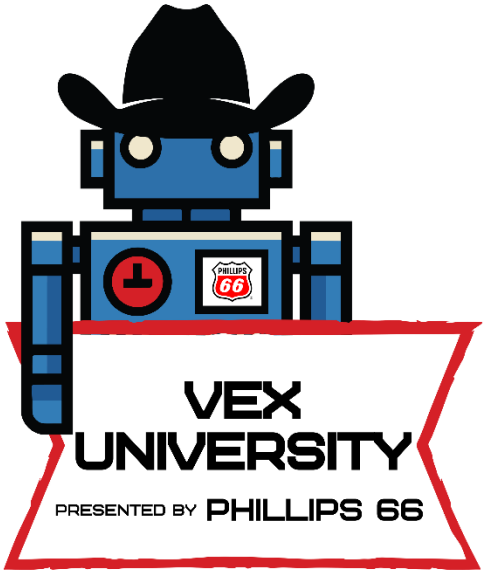
2. **Registration**: Registration will open December 1st, 2026. Registration occurs at bucdays.com and will close on April 16th, 2027. Each team will pay a $100 registration fee before being confirmed as an attendee.

3. **Equipment Load-In / Load-Out Procedures:** All teams must check in at the Buc Days Office (Henry Garrett Center, 1415 N. Water St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401) to receive credentials. No equipment may be loaded onto the festival grounds without these credentials. Teams must load-in together and a committee member will direct you to your zone. Drivers must then park in the designated lot shown on the 'Robotics Parking Map'.

4. **Pits & Power**: Teams will be provided a 10'x10' space with 110v AC power for their pit. Teams are encouraged to bring a 25' standard three prong extension cord to connect to provided power. Teams are encouraged to bring presentation materials as this is a publicly attended event with awards for team spirit and presentations.

5. **Event Game Play and Customization**: This event will use the 2026 – 2027 "Override" game rules. There will be a scoring modification to celebrate our pirate themed event. Teams will receive at least 6 qualification matches. We will evaluate progress during lunch and may add an additional match based on timing. After qualifications, we will use single elimination in quarter / semi-finals and then best of three in finals. There is no official VEX judging in this event.

6. **Awards**: A total of $7,000 in prize money will be awarded throughout the event.
    a. Tournament Winning Alliance Award (x2)-
        i. $1,500 prize money and team trophy
    b. Tournament Finalist Alliance Award (x2)-
        i. $1,000 prize money and team trophy
    c. Tournament Most Winner Award- $500 prize money and team trophy
    d. Strength of Schedule Award- $500 prize money and team trophy
    e. Autonomous Mastery Award- $500 prize money and team trophy
    f. Arr-mazing Spirit Award- $500 prize money and team trophy



VEX University (VEXU) Competition

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Edgar Sifuentes

Chair- Gilbert Gonzalez
Co-Chairs- Zachary Narvaez & Steven Pierce

Location – Henry Garrett Ballroom

Total Prize Money Awarded: ***$7,000***

Event Date:	**Saturday, May 8th, 2027**
Load-In / Pits Open / Check-In Begins:	8:30am
Lunch	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Load-Out / Event Closes	5:00pm

Official day-of schedules will be in the 'VEX Team Packet' sent via email two weeks before the event to registered teams. Match schedules will be published in the RobotEvents Tournament Management software day of. Actual end time depends on actual progress of the event.

Registration Deadline: April 16th , 2027

Eligibility: Collegiate teams enrolled in VEX University and in good standing with VEX

1. **Participation / Eligibility**: Participation in the VEX University (VEXU) Competition at Buc Days is limited to 24 teams. Priority is given to local teams.

2. **Registration**: Registration will open December 1st, 2026. Registration occurs at bucdays.com and will close on April 16th, 2027. Each team will pay a $100 registration fee before being confirmed as an attendee. Registration fees may be waived on a case-by-case basis.

3. **Equipment Load-In / Load-Out Procedures:** All teams must check in at the Buc Days Office (Henry Garrett Center, 1415 N. Water St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401) to receive credentials. No equipment may be loaded onto the festival grounds without these credentials. Teams must load-in together and a committee member will direct you to your zone. Drivers must then park in the designated lot shown on the 'Robotics Parking Map'.

4. **Pits & Power**: Teams will be provided a 10'x10' space with 110v AC power for their pit. Teams are encouraged to bring a 25' standard three prong extension cord to connect to provided power. Teams are encouraged to bring presentation materials as this is a publicly attended event with awards for team spirit and presentations.

5. **Event Game Play and Customization**: This event will use the 2026 – 2027 "Override" VEXU game rules. This event will be 1x1 game play. There will be a scoring modification to celebrate our pirate themed event. Teams will receive at least 8 qualification matches. We will evaluate progress during lunch and may adjust +/- based on timing. We will use single elimination in quarterfinals / semifinals and best of three in finals. There is no official VEX judging in this event.

6. **Awards**: A total of $7,000 in prize money will be awarded throughout the event.
    a. Tournament Winning Captain Award-
        i. $3,000 prize money and team trophy
    b. Tournament Finalist Award-
        i. $2,000 prize money and team trophy
    c. Tournament Most Winner Award- $500 prize money and team trophy
    d. Top Qualifier Award- $500 prize money and team trophy
    e. Strength of Schedule Award- $300 prize money and team trophy
    f. Autonomous Mastery Award- $300 prize money and team trophy
    g. Consistency Mastery Award- $300 prize money and team trophy
    h. Arr-mazing Spirit Award- $100 prize money and team trophy

Buc Days Food Show Competition

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Norma Munoz
Assistant Superintendent – Torri McClellen

Chair- Roger Silva
Co-Chair- Page Gray

Total Prize Money Awarded: ***$4,000***

Event Date:	**Friday, May 7th, 2027**
Check-In Begins:	8:30am
Competition Begins:	9:00am
Preliminary Rounds:	9:00am-11:30am
Tie Breakers (if needed):	11:30am
Awards Presentation: (On the Community Stage)	*12:00pm

Registration Deadline: April 16th , 2027

Eligibility: Participants must be a Texas resident and 8-18 years of age

1. **Participation**: The contest will be divided into three age divisions.
    a. **Junior Division** (3rd, 4th, and 5th graders only)
        i. 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 10 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
    b. **Intermediate Division** (6th, 7th, and 8th graders only)
        ii. 10 years of age (in addition to being in the 6th grade) and not over 14 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
    c. **Senior Division** (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders only)
        iii. 14 years of age (in addition to being in the 9th grade) and not over 18 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.

2. **Eligibility**: Participation in the Buc Days Food Show is limited to TX resident students, who are enrolled in a Texas Youth Development program and are actively participating in the Food and Nutrition project. Each 4-H, FFA, and FCLA member must be in good standing with its state and National affiliates.
    a. The Buc Days Food Show is an independent competition and is not a sanctioned 4-H contest. Participation is on an individual basis, and all judging and awards are administered by Buc Days.

3. **Registration**: Registration will be open on December 1st, 2026, and completed through our website at 'https://bucdays.com/**buc-days-food-show/**. Registration will close when the event has reached capacity of 75 participants or on April 16th, 2027. Each participant must pay a $30 registration fee to participate. You must submit your recipe during the registration process.

4. **Theme**: This year's Buc Days Food Show theme is "Food Truck Favorites" ...
   Get ready to fire up your creativity and explore the exciting world of food truck cuisine! From gourmet tacos to sizzling stir-fries and health-inspired desserts, food trucks bring bold flavors and innovative dishes to the streets—now it's your turn to bring that energy to the kitchen. Take time to discover new flavors, ingredients, and cooking techniques while creating your own street food–inspired dish. Whether it's a global favorite, an American classic with a twist, or a unique fusion creation, your tastebuds will enjoy a flavorful journey. Dishes should be inspired by popular food truck fare and recreated to be healthier, safer, and more nutritious. Keep in mind the 75-minute oven time when selecting your recipe.

5. **Entry Categories:** There are four entry categories, allowing contestants to present a variety of foods while demonstrating food preparation skills. Many recipes could fit

more than one category; contestants should be prepared to explain their choice. When selecting a recipe, contestants should keep good nutrition and healthy preparation methods in mind, consult the *Choose MyPlate* website, and work with their County Extension Agent or project leader for guidance.

a. **Appetizer** – Small dish served before the main course. Recipes should be lighter options that don't spoil the appetite and are lower in fat, sodium, and calories.
b. **Main Dish** – The featured dish of a meal, typically hearty and substantial. Often built around a protein source but may include a variety of foods.
c. **Side Dish** – Foods served alongside a main dish, such as salads, cooked vegetables, pasta, rice, fruit, or combination dishes.
d. **Healthy Dessert** – Sweet dishes prepared with healthy substitutions, aligning with MyPlate and Dietary Guidelines, and served at the end of a meal or for special occasions.

6. **Preparation & Presentation**: All dishes must be prepared prior to the event. Participants may only add garnishes or stir dishes upon arrival. No on-site preparation is allowed except for last-minute assistance from other 4-H members—no adults. Garnishes must be edible.
    a. Dish Display: Present in a serving dish or the original cooking vessel. Seniors must bring the full recipe; Juniors and Intermediates may bring a single serving. No elaborate placemats, linens, or decorations are allowed. Only necessary utensils may be included.

7. **Contest Format**: Each food show participant will complete/compete in each of the following components. A brief description and/or rules are shown for each.
    a. ***FOOD SHOW DISH PRESENTATION/ INTERVIEW:***
        i. Contestants introduce themselves and their dish, then give an oral presentation (up to five minutes) on MyPlate, nutrition, food preparation, or food safety. Presentation is required for Seniors; optional but encouraged for Juniors and Intermediates. Judges may follow with up to four minutes of questions on preparation, ingredients, substitutions, nutrients, Dietary Guidelines, calorie content, cost, food safety, or menu ideas. Seniors serve judges a single portion during this time; Juniors and Intermediates do not serve.
    b. ***SKILL SHOWCASE:***
        i. Contestants demonstrate a food and nutrition skill assigned by judges. All materials provided; scoring based on correct procedures,

safety, and knowledge. Examples include knife skills, zesting, table setting, dry & wet measurements, and food safety demonstrations. A time limit will be announced during participant orientation.

8. **Timing**: Juniors & Intermediates have a maximum of 9 minutes per contestant. Seniors have a maximum 10 minutes per contestant (includes one minute for serving).

9. **Tie Breaker:** If ties should occur, the ties shall be broken using scores of various categories on the scorecard. The order followed will be: Interview and Contestant Presentation, Skills Showcase, Communication Skills, Food, and Recipe.

10. **Awards**: A total of $4,000 in prize money will be awarded throughout the event.
    a. A total of $1,000 will be awarded to the Grand Champion contestant for each category in the Junior Division (3rd, 4th, and 5th graders).
        i. Grand Champion – Appetizer: $250 prize money and trophy
        ii. Grand Champion – Side Dish: $250 prize money and trophy
        iii. Grand Champion – Main Dish: $250 prize money and trophy
        iv. Grand Champion – Healthy Dessert: $250 prize money and trophy
    b. A total of $1,000 will be awarded to the Grand Champion contestant for each category in the Intermediate Division (6th, 7th, and 8th graders).
        i. Grand Champion – Appetizer: $250 prize money and trophy
        ii. Grand Champion – Side Dish: $250 prize money and trophy
        iii. Grand Champion – Main Dish: $250 prize money and trophy
        iv. Grand Champion – Healthy Dessert: $250 prize money and trophy
    c. A total of $2,000 will be awarded to the top three (3) contestants in the Senior Division (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders).
        i. Grand Champion – Appetizer: $500 prize money and trophy
        ii. Grand Champion – Side Dish: $500 prize money and trophy
        iii. Grand Champion – Main Dish: $500 prize money and trophy
        iv. Grand Champion – Healthy Dessert: $500 prize money and trophy

Buc Days Food Show | Preparation Scorecard

Contestant Name: _____ County: _____

Entry Category (check one): _____ Appetizer _____ Main Dish _____ Side Dish _____ Healthy Dessert

	Comments	Points	Score
Safety Concerns & Practices			
Exhibited knowledge of how to use equipment safely (heat, utensils, sharps, etc.)		(5)	
Handled ingredients appropriately to avoid cross contamination		(5)	
Personal Hygiene (hair, nails, jewelry, etc.)		(5)	
Preparation			
Practiced correct cooking procedures based upon ingredients provided		(2)	
Completed tasks efficiently and in a logical order		(2)	
Management			
Used workspace efficiently		(2)	
Effective use of time		(2)	
Preparation table was clean at the conclusion of the preparation period		(2)	
Additional Comments:		Possible (25)	

Judges Name: _____ Judges Initials: _____

Buc Days Food Show | Presentation Scorecard

Contestant Name: _____ County: _____

Entry Category (check one): _____ Appetizer _____ Main Dish _____ Side Dish _____ Healthy Dessert

	Comments	Points	Score
I. PRESENTATION			
Theme: • How does the theme fit with the dish?		(5)	
Knowledge of MyPlate: • Food group(s) represented in dish. • Serving amount needed from each group daily for age. • How did MyPlate guide choice of dish? • How does this dish reflect MyPlate?		(10)	
Nutrition Knowledge: • Key nutrients of dish and function of those nutrients		(10)	
Food Preparation: • Preparation key principles and function of key ingredients • Healthy substitutions		(10)	
Food Safety Concerns & Practices: • Knows food safety concerns in preparation and storage of dish • Follows FightBAC principles		(10)	
II. INTERVIEW ***(category specific)***			
Judge's Questions		(15)	
4-H Food & Nutrition Project Activities		(10)	
III. FOOD PRESENTATION/QUALITY			
• Appearance of food (texture, uniformity) • Garnishing		(5)	
IV. EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMUNICATION			
• Voice, poise, personal appearance		(5)	
V. SKILL SHOWCASE SCORE			
• Proper demonstration of assigned skill.		(10)	
Additional Comments:		Possible (90)	

Judges Name: _____ Judges Initials: _____

Buc Days Food Challenge Competition

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Norma Munoz
Assistant Superintendent – Torri McClellen

Chair- Roger Silva
Co-Chair- Page Gray

Total Prize Money Awarded: ***$6,500***

Event Date:	**Friday, May 7th, 2027**
Check-In Begins:	11:30am
Competition Begins:	12:00pm
Preliminary Rounds:	12:00pm-3:30pm
Final Round:	4:00pm-5:15pm
Awards Presentation: (On the Community Stage)	*5:30pm

Registration Deadline: April 16th , 2027

Eligibility: Participants must be a Texas resident and 8-18 years of age

1. **Participation**: The contest will be divided into three age divisions.
   a. **Junior Division** (3rd, 4th, and 5th graders only)
      i. 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 10 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
   b. **Intermediate Division** (6th, 7th, and 8th graders only)
      ii. 10 years of age (in addition to being in the 6th grade) and not over 14 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
   c. **Senior Division** (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders only)
      iii. 14 years of age (in addition to being in the 9th grade) and not over 18 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.

2. **Eligibility**: Participation in the Buc Days Food Challenge is limited to TX resident students, who are enrolled in a Texas Youth Development program and are actively participating in the Food and Nutrition project. Each 4-H, FFA, and FCLA member must be in good standing with its state and National affiliates.
   a. The Buc Days Food Challenge is an independent competition and is not a sanctioned 4-H contest. Participation is on an individual basis, and all judging and awards are administered by Buc Days.

3. **Registration**: Registration will be open on December 1st, 2026, and completed through our website at 'https://bucdays.com/**buc-days-food-challenge/**. Registration will close when the event has reached capacity of 75 teams or on April 16th, 2027. Team entry fees are $75, no matter if there are 3 or 4 members on the team.

4. **Contest Format**: Each team will be assigned a contest category and a "key ingredient," which will be revealed either during team orientation or at the preparation station. Categories include Appetizer, Main Dish, Side Dish, or Healthy Dessert. Teams will work at a designated cooking station equipped with a table and an electrical outlet. Junior Division teams may use a hot plate if desired, but no penalty or bonus points will be awarded based on its use. Only participants and contest officials are permitted in the food preparation areas.

5. **Grocery Store & Pantry**: Teams may use items from their approved pantry supply box, as outlined in the supply list. In addition, a "grocery store" will be available, stocked with common items such as produce, canned goods, crackers, dairy products, and water jugs. Each team must select and use at least two items from the grocery store in addition to their key ingredient. The maximum number of items allowed from the grocery store will be explained during orientation. Teams will not be

required to complete a cost analysis of their recipe, as contest currency and cost considerations have been eliminated. Pantry ingredients, listed below, may used by teams when preparing their dish, if desired:

a. Salt
b. Pepper
c. Oils (up to 1 oz)
d. 1 jar of chicken bouillon
e. 1 medium onion
f. 2 cans of vegetables and/or fruit (up to 16 oz) – team choice
g. Rice (white or brown) or pasta (up to 16 oz) – team choice
h. Cornstarch (up to 1 lb) or flour (up to 1 lb) – team choice
i. 3 dried herbs and/or spices (up to 3 oz of each) – team choice

6. **Preparation**: Teams will have 40 minutes to create an original recipe using the key ingredient and grocery store items, prepare and cook the dish, plan their presentation, and clean their work area. Each team must create one complete recipe or dish, not multiple dishes, and the final product must yield at least two or more servings. During their presentation, teams must identify an appropriate individual serving size and the total number of servings the recipe provides. Teams are responsible for determining ingredient amounts, cooking methods, and cooking times and temperatures. The key ingredient and grocery store items may also be used as garnishes. Teams are encouraged to use note cards to record their invented recipe, nutrition notes, and safety reminders.

7. **Food & Equipment Safety**: Teams must maintain a safe and sanitary work environment throughout the contest. Judges will evaluate food and equipment safety practices during preparation and expect safety measures to be addressed in the team presentation. A barrier must always be used when handling food, either in the form of gloves or utensils. When gloves are used, they must be changed between handling raw meats or seafood, cooked items, ready-to-eat foods, and raw vegetables. In addition, each team member must wear a hat, hair net, or other form of hair restraint during preparation. Acceptable hair restraints include hair nets, a bandana with hair pulled back, a chef hat with hair tucked inside, or a cap with all hair secured.

8. **Equipment Malfunctions**: If a team experiences equipment malfunctions, they may not borrow or replace items from other teams, leaders, volunteers, or contest officials. Team members are expected to problem-solve and continue preparation without the malfunctioning equipment.

9. **Nutrition Resources**: Nutrition reference materials will be provided at each station. During their presentation, teams should highlight the key nutrients present in their dish and explain the function of those nutrients.

10. **Presentation**: At the conclusion of preparation, each team will give a five-minute presentation to the judges. Presentations must address the following areas: Knowledge of MyPlate and the Dietary Guidelines, Nutrition Knowledge, Food Preparation Process, Food and Equipment Safety Practices, and Serving Size Information. Judges will also score creativity, food quality and appearance, and the effectiveness of team communication. A majority of team members are expected to participate in the presentation. Presentations are limited to five minutes. Afterward, judges will have three minutes to ask questions, which will cover general topics related to nutrition, health, and chronic disease prevention rather than content teams should have included in their presentation. Following questions, judges will take four minutes to score and write comments. Team members must remain silent and may not write while waiting to present. A first offense will result in a warning, and a second offense will result in disqualification. Team members may not have pens or pencils in their possession while waiting. Once the 40-minute preparation time has ended, team members may no longer communicate with each other but may study their notes individually before presenting.

11. **Clean-Up**: Teams are required to clean their preparation area within the allotted 40 minutes. As no kitchen facilities will be provided for washing dishes, dirty items should be placed in containers or bags to be cleaned later. Leftover food must be disposed of in the trashcans provided and may not be discarded in the bathrooms.

12. **Finished Dishes**: Completed dishes must remain in the preparation and judging areas and may not leave the contest space. To ensure fairness for subsequent teams, all finished dishes must be discarded after judging is complete.

13. **Final Round**: Teams placing first in each category (Main, Side, Appetizer, Dessert) in all three age divisions will advance to the final round. Teams advancing to the final round will be given time to clean their utensils and prepare for the next round.

14. **Tie Breakers**: In the event of a tie, winners will be determined in the following order: first by presentation score, then by preparation score, and finally by the question section of the presentation scorecard.

15. **Awards**: A total of $6,500 in prize money will be awarded throughout the event.
    a. A total of $1,500 will be awarded to the top three (3) teams in the Junior Division (3rd, 4th, and 5th graders).
        i. Grand Champion- $700 prize money and team trophy
        ii. Reserve Grand Champion- $500 prize money and team trophy
        iii. 3rd place team- $300 prize money and team trophy
    b. A total of $2,000 will be awarded to the top three (3) teams in the Intermediate Division (6th, 7th, and 8th graders).
        i. Grand Champion- $800 prize money and team trophy
        ii. Reserve Grand Champion- $700 prize money and team trophy
        iii. 3rd place team- $500 prize money and team trophy
    c. A total of $3,000 will be awarded to the top three (3) teams in the Senior Division (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders).
        i. Grand Champion- $1,250 prize money and team trophy
        ii. Reserve Grand Champion- $1,000 prize money and team trophy
        iii. 3rd place team- $750 prize money and team trophy

Buc Days Food Challenge | Preparation Scorecard

Team Name: _____ Team #:_____

Entry Category (check one): _____ Appetizer _____ Main Dish _____ Side Dish _____ Healthy Dessert

Team Observation	Comments	Points	Score
Teamwork:			
Effective use of communication among team members		(2)	
Each team member played a key role in the preparation phase, whether cooking or preparing presentation		(3)	
Safety concerns and practices:			
Exhibited knowledge of how to use equipment safely (heat, utensils, sharps, etc.)		(3)	
Handled ingredients appropriately to avoid cross contamination		(3)	
Personal Hygiene (hair, nails, jewelry, etc.)		(3)	
Preparation:			
Practiced correct cooking procedures based upon ingredients provided		(3)	
Completed tasks efficiently and in a logical order		(2)	
Management:			
Used workspace efficiently		(2)	
Effective use of time		(2)	
Preparation table was clean at the conclusion of the preparation period		(2)	
Additional Comments:		Possible (25)	

Judges Name: _____ Judges Initials: _____

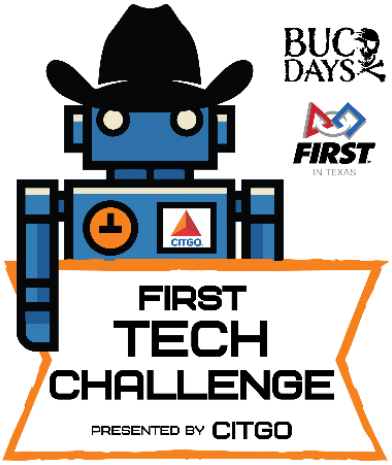
Buc Days Food Challenge | Presentation Scorecard

Team Name: _____ Team #:_____

Entry Category (check one): _____ Appetizer _____ Main Dish _____ Side Dish _____ Healthy Dessert

Team Presentation	Comments	Points	Score
Knowledge of MyPlate and Dietary Guidelines:			
Knowledge of MyPlate		(5)	
Knowledge of Dietary Guidelines for Americans		(5)	
Nutrition Knowledge:			
Knows key nutrition in prepared dish		(6)	
Knowledge of nutrient functions, effects, and deficiency risks		(6)	
Healthy substitutions and modifications		(3)	
Food Preparation:			
Explained key steps in how dish was prepared		(4)	
Role of main ingredients in dish		(2)	
Safety Concerns and Practices:			
Explained food safety according to Fight BAC		(8)	
Serving Size Information:			
Demonstrated knowledge of serving size for prepared dish		(4)	
Food Appearance/Quality:			
Food is appealing and appetizing		(3)	
Appeared to be cooked properly		(3)	
Attractive and appropriate garnish		(2)	
Creativity:			
Used ingredients in a creative way		(5)	
Incorporated grocery store items into dish or garnish		(3)	
Effectiveness of Communication:			
Displayed effective communication skills		(6)	
Poise and personal appearance		(4)	
Questions:			
Accurately and appropriately answered questions		(6)	
Additional Comments:		Possible (75)	

Judges Name: _____ Judges Initials: _____



FIRST© Tech Challenge

2027 Special Rules

Superintendents – Patrick Michaud & Emily DeMille

Chair- Gilbert Gonzalez
Co-Chairs- Zachary Narvaez & Steven Pierce

Location – Ortiz Center
402 Harbor Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Total Prize Money Awarded: ***$7,000***

Event Date:	**Saturday, May 8th, 2027**
Load-In / Pits Open / Check-In Begins:	8:30am
Robot Inspection Begins:	8:30am
Drivers Meeting:	10:00am
Opening Ceremony:	10:30am
Qualification Matches Start:	11:05am
Lunch:	12:00pm
Matches Resume:	1:15pm
Final Judge Decisions:	4:30pm
Alliance Selection & Awards:	5:15pm
Playoff Matches:	5:45pm-7:20pm
Robot Game Winners:	7:20pm
Load-Out Teams / Breakdown:	7:00pm-8:00pm

Registration Deadline: April 16th , 2027

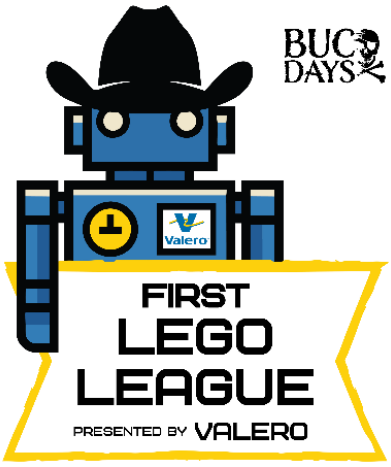
Eligibility: FIRST© Tech teams registered and in good standing with FIRST©

1. **Participation / Eligibility**: Participation in the FIRST© Tech Challenge at Buc Days is limited to teams (with participants between 7th and 12th grade) who are in good standing with the FIRST© organization. This is an off-season event under the framework of the 2027 BIOBUZZ™ Game, which teams must have participated in at least once in their fiscal year. To find more information on the 2027 season, visit https://www.firstinspires.org/programs/ftc/?hsLang=en.

2. **Registration**: If interested in registering for this event fill out the interest form at https://forms.office.com/r/vQnH8Z5kH1 by April 1st, 2027. The capacity of the event is 44 teams, with priority registration going to teams in the Coastal Bend. Following the deadline, FIRST© will reach out regarding participation in the event.

3. **Equipment Load-In / Load Out Procedures**: All teams must report directly to the Ortiz Center for load-in and check-in. Parking maps and unloading directions will be sent to all participating teams prior to the event. Teams must load in together, and a committee member will direct each team to its assigned zone. Once unloaded, drivers must park in the designated lot shown on the "Robotics Parking Map." Teams must follow the same designated pathway used during load-in when loading out equipment. Load-out may only take place after elimination.

4. **Awards**: A total of $7,000 in prize money will be awarded throughout the event.
    a. Winning Alliance Captain- $1,250 prize money and team trophy
    b. Winning Alliance Pick- $1,250 prize money and team trophy
    c. Finalist Alliance Captain- $750 prize money and team trophy
    d. Finalist Alliance Pick- $750 prize money and team trophy
    e. 3rd Place Alliance Captain- $375 prize money and team trophy
    f. 3rd Place Alliance Pick- $375 prize money and team trophy
    g. Jolly Roger Spirit Award 1st- $300 prize money and team trophy
    h. Jolly Roger Spirit Award 2nd- $200 prize money and team trophy
    i. Middle School All Star 1st- $600 prize money and team trophy
    j. Middle School All Star 2nd- $400 prize money and team trophy
    k. Excellence in Robot Design 1st- $500 prize money and team trophy
    l. Excellence in Robot Design 2nd- $250 prize money and team trophy



FIRST© Lego League Competition

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Erika Diggs

Chair- Gilbert Gonzalez
Co-Chairs- Zachary Narvaez & Steven Pierce

Location – Ortiz Center
402 Harbor Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Total Prize Money Awarded: ***$4,000***

Event Date:	**Saturday, May 9th, 2026**
Load-In / Pits Open / Check-In Begins:	8:30am
Coaches Meeting:	9:00am- 9:30am
Opening Ceremony:	10:30am
Practice Round:	10:30am-11:30am
Lunch:	11:30pm-12:00pm
Round 1:	12:10pm-1:10pm
Referee Break:	1:10pm-1:25pm
Round 2:	1:25pm-2:25pm
Referee Break:	2:25pm-2:35pm
Round 3:	2:35pm-3:35pm
Awards:	4:00pm-4:30pm
Load-Out Teams / Breakdown:	4:30pm-6:00pm

Registration Deadline: April 16th , 2027

Eligibility: FIRST© Lego teams registered and in good standing with FIRST©

1. **Participation / Eligibility**: Participation in the FIRST© Lego League Competition at Buc Days is limited to teams (with participants between 4th and 8th grade) who are in good standing with the FIRST© organization. This invitational off-season event runs under the framework of the 2027 BIOGLOW™ Game, while also complying with the competition specific rules and regulations. To find more information on the 2027 season, visit https://www.firstinspires.org/programs/fll/game-and-season.

2. **Registration**: If interested in registering for this event fill out the interest form at https://forms.office.com/r/vQnH8Z5kH1 by April 1st, 2027. The capacity of the event is 24 teams, with priority registration going to teams in the Coastal Bend. Following the deadline, FIRST© will reach out regarding participation in the event.

3. **Equipment Load-In Procedures**: All teams must report directly to the Ortiz Center for load-in and check-in. Parking maps and unloading directions will be sent to all participating teams prior to the event. Teams must load in together, and a committee member will direct each team to its assigned zone. Once unloaded, drivers must park in the designated lot shown on the "Robotics Parking Map." Teams must follow the same designated pathway used during load-in when loading out equipment. Load-out may only take place after elimination.

4. **Awards**: A total of $4,000 in prize money will be awarded throughout the event.
    a. 1st Place Champion- $1,000 prize money and team trophy
    b. 2nd Place Champion- $850 prize money and team trophy
    c. 3rd Place Champion- $650 prize money and team trophy
    d. 4th Place Champion- $500 prize money and team trophy
    e. Spirit Award- $200 prize money and team trophy
    f. Gracious Professionalism- $200 prize money and team trophy
    g. Best Buccaneer Costume- $200 prize money and team trophy
    h. Peer Award- $200 prize money and team trophy
    i. Best Pit Décor- $200 prize money and team trophy

Buc Days Public Speaking Competition

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Megan Glidden
Assistant Superintendent – Cheryl Handy

Chair- Stephen Rybak

Location – Buc Days Festival Grounds

Total Prize Money Awarded: ***$2,500***

Event Date:	**Saturday, May 8th, 2027**
Check-In Begins:	11:30am
Competition Begins:	12:00pm
Preliminary Rounds:	12:00pm-3:00pm
Senior Division Final Round:	*3:30pm
Awards Presentation:	*6:00pm

Registration Deadline: April 16th, 2027

Eligibility: Participants must be Texas residents and 8-18 years of age

1. **Participation**: The contest will be divided into three age divisions.
    a. **Junior Division** (3rd through 5th grade only)
        i. 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 10 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
    b. **Intermediate Division** (6th, 7th, and 8th graders only)
        i. 10 years of age (in addition to being in the 6th grade) and not over 14 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
    c. **Senior Division** (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders only)
        i. 14 years of age (in addition to being in the 9th grade) and not over 18 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.

2. **Eligibility**: Participation in the Buc Days Public Speaking Competition is limited to TX resident students, who are enrolled in a Texas Youth Development program. Each 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA member must be in good standing with its state and National affiliates.

3. **Registration**: Registration will be open December 1st, 2026, and completed through our website at https://bucdays.com/public-speaking-competition/. Registration will close once the event reaches capacity (15 participants in the Junior/Intermediate Division and 25 participants in the Senior Division) or on April 16th, 2027. Each participant must pay a mandatory $30 fee to participate in this competition.

4. **Contest Format**: A panel of judges will evaluate and score each presentation. Speaking order will be randomly selected by the Event Officials prior to the start of the contest. Participants must be checked in and ready to go at least 30 minutes before their assigned speech time. Judging will not be based on topic selection. Contestants may use notes; however, excessive reliance on them may result in point deductions at the judges' discretion. The use of props or additional items of any kind is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification. Judges will be using the Texas 4-H Public Speaking Scoresheet version 4.2023: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/public_speaking_score_sheet_2024.pdf

5. **Speech Topics:** Contestants must present speeches composed of original material and may not reuse a speech previously delivered in this contest. Presentations should aim to educate or persuade the audience regarding a specific issue or concern. Any sources used must be properly cited, and credit must be given when quoting or referencing another individual's words or writings.

a. **Animal Science:** Any current or future subject that deals with any aspects of the dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef, or specialty animal industries.
b. **Plant Science:** Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of the horticulture and/or agronomy industries including floriculture, fruit and/or vegetable production, nursery operations, turf and landscape management, crop production, or specialty crop production.
c. **Natural Resources:** Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as soil, water, air, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, or energy environmental issues.
d. **Agricultural Policy:** Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as domestic farm issues, international trade, international competition, rural economic development, legal issues, animal right, subsidies, or price supports.
e. **Industry In The Coastal Bend**: Economic effects/ benefits industry has on the Coastal Bend citizens/ agriculture.
f. **Family & Community Health**: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspect of Life Skills Education, Family dynamics and relationships, Financial literacy and management, consumer education and decision making, nutrition and healthy eating, culinary arts and food science, fashion and interior design, home management and organization, parenting and child development, communication and conflict resolution, physical activity and exercise, mental health and stress management, sleep health, substance abuse and prevention, disease prevention, hearth health, preventing to the spread of disease, and body image and self-esteem.

6. **Time:** Each speech shall be a minimum of five (5) minutes in length and a maximum of eight (8) minutes. Judges may stop presenters at ten (10) minutes if they are still speaking. Time point deductions will apply as follows:
    a. Under five (5) minutes – one point per ten (10) seconds
    b. Over eight minutes – one point per ten (10) seconds
    c. Junior contestants will be given a discrete, two-minute warning by the timekeeper prior to the eight-minute deadline
    d. A three (3) minute question and answer period will follow each speech. At the end of three minutes, time will be called, and all questioning will end.

7. **Awards**: A total of $2,500 in prize money will be awarded throughout the event. The Grand Champion in each division will give their speech again prior to awards.
    a. A total of $600 will be awarded to the top three participants in the Junior Division (3rd through 5th graders).
        i. Grand Champion- $300 prize money and trophy

ii. Reserve Grand Champion- $200 prize money and trophy
iii. 3rd place- $100 prize money and trophy

b. A total of $800 will be awarded to the top three participants in the Intermediate Division (6th through 8th graders).
   i. Grand Champion- $400 prize money and trophy
   ii. Reserve Grand Champion- $250 prize money and trophy
   iii. 3rd place- $150 prize money and trophy

c. A total of $1,100 will be awarded to the top three participants in the Senior Division (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders).
   i. Grand Champion- $500 prize money and trophy
   ii. Reserve Grand Champion- $350 prize money and trophy
   iii. 3rd place- $250 prize money and trophy

Buc Days Public Speaking Scorecard

Contestant Name: _____ County: _____

Age Division (check one): _____ Junior _____ Senior

Presentation Title: _____ Final Time: _____

Judges' Comments	*Judges' Comments*	
Delivery & Expression	**(circle Quality Scale that applies)**	**60**
Delivery (20 pts) Appearance *Grooming and dress* *Poise and posture* Voice clear and understood Appropriate vocal dynamics Correct use of grammar **Expression (30 pts)** Eye contact with audience Appropriate use of gestures/body language Audience appeal Uniqueness of presentation Educational value (5 pts) **Questions (10 pts)** Accuracy of answers Poise and self-confidence	*1-12 pts* Poor *13-24 pts* Fair *25-36 pts* Good *37-48 pts* Excellent *49-60pts* Superior **Provide constructive feedback:**	
Compositon & Organization	**(circle Quality Scale that applies)**	**40**
Introduction (15 pts) Attention of audience gained Importance of subject established Purpose clearly stated **Body (30 pts)** One central theme Information accurate-source given Infomation current Logical sequence **Summary (5 pts)** Major points emphasized	*1-8 pts* Poor *9-16 pts* Fair *17-24 pts* Good *25-32 pts* Excellent *33-40pts* Superior **Provide constructive feedback:**	
	Total Score *(Max 100 points)*	
	Overtime Penalty *(2 points per 1/2 minute)*	
	FINAL SCORE	

Judges Name: _____ Judges Initials: _____

Buc Days Ag Product ID Contest

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Eric Taylor
Assistant Superintendent – Alyssa Lyssy

Chair- Stephen Rybak

Location – Buc Days Festival Grounds

Total Prize Money Awarded: ***$2,500***

Event Date:	**Saturday, May 8th, 2027**
Check-In Begins:	1:30pm
Competition Begins:	2:00pm
Preliminary Rounds:	2:00pm-5:00pm
Awards Presentation: (On the Community Stage)	*6:00pm

Registration Deadline: April 16th , 2027

Eligibility: Participants must be a Texas resident and 8-18 years of age

1. **Participation**: The contest will be divided into two age divisions.
    a. **Junior Division** (3rd through 8th grade)
        i. 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 14 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
    b. **Senior Division** (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders only)
        ii. 14 years of age (in addition to being in the 9th grade) and not over 18 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.

2. **Eligibility**: Participation in the Buc Days Ag Product ID Contest is limited to TX resident students, who are enrolled in a Texas Youth Development program. Each 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA member must be in good standing with its state and National affiliates.

3. **Registration**: Registration will be open December 1st, 2026, and completed through our website at https://bucdays.com/ag-product-id-contest/. Registration will close when the event has reached capacity of 75 participants per division, or on April 16th, 2027. Each participant must pay a mandatory $30 fee to participate in this competition.

4. **Contest Format**: 30 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Products can range from garlic to ribeye steak. Contestants select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. Each station also has one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display.
    a. Questions are general to the industry that produced the product, (i.e. Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional content, region of production) or specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e. cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety).
    b. Contestants are given 30 seconds at each station to answer both questions, (Product Identification and one additional multiple-choice questions relating to the product).
    c. Contestants must advance from one exhibit to the next when instructed to do so. Contestants must evaluate each exhibit in sequence and will not be allowed to return to any exhibit after advancing.

5. **Scoring**: Contestants will earn five (5) points for each product correctly identified and five (5) points for each related question correctly answered, for a total of 10 points possible per station. To receive points for the question that pertains directly

to the displayed product, the product itself must first be correctly identified. The maximum score possible is 300 points per individual.

6. **Tie Breakers**: Five stations will be selected as tie breakers in advance of the contest. Participants with the highest cumulative scores at these five stations will win any ties. If ties remain, winners will be determined by a method designated by the contest officials.

7. **Study Guide & Resources**: The Texas 4-H Ag Product Identification Study can be found at the following link: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/agproductid_resource_guide.pdf

8. **Awards**: A total of $2,500 in prize money will be awarded throughout the event.
    a. A total of $800 will be awarded to the top three participants in the Junior Division (3rd through 8th graders).
        i. Grand Champion- $400 prize money and trophy
        ii. Reserve Grand Champion- $250 prize money and trophy
        iii. 3rd place- $150 prize money and trophy
    b. A total of $1,700 will be awarded to the top three participants in the Senior Division (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders).
        i. Grand Champion- $800 prize money and trophy
        ii. Reserve Grand Champion- $550 prize money and trophy
        iii. 3rd place- $350 prize money and trophy

Buc Days Horticulture Competition

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Daisy Castillo
Assistant Superintendent – Teresa Lopez

Chair- Isla Lara

Total Prize Money Awarded: ***$2,500***

Participant Registration Deadline:	**March 1st, 2027**
Project Photo Submission #1 (Validation):	Monday, March 15th - Wednesday, March 17th
Project Photo Submission #2:	Monday, April 5th- Friday, April 9th
Project Photo Submission #3:	Monday, April 19th – Friday, April 23rd
Project Report Form Submission:	Friday, April 30th – Tuesday, May 4th
Entry Load-In:	**Friday, May 7th, 2027** 4:00pm-6:30pm
Competition Day:	**Saturday, May 8th, 2027**
Private Judging:	10:00am-4:30pm
Awards Presentation: (On the Community Stage)	*6:00pm
Entry Pick Up:	6:30pm-7:30pm

Registration Deadline: March 1st, 2027

Eligibility: Participants must be a Texas resident and 8-18 years of age

1. **Participation/ Eligibility**: The Buc Days Horticulture Competition is open to Texas resident students enrolled in, and attending public, private, or secondary school and/ or enrolled in a Texas Youth Development program. Each 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA member must be in good standing with its state and National affiliates. Participants must be between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and 18 on or before August 15th, 2026. Participants must be United States citizens and possess a valid social security number to be eligible for participation in the event.
    a. A participant is not eligible if already graduated from high school.

2. **Registration**: Registration will be open on December 1st, 2026, and completed through our website at 'https://bucdays.com/**buc-days-horticulture/**. Registration will close on Monday, March 1st, 2027, or when the event has reached capacity. Each participant must pay a $25 registration fee for each entry in this competition.

3. **Entry Categories:** There are eight classes in which participants can enter. Each participant will be permitted to enter plants in each class; however, not two in any one class. Each entry must be registered on or before the deadline to be entered into the competition.
    a. Class 1 Foliage Plants
    b. Class 2 Succulents
    c. Class 3 Herbs (can be single variety or a combination up to 3 varieties)
    d. Class 4 Flowering plants
    e. Class 5 Tomato Plant
    f. Class 6 Pepper Plants
    g. Class 7 Fruit Class (Strawberries, etc.)
    h. Class 8 Other Vegetable Class

4. **Pot Regulations**: The pot in which the entry is planted in / transplanted in and submitted for validation must remain the same throughout the entirety of the competition. The participant must choose a pot large enough for the entry to grow in but must not exceed 25 gallons in capacity. Decorative or personalized pots are optional but will not be influential in the judging process.

5. **Entry Timeline:** All entries must follow the (below) timeline of events to be eligible for judging on Saturday, May 8th, 2027. Violation or failure to comply with the timeline or rules could cause an entry or participant to be disqualified. All submissions (including registration, validation, photo submission(s), and the report form) will be done through the Buc Days Horticulture website page at 'https://bucdays.com/**buc-days-horticulture/**'.

a. ***Participant Registration Deadline:***
Participants must submit their personal information and pay the registration fee before this deadline.
    i. Deadline: **Monday, March 1st by 11:59pm**

b. ***Project Photo Submission #1 (Validation / Plant Start Check):***
This step is used to validate the entry. Validation means confirming that your plant has officially been started and that the same plant will be grown for the remainder of the competition. Once submitted for validation, the project may not be altered, replaced, or manipulated. If starting from seed, there must be visible growth at this time. Photos of only seeds in bare soil will not be accepted.
    i. Submission Window: **Monday, March 15th - Wednesday, March 17th**
    ii. Required Photos (3):
        1. Purchased plant / seedling growing.
        2. Pot that the entry is planted / has been transplanted in.
        3. Participant tending to their entry.

c. ***Project Photo Submission #2:***
This submission ensures that the plant is continuing to grow and the participant is caring for the entry.
    i. Submission Window: **Monday, April 5th- Friday, April 9th**
    ii. Required Photos (3):
        1. Seedling / plant growth.
        2. Plant with same pot pictured in validation.
        3. Participant tending to their entry.

d. ***Project Photo Submission #3:***
This submission ensures that the plant is still on course and cared for properly.
    i. Submission Window: **Monday, April 19th- Friday, April 23rd**
    ii. Required Photos (3):
        1. Seedling / plant growth.
        2. Plant with same pot pictured in validation.
        3. Participant tending to their entry.

e. ***Report Form Submission:***
Each participant will prepare an entry report form. Report forms are used for documentation of the projects and any information needed by the judge to break a class tie.
    i. Submission Window: **Friday, April 30th - Tuesday, May 4th**
    ii. Include prior submitted photos (Submissions #1-#3).
    iii. Answer questions about entry.

f. ***Entry Load-In:***
All entries must be checked in on the Buc Days festival grounds between 4:00pm-6:30pm on Friday, May 7th, 2027. Entries must be watered in advance and ready for judging. A photo will the taken with the participant and their entry at this time.
   i. Please note that there will not be a 'drive-up' option to drop off the entries. All participants are required to park in the Buc Days designated parking lot(s) and bring their entry through the festival gates to the check-in location,
   ii. The use of a personal wagon (or similar) to transport entries is acceptable but is subject to security inspection.

g. ***Competition Day:***
Judging will begin at 10:00am on Saturday, May 8th. Horticulture specialists selected by the Buccaneer Commission will evaluate all entries. Once judging is complete, an awards presentation will take place on the Community Stage.
   i. After the awards ceremony, participants must pick up and take home their entries during the designated pick-up window.
   ii. ***Any entries not collected at the completion of the event will be removed from the festival grounds by the Event Officials.***

6. **Judging Criteria**: No plant shine or wax may be used to gloss the foliage other than soap and water. Plants should be insect and disease free. Any infested plants are subject to disqualification and removal from the competition. All plants must be living to be turned in for judging. Plants will be judged according to the ideal standards for that species, taking these things into mind in general:
   a. Maturity Stage
   b. New Growth
   c. Symmetry, Fullness, and Balance
   d. Insect Damage
   e. Disease
   f. Leaf Color
   g. General Appearance and Size (for age)

7. **Awards**: A total of $2,500 in prize money will be awarded throughout the event.
   a. Class 1 (Foliage Plants) $200 prize money and trophy
   b. Class 2 (Succulents) $200 prize money and trophy
   c. Class 3 (Herbs) $200 prize money and trophy
   d. Class 4 (Flowering Plant) $200 prize money and trophy
   e. Class 5 (Tomato Plant) $200 prize money and trophy

f.	Class 6 (Pepper Plants)	$200 prize money and trophy
g.	Class 7 (Fruit Class)	$200 prize money and trophy
h.	Class 8 (Other Vegetable Class)	$200 prize money and trophy
i.	Grand Champion	$600 prize money and trophy
j.	Reserve Grand Champion	$300 prize money and trophy

Buc Days Livestock Quiz Bowl Competition

2027 Special Rules

Superintendent – Laura Reyna
Assistant Superintendent – Candace Williamson

Chair- Gracie & Joe Flores
Co-Chair- Connor Cross

Total Prize Money Awarded: ***$2,500***

Event Date:	**Saturday, May 8th, 2027**
Check-In Begins:	9:00am
Competition Begins:	9:30am
Preliminary Rounds:	9:30am-11:30am
Final Round:	*12:00pm-1:00pm
Awards Presentation: (On the Community Stage)	*6:00pm

Registration Deadline: April 16th , 2027

Eligibility: Participants must be a Texas resident and 8-18 years of age

1. **Participation**: The contest will be divided into two age divisions. All team members must be part of the same age division.
    a. **Junior Division** (3rd through 8th grade)
        i. 8 years of age (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and not over 14 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.
    b. **Senior Division** (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders only)
        ii. 14 years of age (in addition to being in the 9th grade) and not over 18 years of age as of August 15th, 2026.

2. **Eligibility**: Participation in the Buc Days Quiz Bowl Contest is limited to TX resident students, who are enrolled in a Texas Youth Development program. Each 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA member must be in good standing with its state and National affiliates.

3. **Registration**: Registration will be open December 1st, 2026, and completed through our website at https://bucdays.com/quiz-bowl-competition/. Registration will close when the event has reached capacity of 10 teams per division, or on April 16th, 2027. Each team must pay a mandatory $60 fee to participate in this competition.

4. **Team Requirements**: Quiz Bowl teams will have four (4) members. Contestants tracking individual high points must remain in the same seat throughout the tournament. Each team may have only one coach, and counties with multiple teams must assign different coaches. Once the contest begins, team members and coaches must remain separated from other teams. Coaches sit in a moderator-designated area and may call one time-out per match to provide positive encouragement only.

5. **Question Types**: The number of questions used per round will include at least eight (8) one-on-one questions, sixteen (16) toss-up questions, and two (2) to four (4) bonus questions. The number of questions may be increased in later matches. When 8 or fewer teams remain in contest, increase number of questions in each set to include at least sixteen (16) one-on-one questions, twenty (20) toss-up questions, and up to five (5) but not fewer than three (3) bonus questions. There will be three types of question used:
    a. **One-on-One:** One-on-One questions are those to which only one member of each team may respond in a head- to-head match between the acknowledged members of each team. These points will count toward individual and team scores.

b. **Toss-Up:** Toss-Up questions are open to response by all contestants. These points will count towards individual and team scores.
c. **Bonus:** Bonus questions are attached to toss-up questions and are given to the team that correctly answered the toss-up question. These points will count towards team scores only and do NOT count towards individual points. No more than 25% of toss-up questions will have a bonus question attached.

6. **Scoring**:
    a. One-On-One Questions
        i. Correct: +1 individual and team
        ii. Incorrect: -1 individual and team
        iii. Wrong contestant responds: -1 individual and team
    b. Toss-Up Questions
        i. Correct: +1 individual and team
        ii. Incorrect: -1 individual and team
    c. Bonus Questions
        i. Correct: +2 team only
        ii. Incorrect: No points lost
    d. Miscellaneous
        i. Answering without buzzing in: -1 individual and team
        ii. Answering without moderator acknowledgement: -1 individual and team
    e. Team Participation Reward Points
        i. Each member of team correctly answers a one-on-one or a toss-up question: +2 team only
            1. Bonus questions do not count towards this reward.
            2. No answers will accumulate toward a second team reward for that team until the first team reward points have been given.
    f. Protesting
        i. Not upheld: -1 team only
        ii. Upheld: No penalty points lost, original points award to team/individual (if warranted)
        iii. Abused: Dismissal of team and loss of all points

7. **Match Procedures**:

a. **Tournament Format:** Typically double-elimination: a team is eliminated after two losses. Single elimination may be used if time or space is limited. Teams are randomly assigned as Team A or Team B; byes are used if an odd number of teams enter.
b. **Team Setup:** Designated captains are seated in position one. Teams are seated at their panels, and contestants check their equipment before play begins.
c. **Question Reading & Answering:** The moderator reads all questions and indicates eligible respondents. Contestants have five seconds to buzz in after the question is read. Answering before acknowledgment incurs a one-point penalty.
    i. One-on-one questions: only designated contestants respond; points are awarded or deducted accordingly.
    ii. Toss-up questions: all team members may respond; bonus questions follow toss-ups, with a 10-second team discussion and 5 seconds for the captain or designee to buzz in.
    iii. Bonus questions: full answers must be correct to receive 2 points; no partial credit.
d. **Team Participation Points:** Awarded when each member answers a one-on-one or toss-up question correctly (not bonus). Teams may earn multiple participation rewards during a match as long as criteria are met.
e. **Tie-Breakers:** If tied after all questions, five additional toss-up questions are asked. If still tied, toss-up questions continue until one team gains a point advantage. No bonus or participation points are awarded during overtime.
f. **Match Conclusion:** The team with the highest score after the final question is declared the winner. No protests are allowed after the winner is announced. Winners advance to the next round.

8. **Spectators & Contest Room Rules:** Only contestants and officials are allowed during preliminaries; audiences may be allowed for finals. Coaches will not be allowed in the contest room. Contestants and spectators may not bring phones, smart devices, recording devices, or writing materials into the contest room.

9. **Equipment Malfunctions**: Contestants are responsible for ensuring their equipment works properly before the match. If a device malfunctions during play, a time-out may be called by the contestant or moderator. Malfunctioning parts will be replaced and the match resumes with all previously earned points standing. In some cases,

points from the two prior questions may be adjusted and replaced with new questions if deemed necessary. Matches are never replayed due to equipment failure.

10. **Time Outs**: Time-outs may only be called after a question is answered and before the next question begins. Contestants or moderators may request time-outs for equipment failure, rule clarification, or unexpected issues. Team captains are allowed unlimited one-minute time-outs for discussion, morale boosting, or strategy. Abuse of time-out rules may result in dismissal of a team member or the entire team, with forfeiture of points or standing.

11. **Awards**: A total of $2,500 in prize money will be awarded throughout the event.
    a. A total of $600 will be awarded to the top teams in the Junior Division (3rd through 8th graders).
        i. Grand Champion- $300 prize money and a team trophy
        ii. Reserve Grand Champion- $200 prize money and a team trophy
        iii. 3rd place- $100 prize money and a team trophy
    b. A total $1,100 will be awarded to the top three teams in the Senior Division (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders).
        iv. Grand Champion- $600 prize money and a team trophy
        v. Reserve Grand Champion- $350 prize money and a team trophy
        vi. 3rd place- $150 prize money and a team trophy
    c. A total of $800 will be awarded to the Top Senior participant and the Top Junior Participant of the entire event.
        vii. Senior Grand Champion $300 prize money and trophy
        viii. Senior Reserve Grand Champion $200 prize money and trophy
        ix. Junior Grand Champion $200 prize money and trophy
        x. Junior Reserve Grand Champion $100 prize money and trophy