General Information

State Conference Purpose:
The purpose of this conference is designed to provide Kansas TSA members the opportunity to compete at career exploratory level to showcase their skill sets they have acquired throughout the year.

Facility: Webster Conference Center, Salina, KS
Kansas TSA has been at Webster since 2009; The campus has made many changes and improvements since that first conference and those additions, and improvements have (and continue to) come from the labor of volunteers and as money is available. Be aware of construction areas and supplies, if they are present, and do not mess with them.

Kansas TSA's continued usage of the center has allowed us to develop a positive and mutually beneficial relationship with the management and staff of the facility. Respect or disrespect of the facilities and/or conference guidelines reflects positively or negatively on yourself, chapter, and the Kansas TSA state association. No problems are anticipated; be vigilant and report any damage and/or inappropriate behaviors to advisors for prompt remedy/resolution.

Registration:
Go to the website www.kansastsaweb.org and select State Conference Link or
https://www.registermychapter.com/tsa/ks

The State Registration is Linked directly to the National database, and you should be able to use your national log-in but may need to request a new password. Update your school information as needed on the first page. Student members must be listed on the National Roster for your school before they will show up in the state registration system. Select add students, click search to view the roster and select Grade, Gender, and Status from the drop-down menus, and click submit. The system will bring you back to the Registration screen where you can edit and select events for each student. This is also where you can add any special requests specific to the student. Additional adults can be added manually to your registration by clicking the "Other Name" button. There is the option to save and finish later.

View Registration to verify all the information and when everything is correct hit Submit to TSA. Your registration is not final until you click submit to TSA and Confirm.

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There is no late nor on-site registration of students.
Deadline for registration is Monday, March 6th, 2023 at midnight.

Events identified to have a digital submission must have that portion submitted to Judge Pro by Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 at midnight

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COVID Considerations, Substitutions and Drops
In general, COVID related and other substitutions will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

We know that COVID continues to impact the lives of students and teachers and have considered the reality of participants testing positive after registration closes. We strongly recommend that *ALL* team event have at least two (2) team members in case one is unable to attend at the last minute. This will help ensure that projects are able to compete even if a complete team is not. There is the possibility of accommodating limited virtual participation, however, because virtual participation is not a standard option it would be reserved for chapters dealing with students impacted by COVID illness or quarantine.

EVENTS
Read all rules and regulations in the competitive events guide and the updates and clarifications on the National website, to avoid receiving costly rules violation penalties which may be the deciding factor in a 1st 2nd or 3rd place finish. Please also read the Competitive Events Program section at the front of the events guides.

Please understand that we try our best to run events the way that they are run at the National Conference. However, because our conference is 2.5 day as opposed to the 5 days for Nationals, we have numerous events that have Kansas Quirks.

Kansas Quirks applies ONLY to the Kansas TSA State conference on **March 27- 29, 2023** and SHOULD NOT be carried over into National Competition. The Kansas Quirks help our state conference run more smoothly and are the primary reason we have them. If a Quirk exists it will be noted in the appropriate section.

Event Check-in:
Many events have a *digital submission* that is to be uploaded to Judge Pro by *March 7, 2023 Missing this deadline will automatically disqualify the entry.*
Digital submissions will be scored prior to the first day of the state conference.

Displays and all physical components will be turned in on Day 1 (Mon, March 27) from 10:00AM -12:00PM and again on Day 2 (Tues, March 28) as needed. You will be allowed to set up your display and then promptly leave the room- Viewing entries will take place at a Designated time.

Conflicts during the 10:00AM-12:00PM time with test taking and checking in events can be solved by students checking in with the testing supervisor, in the commons, before checking in static events, so they know to extend testing times. As a last resort, a fellow chapter members may check it in physical components for you.

Finals will be held for the Top 10 in events that have a final competition. If event numbers are smaller than 10, all entries will proceed to the final rounds. Some situations will allow for smaller numbers. This will be up to the coordinator of the event to determine this number.

Rules Interpretation Panel will accept any written grievances this year during the conference. The form is in the back of the competitive events guide will need to be completed and turned into the state advisor.