

## NOTIFICATION OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The 2026 National Coal & MNM Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench, Tech Team, and Preshift Rules Training will be held on February 03 - 05, 2026 at the National Mine Health and Safety Academy, Beaver, West Virginia. Team representatives, state agencies and MSHA are being given an opportunity to receive interpretations directly from the Holmes Mine Rescue Sub-Committee Chairman and MSHA Chief Judges. Also, after the daily rules training, breakout rooms for the problem designers have been set aside for additional discussion and interpretation.

The training sessions will be presented from the Academy Auditorium, Eastern Standard Time.

### Agenda for the 2026 National Rules Training

<b>Tuesday, February 03, 2026</b>	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Auditorium	<b>Mine Rescue Rules - Coal</b> Mills/Bloomer/Benton
	<b>11:30 a.m. - Break for Lunch</b>	
	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Auditorium	<b>Bench Rules - BG-4, BIOPAK 240R, and BG-ProAir</b> Beauchamp/Moore/Leverknight
	2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Auditorium	<b>Coal Mine Rescue Problem Designers' Session</b> Mills/Bloomer/Benton
	2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Classroom C106	<b>Bench Problem Designers' Session</b> Beauchamp/Moore/Leverknight
<b>Wednesday, February 04, 2026</b>	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Auditorium	<b>Mine Rescue Rules - MNM</b> Ridgway/Allen
	<b>11:30 a.m. - Break for Lunch</b>	
	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Auditorium	<b>First Aid Rules</b> Shannon/Tant/Oliver
	2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Auditorium	<b>MNM Mine Rescue Problem Designers' Session</b> Ridgway/Allen
	2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Classroom C106	<b>First Aid Problem Designers' Session</b> Shannon/Tant/Oliver
<b>Thursday, February 05, 2026</b>	9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Auditorium	<b>Team Tech Rules</b> Hampton/Plumley
	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Auditorium	<b>Pre-Shift Rules</b> Baker/Mann
	<b>12:00 p.m. - Break for Lunch</b>	

	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Classroom C106	<b>Tech Team Problem Designers' Session</b> Hampton/Plumley
	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Classroom C108	<b>Pre-Shift Problem Designers' Session</b> Baker /Mann

The Academy is holding rooms for those of you who would like to attend the training in person. You will need to contact Kimberly Spencer, [spencer.kimberly@dol.gov](mailto:spencer.kimberly@dol.gov) or Natasha Cordle, [cordle.natasha@dol.gov](mailto:cordle.natasha@dol.gov), or 304-256-3252 as soon as possible to provide the name of the person that will be attending the training at the academy.

Attendees for the Rules Training are asked to submit any questions they may have to Brian Thompson, [thompson.brian@dol.gov](mailto:thompson.brian@dol.gov) or Ray Cartwright, [cartwright.ray@dol.gov](mailto:cartwright.ray@dol.gov). We will then forward the question to the Chief Judges so these concerns may be addressed during the respective session.

Please contact all Coal and MNM Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench, Tech Team, and Preshift participants within your area and inform them of the opportunity to attend the training. A general notification will also be posted on MSHA's Mine Rescue home page.

The 2026 Coal & MNM Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench, Tech Team, and Preshift Competition Rules will be posted on MSHA's Mine Rescue home page ([www.MSHA.gov](http://www.MSHA.gov)) as soon as possible and will remain there until after the 2026 Competition Season.

**Attendees should bring a copy of the Rules to the training. No copies are being made for handout.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erica Warren by email at [warren.eric@dol.gov](mailto:warren.eric@dol.gov) or at 606-595-6571.