



Oregon Bus Roadeo Frequently Asked Questions

The Oregon Bus Roadeo is organized by representatives of the Oregon Transit Association (OTA) in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and First Transit as presenting sponsor. 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](#).

Where can I see all the Roadeo rules, course details, and points system?

The Oregon Bus Roadeo follows the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) Bus Roadeo criteria. The CTAA Bus Roadeo Guide Book can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

What are the qualification requirements for competitors?

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 operators for cut-away operator and 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 roдео.
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.

How do I volunteer to help at the event?

In order to have a successful roдео, we need over 60 volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete Judge/Volunteer Registration Form [also on the OTA Website](#). Your information will be automatically be sent to roдео volunteer coordinator Eileen Collins at collinse@trimet.org.

What does a competitor get with their registration?

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

Do drivers get to see the roдео 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 Roдео Guide Book 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?

Friday Event	Time	Location
Mandatory Driver Meeting	Friday 6:00-6:30 pm	Pendleton Convention Center
Optional Driver Wheelchair Class	Friday 6:30-7:00 pm	Pendleton Convention Center
Mandatory Drivers Written Test	Friday 7:00-8:00 pm	Pendleton Convention Center
Saturday Event		
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Drivers' Registration	Saturday 7:30 – 8:00 am	Pendleton Convention Center
Judges' Registration	Saturday 7:30 – 8:00 am	Pendleton Convention Center
Drivers' and Judges Course Walk	Saturday 8:15 – 8:45 am	Pendleton Convention Center
Competition Begins	Saturday 9:00 am	Pendleton Convention Center
Drivers Written Test (if not taken)	In groups – Times to be posted	Pendleton Convention Center
Written Test Scoring	following test completion	Pendleton Convention Center
Pre-Trip Inspection Test	In groups – Times to be posted	Pendleton Convention Center
Wheelchair Securement Test	In groups – Times to be posted	Pendleton Convention Center
Lunch	Saturday 11:30 – 2:00 pm	Pendleton Convention Center

Competition Concludes	Saturday 3:00 pm	Pendleton Convention Center
Final Scoring	Saturday 3:00 – 4:00 pm	Pendleton Convention Center
Course Break Down	Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm	Pendleton Convention Center
Driver Networking and Social	Saturday 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Convention Center – Main Hall
Banquet & Award Ceremony	Saturday 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Convention Center – Main Hall
Dissemination of Results	Saturday 8:00 – 9:00 pm	Convention Center – Main Hall

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 rodeo 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 rodeo site.

You can also purchase additional tickets to the awards banquet for \$30 per person.

Please direct any other questions to:
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If we don't know the answer, we will find out for you!