

2021 SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MINE RESCUE COMPETITION

DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE MAY 18TH-20TH

The Tennessee Mine Rescue Association is excited to announce and host the 2021 Southeast Regional Mine Rescue Competition.

The contest will be held at the Field of Dreams Activity Center in Dandridge, TN. The address for the facility is 1145 Treadway Dr. Dandridge, TN 37725.

<http://www.dandridgefieldofdreams.com/activity-center/>

In effort to keep teams and staff safe during the ongoing pandemic, strict COVID guidelines will be followed for the contest. We all understand the complexity and concerns surrounded with the pandemic and will be keeping team and staff safety of the utmost importance. However, it is important to note that the pandemic does not stop mine emergencies from occurring so the ongoing support for mine rescue and contest training is very important. The contests help provide team members with real life training experience for potential disastrous events. Therefore, it is important for teams to continue to train, compete, and practice to prepare for mine emergencies.

Due to the nature of events, we will be limiting group gatherings and changing some aspects of the contest. To help with this, ***there will be no large group lock-up with other teams, no team meals during the contest, and no banquet at the end of the contest.*** Teams will not be allowed to watch other teams once they are done and there will be no spectators other than mine management personnel and sponsors.

Team lockup and entry to the park:

Lockup will be held differently than normal to help with social distancing between teams. Once teams arrive on site, they won't be permitted to leave their trailers in the designated parking area. Lockup will be at your individual team trailers in the parking area. Teams will remain at their trailers and prepare their equipment and gear until their time is up to compete or unless otherwise advised to leave for the testing process, etc. Please note that there is no power hookups in the parking lot so if your team needs power for ice or etc., they will have to bring a generator for this source. The same lockup rules will be applied for this modified lockup at your trailers, **NO** cell phones or other electronic devices will be allowed! Rules governing lockup will still be enforced.

Guards on duty will be responsible for evaluating and restricting access to the contest area as well as assisting to ensure social distancing within the facility. There will be guards assigned to the lockup area.

Upon arrival at the park, team members, staff, and any other contest officials will be evaluated prior to gaining access to the facility. This will occur each day of the contest. Officials will stop and screen each participant or party per CDC recommendations.

ANYONE WITH A TEMPERATURE IN EXCESS OF 100.4 OR THAT IS PRESENTING WITH SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS, WILL NOT BE GRANTED ACCESS TO THE PARK!

While the activity center has several areas in which special guidelines will be necessary to maintain the safety and health of staff and guests, some activities will occur throughout. Social distancing will be maintained in all areas to ensure safety of the staff and participants. At any time during the contest if an participant or staff member develops symptoms, it is their responsibility to alert contest officials and will be required to leave.

Teams will not be allowed to stage or drop off equipment and will be required to take back with them each day. Teams may leave their trailers in the parking area overnight if they choose. Teams that choose to do so will take on the responsibility of theft or damage of their equipment or gear if an incident were to occur.

Separated spots in the parking area will be set for each team as they arrive. After your team has competed, teams will return to their trailers and await the appeal process; after appeals have been done, completed teams will be required to leave the parking area. Any completed team that is caught intermingling with another team that has not competed, both teams will be subject to immediate disqualification; guards will be assessing this as teams return back to their trailers.

Companies that have more than 1 team will work the field problem at the same time so if there are 2 teams, they will be together; this will also apply to those with novice teams.

Port-o-johns will be provided in the parking area for restroom facilities.

Written Test:

Testing will be conducted on the morning prior to each event for each day. The testing process will be modified to allow for social distancing. Once ready for testing, contest officials will come and get respective team members from lockup and they will report to the gym area of the activity center. Due to the COVID precautions, **NO WRITING INSTRUMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED!** Teams will be responsible for providing writing instruments (pencil or pen) for taking the test. After team members are completed with the test, they will immediately return to their team/trailer area to prepare for the respective contest going on that day.

Maps:

Those using Visio will be provided SD cards at the start of the problem. In the event of inclement weather on the field days, the contest teams will need to bring material to deal with that situation or be prepared in advance. Tents will be provided over the BO station. After a team completes their work on the field, the BO/CCA will place the team map and briefing officer's map on the table at the BO Station and pictures of the maps will be taken by a contest official and saved on an SD card also SD cards will be taken from their computers.

Judges and contest officials:

ALL Judges and Contest Officials will fully comply with wearing face coverings and hand sanitizing Guidelines. Additionally, ALL Judges and Contest Officials will:

- Judges and Contest Officials should not be closer than 6 feet from the Teams to see and hear what the Teams are doing.
- Contest Officials may be required to properly locate the Team's Patient and they must wear PPE and maintain 6 foot distancing.
- Contest Officials that are required to handle the various Team's Handheld Radios will wear proper PPE and maintain 6 foot social distancing.
- Contest Officials that are required to monitor the written exam the written exam will wear proper PPE and maintain 6 feet social distancing.
- Contestant Officials that are required to handle the Team's Maps and SD Cards will wear proper PPE and maintain 6 feet social distancing as much as practicable
- Judges and Contest Officials will NOT be sharing computers for the scoring of the Teams.

PPE:

It is the teams responsibly to provide the proper PPE for **ALL** team members; mask, facial covering, gloves, etc. The sponsors of the contest will provide PPE for all contest officials and judges.

General rules and guidelines:

After each problem, fields and materials used will be properly sanitized and cleaned prior to the next team reporting to the field or area.

All team members not wearing apparatus while working the problem will need to wear face mask such as the patient, cable handler or the CCA/BO, if a SCSR is required by problem design then simulate the donning procedure and verbally state the steps to properly put the SCSR on. All team members that are being escorted to the field or back from the competition fields MUST either have their breathing mask draped loosely over their face or a facial mask must be worn.

Teams will still be required to complete the problem as normal. For example, teams may need to flip placards, turn switches on, move brattice material or line curtains, turn on clocks, date and initial, etc. Any switches that need turned on or turned off at the FAB can be done by the BO or CCA as long as he or she is wearing protective face mask or shield and also verbally states such action; depends on problem design.

Any expendable material that teams uses during working of the problems such as gloves, masks, scrubber material, etc. will be required to be cleaned up by the team prior to leaving the field.

For the two day mine rescue problem, there will be a winner for each day of the contest to help coal teams comply with part 49. There will also be an overall two day field award, and an overall contest combined award for field, tech, and first aid.

This contest will also host an optional trainer's test/competition for trainers who wish to test.

Contact info:

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the contest directors below:

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MAY 18th – 20th, 2021

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Please note that if for any reason MSHA is unable to support or judge the contest, the contest may be cancelled and teams will receive a full refund of their registration fees.

2 Day

\$400 Mine Rescue \$150 First-Aid Team \$100 Benchman \$100 Tech

Team identification as it should appear in contest program:

Company Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Team Contact Person & Title: _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mine Rescue Team Personnel:

Trainer: _____ **T-Shirt size** _____

Trainer Test \$50: Yes No (circle one)

VISIO: Yes No (circle one)

Novice Team: Yes No (circle one)

Radios: Yes No (circle one)

T-Shirt size

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1. (Captain) _____ 6.(Briefing Officer) _____

2. _____ 7.(Patient) _____

3. _____ 8.(Alternate) _____

4. _____ 9. _____

5. _____ 10. _____

First-Aid Team Personnel: \$150.00 per team

Tech: \$100.00 each

T-Shirt size

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1. (Captain) _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

Benchman: \$100.00 each

T-Shirt size

1. _____

Apparatus _____

2. _____

Apparatus _____

3. _____

Apparatus _____

Please make checks payable to:

Tennessee Mine Rescue Association

**Please sign & return this form
along with entry fees by April 30th, 2021**

Tennessee Mine Rescue Association

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Fees Enclosed:

Mine Rescue \$ _____

First Aid x team \$ _____

Tech x person \$ _____

Bench x person \$ _____

Trainer \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

(Signature)

(Date)