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Oregon Bus Roadeo Frequently Asked Questions

The Bus Roadeo in Oregon is organized by representatives of the Oregon Transit Association (OTA) in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The Roadeo Steering Committee works on the planning and execution of the state roadeo each year. You can find out more about this year's competition on the OTA website:

http://oregontransit.com/calendar.php

## Who qualifies as an eligible competitor?

The Oregon Bus Roadeo follows the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) Bus Roadeo criteria. Operators must meet the CTAA national eligibility requirements. The CTAA Bus Roadeo Handbook is available online at:

http://web1.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/articlefiles/Roadeo_Guide_2013.pdf

## Contestant Qualification

In order to participate in the Oregon Bus Roadeo, the participants will be required to meet certain qualifications. Transit agencies are expected to enforce the following rules and regulations:

Each participating transit agency is eligible to send two operators: (1) cut-away operator and one (1) minivan operator. Space is limited. The first 25 eligible operators in each category will be accepted.

**Length of Employment:** Participants must have worked as full-time or part-time paid or volunteer operator for no less than one year prior to the date of the roadeo.

**Operator (all categories) Status and Definitions:** Participants must be employed as a paid or volunteer driver engaged in demand-response or fixed route service for at least one year prior to the Roadeo. Supervisors, dispatchers, clerks, training instructors, office workers and hostlers are not eligible to participate as Operators.

**Work Attendance Record:** Participants must meet the local agency's guidelines for attendance. The following recommendations serve as a guideline:

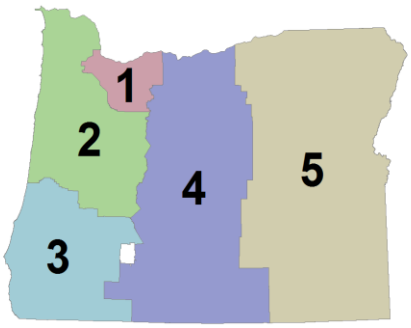
1. Participants should not have more than four (4) sick occurrences involving no more than ten (10) lost days or no more than one (1) occurrence involving thirty five (35) lost days during the twelve (12) months prior to the roadeo.
2. Participants should not have more than three (3) incidents of not reporting for work during the twelve (12) months prior to the roadeo.
3. Participants should not have been suspended for punitive action during the twelve (12) months prior to the roadeo.
4. A minimum of one year safe driving record without a preventable collision during the twelve month period prior to the event.

## How many drivers can an agency send?

Space is limited to 25 operators in each vehicle category. Therefore, in the first round of registration each agency may send one eligible operator per category (minivan or body-on-chassis) to compete, space permitting.

To encourage equitable state-wide participation, based on the ODOT operational region or tribal transit location in which the operator's agency is located (see map below to view the ODOT regions), five operators per region per category (with a maximum of one operator per *agency* per category) will be accepted until August 28, 2015.

After August 28th and until September 14th, any remaining registration slots will be assigned to eligible drivers in the order their registration was received, regardless of the region in which their agency is located.




**Region 1**: Portland Metro (Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah and Washington Counties)
**Region 2**: Willamette Valley, North and Mid- Coast (Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Lincoln, Linn, Benton and Lane Counties)
**Region 3**: Southern Oregon and South Coast (Douglas, Curry, Coos, Josephine and Jackson Counties)
**Region 4**: Central Oregon (Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Wheeler, Crook, Deschutes, Lake and Klamath Counties)
**Region 5**: Eastern Oregon (Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker, Grant, Harney and Malheur Counties)

## How do I volunteer to help at the event?

In order to have a successful roadeo, we need over 60 volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the roadeo volunteer coordinator - Lesa Pinker at LPinker@RideConnection.org.

## What does a competitor get with their registration?

Each registered competitor registration includes a scheduled time to compete, a roadeo jacket, pin, name badge, competitor packet, certificate of participation, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and one ticket to the Roadeo awards banquet.

## Do drivers get to see the roadeo course map ahead of time?

The exact course map will not be provided before competition day. In the competitor packets that go out several weeks ahead of time, each obstacle is explained and depicted, although the exact order of the obstacles is not shared. While drivers can use the CTAA Roadeo Handbook to set up a course at their agency, not having a map adds a sense of mystery and adds to the challenge of not knowing what order the obstacles are in.

## How much practice time does each competitor have?

On competition day, drivers will be escorted in groups on a comprehensive course walk-thru and will be allowed one practice run.

## What is the competition schedule?

| Event | Time | Location |
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| Transportation to Roadeo Site from Hilton | Saturday 7:00 am | Eugene Hilton |
| Breakfast | Saturday 7:30 am | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Drivers' Registration | Saturday 7:30 – 8:00 am | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Judges' Registration | Saturday 7:30 – 8:00 am | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Drivers' Course Walk Through | Saturday 8:15 – 8:45 am | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Judges' Meeting and Training | Saturday 8:15 – 8:45 am | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Competition Begins | Saturday 9:00 am | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Drivers Written Test | In groups – Times to be posted | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Written Test Scoring | following test completion | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Pre-Trip Inspection Test | In groups – Times to be posted | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Wheelchair Securement Test | In groups – Times to be posted | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Lunch | Saturday 11:30 – 2:00 pm | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Competition Concludes | Saturday 3:00 pm | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Final Scoring | Saturday 3:00 – 4:00 pm | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Course Break Down | Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm | Valley River Center – West Lot |
| Driver Networking and Social | Saturday 6:00 – 7:00 pm | Eugene Hilton |
| Banquet & Award Ceremony | Saturday 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Eugene Hilton |
| Dissemination of Results | Saturday 8:00 – 9:00 pm | Eugene Hilton |

## What happens if a competitor is late on competition day?

On competition day, a competitor will forfeit their opportunity to compete entirely if they are either a no-show for their scheduled competition time OR they report late for their scheduled competition time. They will not be "fit in" elsewhere in the schedule.

## When are the winners announced?

Winners will be announced and awards will be presented at the roadeo awards banquet.

## Can I have my score sheets at the end of the competition?

Competitors will be able to get a copy of their final score sheets upon request but will not receive the originals.

## Can I bring my family and fans?

Yes, we encourage you to bring your family, friends, colleagues and fans to cheer you on. They are also invited to join us for the lunch on Saturday at the roadeo site.

You can also purchase additional tickets to the awards banquet for $35 per person.

Please direct any other questions to:
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Casandra Mance (Casandra.mance@odot.state.or.us)

If we don't know the answer, we'll find out for you!