I. Introduction

Welcome to the Seventh Annual Illinois Rural Transit Assistance Center Roadeo.

The Roadeo is an opportunity for drivers to gain recognition for their driving skills. While there are awards for the top finishers, winning is not the primary reason for this competition. The Roadeo is an opportunity to test your limits, meet others in the profession and, above all, have a good time.

The following information is being supplied to all contestants and judges so that everyone will be familiar with the Roadeo events, the course layout, rules of conduct and scoring.

Please note minor changes may be made during the course set-up, but will be conveyed to you at the meeting on Saturday.

Important Information on Scoring !!!

Please note that the total number of points that a Roadeo driver can earn is 1000.

Here is a breakdown of the scoring of the Roadeo:

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General Information

1. Watch out for vehicles at all times! Avoid endangering yourself and others.

2. Note to Spectators: Spectators must stay in areas designated for them. Picture-taking is not allowed in the pre-trip inspection and wheelchair securement areas.

3. Note to Drivers: Clean appropriate attire is required.
Illinois RTAC’s Paratransit Roadeo
Rules of Conduct

In order to clarify some common sense rules regarding the competition, the committee has adopted the following rules of conduct:

1. Following the initial walk through of the course, drivers will not be allowed on the driving course for any reason (except for their actual competition).

2. Contestants must wear their name badges at all times.

3. Each driver will be assigned to a squad. Drivers must follow the instructions of their squad captain.

4. Drivers must remain outside of the pre-trip inspection and wheelchair securement areas until they are called to participate in these events.

5. Drivers are not to engage in unnecessary talking with judges.

6. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted at the Roadeo site.

7. Unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind will not be tolerated. This includes profanity, aggressive behavior toward another contestant or official, abuse of equipment and unsafe driving maneuvers.

8. Once completed with the competition, drivers are not to discuss the competition with drivers who are still waiting to compete.

9. Violations of the rules of conduct are to be reported to the Course Marshal as soon as possible.

10. The Course Marshal shall have the sole authority to determine if a violation has occurred and the corrective action to follow. Depending on the severity of the infraction, the corrective action may include either deduction of points from a contestant’s score or suspension from the competition.

Course Marshal: Edward Heflin
II. Special Notes for the Individual Exercises

These guidelines are for use by both judges and drivers. As such, you will see instructions for judges mixed in with instructions for drivers. In this way, all those involved in the competition will be aware of the same information.

There are four events in which Roadeo drivers will compete: Written Test, Driving Course, Pre-Trip Inspection and Wheelchair Securement.

**Keep in mind that the actual order of the exercises on the course may differ from the order in which they are presented in this Guide.

A. Written Test

The written test includes 25 questions valued at 5 points each. While 24 questions will be TRUE or FALSE, one of the questions will require a short answer. Questions for the test are taken from basic training materials used for transit driver training.

B. Pre-Trip Inspection

The instructions and judging for this exercise have recently been modified, so please read these instructions very carefully.

General Instructions

1. There will be a 7-minute time limit on this exercise.

2. Total possible points: 150

3. Four (4) safety defects will be pre-set on the vehicle. These will be the same for all contestants. Drivers will receive twenty-five (25) points for each safety defect found — up to a maximum of 4 defects.

   We realize that every transit system may have different pre-trip inspection checklists. As a result, all participants will be sent a standard pre-trip form with their rodeo packet. Defects that have been planted should be familiar to everyone.

4. Contestants must conduct their pre-trip inspections in a logical and systematic manner (i.e., moving from front of the vehicle to the back, left to right, or top to bottom). Drivers will earn twenty-five (25) points for doing so.

5. Drivers will earn another twenty-five (25) points for completing the inspection within the 7-minute time limit.
6. Safety defects may be found anywhere on the vehicle, **including under the hood**. (The hood will remain unlatched for each driver to access.)

7. **To keep the competition fair, do not discuss the defects that you found with other contestants until after the Roadeo is completed.**

**During the Inspection**

Each contestant will conduct their inspection by verbalizing item or area of inspection and then checking it. As contestants identify defects, they will describe that defect to the judge. The judge will write the defects described by the contestant on the contestant’s Pre-Trip Inspection score sheet. Contestants may identify more than 4 defects although they will only get credit for a maximum of 4 defects. If a contestant has identified 4 or more defects and has not yet completed the full vehicle inspection, he/she must finish the inspection in order to earn twenty-five (25) points.

Upon request, judges **can** assist contestants with their inspections, though for specific tasks only. For instance, the judge may press the brake pedal, and shift the transmission into reverse with the ignition switch in the “on” position, but without the engine running. The judge can also assist the contestants in checking turn signals, brake and back-up lights, and turning on the lights.

Contestants are **not** required, or allowed, to:

1. Complete a full lift/engine interlock inspection or cycle the lift: Contestants are required to perform a visual inspection of the lift and its immediate surroundings.
2. Brake Inspection: Due to the time constraints of a Roadeo, the brake check will be limited to verifying that the service brake pedal is firm. Contestants will not be allowed to set the parking brake and attempt to move the vehicle.
3. Complete under hood examination: Contestants are required to verbalize all areas under the hood that they would (if there was allotted time) inspect and check.

The judge will read a script to each contestant addressing the rules of this obstacle before the contestant begins the pre-trip.

**C. Wheelchair Securement**

Since the point value of this exercise has been increased from 50 to 200 points, all the point values for the individual steps in passenger loading and securement have been increased by a factor of 4.
The seven (7) minute time limit will be enforced. The 7 minutes does **not** include the time spent by the judge testing the securement.

At the start of the Wheelchair Securement exercise, the contestant will meet a wheelchair passenger and judge. The contestant should approach the passenger as though the passenger were a person to be transported. The contestant must verbalize to the passenger all of the activities that he/she will perform in the process of loading and securing them in the vehicle. Contestants must say these activities loud enough for the judges to hear.

For example, the contestant must verbally ask the passenger if they have all of their belongings, not merely look around the area. The contestant must say that they are checking the handgrips on the wheelchair, and physically try to twist them. The contestant must say to the passenger that they are going to back them onto the lift. The contestant does not have to memorize a specific statement, but they must tell the passenger what they are going to do before they do it!

The passenger will be wearing a lap belt in the wheelchair. Before maneuvering the passenger on to the lift platform, the contestant must check the lap belt to verify that it is secure. The lifts should be equipped with rear safety plates. The contestant must physically check the rear safety plate to verify that it is engaged. Similarly, after the lift platform clears the ground, the contestant must physically check the front safety plate to verify that it is secure. Contestants will **not** be penalized for removing their hand from the wheelchair to check the front safety plate. For the purposes of this Roadeo, contestants will **not** be permitted to ride the lift platform.

After loading the passenger in the vehicle, the contestant must secure the wheelchair and passenger. After the contestant has positioned the wheelchair in the securement area, secured the front and rear straps, set the brakes and secured the lap belt/shoulder harness, the judge will release the brakes and attempt to roll the wheelchair and passenger forward and backward. If the wheelchair does not roll or slide in either direction, the contestant will receive 24 points. If the wheelchair rolls or slides by any amount, the contestant will receive zero (0) points for this portion of the exercise. Judges must be consistent in evaluating this portion of the exercise!

At this point, you have completed the exercise.

The judge or wheelchair passenger will use a stop watch to record the elapsed time for this exercise, from the time that the contestant first greets them to the time that the contestant has completed securing the wheelchair. There will be a 7 minute time limit for the performance of this exercise. After 7 minutes, the exercise will be stopped and the contestant will be scored based on their performance to this point.

You will note on the score sheet that almost every item for this exercise indicates a
point value for “verbal”, and a point value for “performance”. These are the points that the contestant receives for verbalizing what is being performed, and for the actual performance. If contestants do not verbalize what they are going to do before they do it, they do not receive the verbal point value. If they verbalize it, but they do not perform it, they do not receive the performance point value. Judges may want to circle point values on the score sheet as the contestants earns points, and total them at the end of the exercise.

The score sheet lists activities and their point values in a particular order. The items performed under “Sensitivity & Awareness” do not necessarily have to be performed in the exact order listed. However, the other activities do follow a logical order that must be followed. If contestants perform these activities out of order, they will not receive points for the activity that they skipped, or performed late. For example, if a contestant does not check the front safety plate until after he/she has backed the wheelchair into the vehicle, they would not receive 16 points for that item.

D. Driving Course

On the driving portion of the course, a judge’s responsibility extends from the completion of the previous exercise to the completion of the exercise they are judging. Judges must render objective evaluations of each contestant. Judges should note the location of the x's enclosed in circles on the score sheets. These are the preferred locations for viewing the exercise, without interfering with the contestant’s ability to perform the exercise. Under no circumstances should judges cross in front of vehicles as they are being driven. It is dangerous and breaks the contestant’s concentration.

Once a cone or a curb is hit or touched by a vehicle, it is circled on the score sheet. Additional penalty points are not assessed for hitting the same cone or curb more than once. A cone is “hit” when any portion of the vehicle comes in contact with the cone or its base. This includes the tires, body and bumpers. A cone does not have to be knocked over to be “hit”. If a cone is being dragged, the judge must get the contestant’s and the on-board judge’s attention so that the vehicle can be stopped and the cone removed. The timekeeper should stop the clock under these circumstances, and restart it when the cone is cleared and the contestant continues on the course. If a dragged cone hits other cones before the vehicle is stopped, the judges must determine if the cone(s) that was (were) hit by the dragged cone would have been hit by the vehicle if the cone was not being dragged. Judges should use their best judgment, and be consistent.

Judges must reset the cones, or the curb, after they have been touched or hit. Do not reset the cones until after the vehicle clears the exercise. Place the cones or curb in the same place. Do not make any adjustments to the course by altering the placement of the cones! The key to a fair course is that the exercises are the same for all contestants.
It is permissible for a contestant to stop on the course. Penalty points will not be assessed for a stop, only for transmission shifts into reverse that are not required by the exercise. The clock will continue to run during a stop as long as the stop is not required by a judge.

Judges, be careful that you do not unintentionally give the contestants guidance through hand signals. You are not directing the contestants, you are scoring them. Keep your hand on the clipboard, or in your pockets!

Similarly, spectators are not permitted to follow vehicles as they progress through the course. Nor are they permitted in the Pre-Trip Inspection or Wheelchair Securement areas. Spectators should remain within the designated viewing areas.

Note that different cones have different point values at the various exercises. Look over the score sheets ahead of time. Sometimes it may be better for a contestant to take a 5 point back-up penalty than to hit a 25 point cone!

**Special Notes for the Driving Portion of the Roadeo:**

1. For the driving portion of this year’s Roadeo, there will be a 7 minute time limit. Contestants requiring more than 7 minutes to complete the driving course will be assessed a penalty of 1 point per second over 7 minutes. At 8 minutes the clock will stop and point accrual will cease. The on-board timer will announce the 7 minute mark, but will not announce the 8 minute mark.

2. Seatbelts must be worn by drivers. There will be a 5-point penalty for not wearing one. The penalty will be assessed by the on-board judge.

3. The use of turn signals is required on the course. Turn signals must be used on all skill tests that require a turn or lane change. One (1) point will be deducted for each improper use of turn signals. Turn signals will not be required for unscored left or right turns necessary to follow the course, and points will not be deducted if the signals are used for these turns. Turn signal use will be scored by the judges on the course for that particular exercise.

4. The penalty assessed for each non-required transmission shift into reverse is 5 points.

**Individual Driving Exercises:**

Keep in mind that the actual order of the exercises on the course may differ from the order in which they are presented in this Guide. The size and configuration of the Roadeo site may require a different order.
Offset Street
Judges should be careful to watch the last cone in the entrance set on the driver's side. This cone is likely to be hit as the rear of the vehicle swings through the turn. Watch the entrance cones on the second set for bumper contact, and watch the tires of the bus as they pass by the base of the cones. Judges: A cone is considered “hit” whether the tires touch the base of a cone or the body of the cone. (Turn signal required.)

Right and Left Hand Reverse
The vehicle must come to a stop so that the judges can determine where the rear bumper of the vehicle is with respect to the rear marker cone. The contestant must sound the horn to signal the judges that the backing maneuver is complete and it is safe to measure the distance from the rear of the vehicle to the rear marker cone. The timekeeper must stop the clock when the driver sounds the horn, and start the clock when the vehicle begins to move. Judges should determine the location quickly. All contestants and judges should note that the various marking cones have different point values. These exercises are likely to experience a cone lodged between the tires and the body. Be ready to alert the contestant to stop the vehicle if necessary. Judges must remember to watch the vehicle as it departs the exercise because points are deducted for cones that are hit while exiting the exercise, keeping in mind that a cone can only be hit once. (Turn signal not required.)

Right Turn
Note the location of the right, outside rear tire as it crosses the 45 degree line from the pivot cone. This is the point at which you must decide which interval the tire has crossed. If any portion of the line marking the next 6" increment on the 45 degree line is visible as the tire crosses the 45 degree line, penalty points are earned. The cones most likely to be hit are the driver’s side entrance cone (tail swing), the pivot cone and the exit cones. (Turn signal required.)

Passenger Stop
Consistency in measurement is vital to this exercise. Measure the distance from the top edge of the curb, 4 x 4, or simulated curb to the center of the tire below the axle at the same height as the top of the curb. (If we use a tape or other line, measure the distance at the pavement level.) Be sure that the yard stick is perpendicular to the curb when you measure. Measurements are rounded up. If you measure 8 1/4" or 8 3/4", it should be recorded as 9" on the score sheet. Hitting the curb or cones anytime, either entering or departing the stop, loses point, so be careful to watch the cones and curb as the vehicle departs the exercise. The contestant must beep the horn to indicate to the judges that it is safe to measure the distance between the curb and the tires. The timekeeper must stop the clock when the horn is sounded, and restart the clock when the vehicle is put into motion. (Turn signals required when entering and exiting the passenger stop.)

Left Turn
The two entry cones are the ones most likely to be hit. Remember, they each have a
25-point value. Watch for the right entry cone being hit by the tail swing of the vehicle. *(Turn signal required.)*

**Serpentine**
The cones that are most likely to be hit are the two entrance cones, the point and the pivot cones. Contestants are likely to stop and shift into reverse, so you must remember to check to see if cones are hit when the vehicle is traveling backwards. Remember, a cone can only be hit once, and additional points are not lost for hitting the same cone two or more times. *(Turn signals not required.)*

**Right Tire Clearance**
Judges may need to crouch down to see if tennis balls are being hit. It makes no difference if the tennis balls are hit by the front or rear tires. Once a ball is hit, points are lost. As with cones, tennis balls can be hit only once. Keep in mind that the tennis balls have varying point values. If a hit tennis ball rolls into another ball, the judges must use their judgment to determine if that ball would have been hit by the tire anyway. Again, be consistent. *(Turn signals not required.)*

**Diminishing Clearance**
In this exercise, the vehicle must travel at least 20 mph upon entering the barrels. The radar gun, not the vehicle speedometer, is the official speed measurement device, so judges must watch the signal of the radar gun operator. Judges should be careful to stand away from the barrels. They travel fast when hit at 20 mph. *(Turn signals not required.)*

**Judgment Stop**
In measuring the distance between the cone and the front bumper of the vehicle, it is very important to be consistent in your measurements. Measure the distance from the cone to the bumper by placing the yardstick on top of the cone, with the 1" increments on the yardstick starting at the end toward the vehicle. The yardstick should be kept parallel to the ground (level) and perpendicular to the front of the vehicle. Read the distance where the yardstick crosses the outside of the cone. Measurements are rounded up. If you measure 8 1/4" or 8 3/4", it should be recorded as 9" on the score sheet. *(Turn signals not required.)*

**Smoothness of Operation**
The on-board judge will determine if contestants make any sudden starts, stops or abrupt turns, and will indicate whether contestants wear their seat belt/shoulder harness while driving the course. The judge should be consistent in scoring all contestants.

**Time keeper**
The time keeper (who is also the on-board judge) starts the clock when the vehicle is put in motion at the start line. The clock is stopped when the vehicle comes to a stop at the right and left hand reverse exercises and the passenger stop, and started again
when vehicle is put into motion. The clock is stopped when the vehicle comes to a final stop at the judgment stop. One point will be deducted for each second more than 7 minutes required to complete the course. Time keepers are required to notify contestants when they have reached the 7 minute mark and instruct contestants that they have one minute remaining to complete the course. If the contestant is still on the course after 8 minutes, the time keeper will make a note as to the last completed obstacle and no further points will accrue. Points will be deducted by the scorekeepers for each obstacle incomplete. (Note: After the 7 minute mark no time points will be announced and contestants will be permitted to complete the course) Time keepers must note the total elapsed time required to complete the course.

All contestants will be ranked by score with the highest score being the winner, second highest score being second place and so on. The total driving time is used as a tie breaker in the event of a tie score between two or more contestants. In the event of a tie, the contestant with the lower elapsed time will be scored higher.

If you have any questions about these instructions, please ask them at the “walk through” of the Roadeo course on Saturday morning, April 19.
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SERPENTINE

Contestant Number ______

Vehicle Number _________

Penalties
1. 10 points off for each cone touched
2. 5 points off for each transmission shift into reverse
3. 25 points off for touching pivot cone

Note: Maximum Penalty Points - 50

Points Possible ---------------------------------------------------50

Point Deductions
1. Cones touched ____ x 10 = _______
2. Shifts into reverse ____ x 5 = _______
3. Pivot cone touched ____ x 25 = _______

Total Points --_______

Points Earned --------------------------------------------------_______

JUDGE’S NAME – Printed ____________________________ JUDGE’S SIGNATURE __________________________
SERPENTINE

Maximum Score: 50 points

Description: This skill test measures the operator's ability to negotiate a series of tight turns. The operator is required to enter the course, weave in and out through 3 cones, and exit the skill test. The vehicle is not permitted to touch any portion of any cone.

Penalties:
10 points for each cone touched
5 points for each transmission shift into reverse
25 points for touching pivot cone

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FORWARD OFFSET STREET

Contestant Number ________

Vehicle Number ___________

Penalties
1. 5 points off for each cone touched
2. 5 points off for each transmission shift into reverse
3. 10 points off for touching a pivot cone

Note: Maximum Penalty Points - 50

Points Possible

Point 1. Cones touched ___ x 5 = _______

Deductions 2. Shifts into reverse ___ x 5 = _______
3. Pivot cone(s) touched ___ x 10 = _______

Total Points (1 + 2 +3) -- _______

Points Earned

______________________________
FORWARD OFFSET STREET

Maximum Score: 50 points

Description: In this skill test, the operator is required to drive through two separate narrow lanes that are offset one full lane width from each other.

Penalties:
5 points for each cone touched
5 point for each transmission shift into reverse
10 points off for touching pivot cone
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RIGHT TURN

Contestant Number ________

Vehicle Number __________

Pivot Cone

Penalties
1. 10 points off for each cone touched
2. 5 points off for each 6” segment over and above the first 6” of the rear tire clearance
3. 5 points off for each transmission shift into reverse
4. 25 points off for touching pivot cone

Note: Maximum Penalty Points - 50

Points Possible - 50

Point Deductions

1. Cones touched
   _____ x 10 = _____

2. Excessive rear tire clearance
   _____ x 5 = _____

3. Shifts into reverse
   _____ x 5 = _____

4. Pivot cone touched
   _____ x 25 = _____

Total points off (add 1 through 4) - _____

Points Earned - _____

JUDGE’S NAME – Printed ______________________ JUDGE’S SIGNATURE ____________________
RIGHT TURN

Maximum Score: 50 points

Description: This skill test measures the operator's ability to negotiate a tight 90 degrees right turn. The corner is marked with a pivot cone and rear tire of the vehicle is to pass within 6" of the corner. To measure this, a line is marked out at 45 degrees from the corner and divided into 6" increments. The judge must see which increment the outside edge of the rear tire passes over in order to score the operator.

Penalties:
25 points for touching pivot cone
10 point for each course cone touched
5 point for each 6" increment over and above the first 6" increment over which the outside rear tire passes.
5 points for each transmission shift into reverse

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PASSENGER STOP

Contestant Number ___________

Vehicle Number _____________

Circle each cone touched. Measure the distance from curb to the front & rear tires

Penalties
1. 25 points off for touching cones at either end of Passenger Stop
2. 25 points off for touching curb with tires
3. 1 point off per inch beyond 6 inches from curb – FRONT TIRE
4. 1 point off per inch beyond 15 inches from curb – REAR TIRE
5. 5 points off for each transmission shift into reverse

NOTE: Maximum Penalty Points - 50

Points Possible

Point 1. End cones touched
2. Touched curb
3. Front tire actual measurement
4. Rear tire actual measurement
5. Shifts into reverse

Deductions

Total points off (add 1 through 5)

Points earned

JUDGE’S NAME – Printed ______________________ JUDGE’S SIGNATURE ____________________
PASSENGER STOP

Maximum Score: 50 points

Description: The operator must make a passenger stop at a location approximately two vehicle lengths long. The stop must be made without the vehicle or tires touching any cones (simulating parked vehicles) or the curb, simulated by 4X4's or a painted or marked line. The front tire on the vehicle should be 6" or less from the curb, and the rear tire should be 15" or less from the curb. Once the vehicle stops, the judges will measure the distance from the tires to the curb.

Penalties:
25 points for touching the "vehicle cones" at either end of the stop location
25 points for touching the curb with either the front or rear tires, upon entering or leaving the stop 1 point per inch for each inch or part of an inch that the front tire is measured beyond 6" from the curb (i.e., 8" measured for the front tire would equal 2 points)
1 point per inch for each inch or part of an inch that the rear tire is measured beyond 15" from the curb 5 points for each transmission shift into reverse

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LEFT HAND REVERSE

Contestants Number _____________
Vehicle Number _________________

Penalties
1. 10 points off for each “course” cone touched
2. 5 points off for each “lane marker” cone touched
3. 5 points off for each 12” beyond 36” limit from rear marker
4. 5 points off for each transmission shift into reverse after initial shift into reverse
5. 10 points off for touching “rear” cone

NOTE: Maximum Penalty Points - 50

Points Possible
----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- 50

Point
1. Course cones touched _____ x 10 = ______
2. Lane marker cones touched _____ x 5 = ______
3. # 12” increments beyond 36” rear clearance _____ x 5 = ______
4. Shifts into reverse _____ x 5 = ______
5. Touched rear cone _____ x 10 = ______

Total points off (add 1 through 5) - ______

Total points earned -----------------------------------------------------------------_______
**LEFT HAND REVERSE**

**Maximum Score**: 50 points

**Description**: This obstacle tests the operator's ability to back the vehicle into a confined area. The vehicle must be backed to the left around a course marker into a narrow lane, and be stopped within 3' of a cone directly behind the vehicle. The vehicle must not touch the cones marking the sides of the lane, or marking lanes, nor the rear cone. This skill test measures the operator's use of mirrors and depth perception.

**Penalties**:
- 10 points off for each "course" cone touched
- 5 points off for each "lane marker" touched
- 5 points off for each 12" increment beyond 36" from the rear cone
- 5 points off for each transmission shift into reverse after the initial shift into reverse
- 25 points off for touching the rear cone

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LEFT TURN

Contestant Number ____________

Vehicle Number ______________

Penalties
1. 10 points off for each cone touched
2. 5 points off for each transmission shift into reverse
3. 25 points off for each entrance cone touched

NOTE: Maximum Penalty Points - 50

Points Possible ------------------------------- 50

Point Deductions
1. Cones touched _____ x 10 = _____
2. Shifts into reverse _____ x 5 = _____
3. Entrance cone touched _____ x 25 = _____

Total Points off (add 1 through 3) - ________

Points earned ---------------------------------- ________

JUDGE’S NAME – Printed ______________________JUDGE’S SIGNATURE ____________________
LEFT TURN

Maximum Score: 50 points

Description: This skill test measures an operator's ability to negotiate a tight left turn. The operator must turn the vehicle through a 90 degree turn and not touch any of the cones outlining the turn, even though some of the cones will be out of sight during the turn.

Penalties:
25 points for each entrance cone touched
10 points per other cone touched
5 points for each transmission shift into reverse

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RIGHT HAND REVERSE

Contestants Number _____________

Vehicle Number ________________

Penalties
1. 10 points off for each “course” cone touched
2. 5 points off for each “lane marker” cone touched
3. 5 points off for each 12” beyond 36” limit from rear marker
4. 5 points off for each transmission shift into reverse after initial shift into reverse
5. 10 points off for touching “rear” cone

NOTE: Maximum Penalty Points - 50

Points Possible

Point  Deductions
1. Course cones touched  _____ x 10 = _____
2. Lane marker cones touched _____ x 5 = _____
3. # 12” increments beyond 36” rear clearance _____ x 5 = _____
4. Shifts into reverse _____ x 5 = _____
5. Touched rear cone _____ x 10 = _____

Total points off (add 1 through 5) - _____

Total points earned __________

JUDGE’S NAME – Printed ______________________ JUDGE’S SIGNATURE ____________________
RIGHT HAND REVERSE

**Maximum Score**: 50 points

**Description**: This obstacle tests the operator's ability to back the vehicle into a confined area. The vehicle must be backed to the right around a course marker into a narrow lane, and be stopped within 3' of a cone directly behind the vehicle. The vehicle must not touch the cones marking the sides of the lane, or marking lanes, nor the rear cone. This skill test measures the operator's use of mirrors and depth perception.

**Penalties**:
- 10 points off for each "course" cone touched
- 5 points off for each "lane marker" touched
- 5 points off for each 12" increment beyond 36" from the rear cone
- 5 points off for each transmission shift into reverse after the initial shift into reverse
- 25 points off for touching the rear cone

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RIGHT TIRE CLEARANCE

Contestant Number ____________

Vehicle Number _______________

Penalties
1. 20 points off for each “A” ball touched
2. 16 points off for each “B” ball touched
3. 8 points off for each “C” ball touched
4. 4 points off for each “D” ball touched
5. 2 points off for each “E” ball touched

Points Possible: 50

Point Deductions
1. “A” ball touched _____ x 20 = _____
2. “B” ball touched _____ x 16 = _____
3. “C” ball touched _____ x 8 = _____
4. “D” ball touched _____ x 4 = _____
5. “E” ball touched _____ x 2 = _____

Total points off (add 1 through 5) - ________

Points earned: ________
RIGHT TIRE CLEARANCE

**Maximum Score**: 50 points

**Description**: This test measures a driver's ability to properly align the vehicle. The vehicle must be driven so that the right tires pass through a lane that is slightly wider than either tire, and progressively narrows. The lane is marked by tennis balls that are flattened on one side. Note: Check alignment of front and rear tires. Widen tennis balls if tires do not track directly behind one another for single rear tires. If dual rear tires, use width of rear tires, plus 8' and 4".

**Penalties**:
- 20 points off for each A ball touched
- 16 points off for each B ball touched
- 8 points off for each C ball touched
- 4 points off for each D ball touched
- 2 points off for each E ball touched
- 5 points off for each transmission shift into reverse

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DIMINISHING CLEARANCE

Contestant Number ________________

Vehicle Number ________________

Judge’s position to observe

Judge’s position to observe

Circle each cone touched

Penalties
1. 20 points off for each “A” cone touched
2. 16 points off for each “B” cone touched
3. 8 points off for each “C” cone touched
4. 4 points off for each “D” cone touched
5. 2 points off for each “E” cone touched
6. 25 points off for insufficient speed

NOTE: Maximum penalty points - 50

Points Possible ----------------------------------------------- 50

Point
1. “A” cone touched _____ x 20 = _____

Deductions
2. “B” cone touched _____ x 16 = _____
3. “C” cone touched _____ x 8 = _____
4. “D” cone touched _____ x 4 = _____
5. “E” cone touched _____ x 2 = _____
6. Enter actual speed _____ mph
   Enter 25 if speed less than 20 mph _____

Total points off (add 1 through 6) - ________

Points earned ----------------------------------------------- ________

JUDGE’S NAME – Printed ______________________ JUDGE’S SIGNATURE ____________________
DIMINISHING CLEARANCE

**Maximum Score**: 50 points

**Description**: This problem tests the operator's ability to judge the position and speed of their vehicle. The operator must drive the vehicle through a tapered lane outlined by cones or barrels. The vehicle must enter the tapered lane at a speed greater than or equal to 20 mph.

**Penalties**:
- 20 points off for each "A" cone/barrel touched
- 16 points off for each "B" cone/barrel touched
- 8 points off for each "C" cone/barrel touched
- 4 points off for each "D" cone/barrel touched
- 2 points off for each "E" cone/barrel touched
- 10 points off for insufficient speed

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10' spacing between barrels ("A" 10' from "B", "B" 10' from "C", etc.)
JUDGEMENT STOP

Contestant Number ____________

Vehicle Number _______________

Penalties
1. 50 points off for the 18" marker being touched
2. 1 point off for each 1" beyond the initial 6"
3. 25 points off for making more than one full stop

NOTE: Maximum Penalty Points - 50

Points Possible ------------------------------------------ 50

Point Deductions
1. 18" marker touched _____ x 50 = _____
2. inches beyond initial 6" _____ x 1 = _____
3. Stops over 1 _____ x 25 = _____

Total points off (add 1 through 3) - _____

Points earned ------------------------------------------
JUDGEMENT STOP

Maximum Score:  50 points

Description: This test measures the operator's ability to judge closing distances between the vehicle and small objects directly ahead. After exiting the Diminishing Clearance test, the operator must bring the vehicle to a full stop within 6" of a marker cone. The distance will be measured between the front bumper and the marker cone. Operators are not permitted to make multiple stops, or bring the vehicle to a creeping stop.

Penalties:
1 point off for each inch or part of an inch greater than 6 inches from the marker cone. (i.e., 6" inches equals 1 point off)
25 point off for touching the marker cone
25 points for making more than one complete stop

Dimensions:
Place marker cone in the center of the lane and at least two full bus lengths from exit of diminishing clearance test.
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PRE-TRIP VEHICLE INSPECTION

Contestant Number ________________

Vehicle Number ________________

This test will judge how thoroughly an operator checks his/her vehicle before taking it out on the road. There will be a vehicle at the Roadeo set up by maintenance personnel with four known defects to identify.

Penalties
1. 25 points off for each item missed (4 items).
2. 25 points off for not completing the inspection.
3. 25 points off for not performing the inspection in a logical and systematic manner

NOTE: Maximum Penalty Points - 150

Points Possible ------------------------------------------150

Point Deductions
1. Each Pre-Set Item Missed _______ x 25 = _______
2. Inspection not completed _______ x 25 = _______
3. Inspection not logical/systematic _______ x 25 = _______

Total points off (add 1 through 3) -____

Points earned ------------------------------------------_____

JUDGE’S NAME – Printed ________________ JUDGE’S SIGNATURE ____________________
PRE-TRIP INSPECTION

Maximum Score: 150 points

Description: Each operator will be given 7 minutes to perform a typical inspection of a vehicle being placed in service at the beginning of the day. The vehicle will have 4 known defects that would routinely be identified on a pre-trip inspection report. The operator must verbally indicate to the judge the defects found. Note: Use 7 minutes if not checking under the hood items. Use 10 minutes if including items under the hood.

Penalties:
25 points for each defect that is not found
25 points off for not completing the inspection
25 points off for not performing the inspection in a logical and systematic manner
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WHEELCHAIR LOADING & SECUREMENT

Contestant Number ______________________

Vehicle Number ______________________

(Maximum Points – 200)

Sensitivity & Awareness (Order not critical)
* Greets and introduces self to passenger in a positive manner (4 pt) ...............................................____
* Checks securement of lap belt (4 pt verbal, 4 pt perf.) ........................................................................____
* Asks passenger if they need assistance in boarding (4 pt) .................................................................____
* Asks passenger if they have all their belongings (4 pt) .....................................................................____
* Checks hand grips on wheelchair (4 pt verbal, 8 pts perf.) .................................................................____
* Asks passenger to place hands in lap (4 pt verbal, 4 pt perf.) ............................................................__

Possible Points = 40 ........................ Actual points

Loading onto Platform
* Checks rear safety plate (4 pt verbal, 12 pts perf.) ..............................................................................___
* Backs passenger onto platform (4 pt verbal, 4 pt perf.) .................................................................____
* Secures wheelchair brakes (4 pt verbal, 4 pt perf.) .........................................................................____
* Secures lift safety strap (4 pt verbal, 4 pt perf.) ..................................................................................____

Possible Points = 40 ........................ Actual Points

Raising Lift
* Raises lift and checks front safety plate after it clears surface (4 pt verbal, 12 pts perf.) ......................____
* Holds wheelchair with one hand while raising lift (4 pt verbal, 4 pt perf.) ........................................____
* Secures lift control onto door (4 pt) .......................................................................................................____
* Backs wheelchair into vehicle and secures at least one brake (4 pt verbal, 4 pt perf.) .......................____

Possible Points = 36 ........................ Actual Points

Wheelchair & Passenger Securement
* Positions wheelchair into securement location and secures brakes (4 pt verbal, 4 pt perf.) ..............____
* Places lift in "stow" position (4 pt verbal, 4 pt perf.) ............................................................................____
* Attaches front straps to wheelchair frame and floor, tightens straps (4 pt verbal, 8 pts perf.) ..........____
* Releases brakes, rolls wheelchair back to tighten straps (4 pt verbal, 8 pts perf.) ............................____
* Attaches rear straps to wheelchair and floor, tightens straps (4 pt verbal, 8 pts perf.) .................____
* Secures lap belt and shoulder belt (4 pt verbal, 4 pt perf.) ..............................................................____
* Judge checks wheelchair to determine any movement (24 pts) .......................................................____

Possible Points = 84 ........................ Actual Points

The exercise is completed at this point. The releasing of the securement system and passenger unloading will not be scored as a part of this exercise. Time will be used as second tie breaker.

TOTAL TIME __________  Points earned _______________

JUDGE’S NAME – Printed ______________________ JUDGE’S SIGNATURE __________________
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Smoothness of Operation
And Elapsed Time

Contestant Number ____________________

Vehicle Number ____________________

Evaluate each operator on his/her ability to deliver a smooth ride. The total travel time will be recorded for each operator. Time stops for mechanical troubles and emergencies.

PART 1

Penalties for each instance
1. 3 points off for each sudden start
2. 3 points off for each sudden stop
3. 3 points off for each abrupt turn
4. 5 points off for each failure to use driver’s seat belt/shoulder harness

Points Possible - __________________________________________________________________________ 25

Point Deductions
1. Sudden starts   _____ x 3 = _____
2. Sudden stops   _____ x 3 = _____
3. Abrupt turn    _____ x 3 = _____
4. Seat belt use  _____ x 5 = _____

Total points off (add 1 through 4)    -_____

Points earned - _________________________________________________________________________

NOTIFY DRIVER OF 7 MINUTE MARK

PART 2

Enter total elapsed time     _____ minutes     _____ seconds

Point Deduction Enter the time in seconds greater than seven minutes ______
SMOOTHNESS OF OPERATION AND TIMEKEEPING

Maximum Score: 25 points

Description: An on-board vehicle Judge will evaluate the operator’s ability to deliver a smooth ride, through all the course maneuvers. Each operator's total elapsed time through the course will be measured. In the event of a tie score, the operator with the lower elapsed time will be ranked higher.

Penalties:
3 point for each sudden start
3 points for each sudden stop
3 points for each abrupt turn
5 points for failure to use driver’s seatbelt/shoulder harness
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Maximum Points Possible 1000

CONTESTANT’S SCORE TOTAL

SCORER 1 INTL

SCORER 2 INTL

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## TOTAL SCORE WORK SHEET

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### JUDGE’S NAME – Printed ______________________ JUDGE’S SIGNATURE ____________________
VEH NO. __________

INSPECT AND OK or PROBLEM
Use Note to clarify Problem (i.e. left rear turn signal)
OK Problem

UNDERHOOD (verbalize for Roadeo)

- Oil Level
- Radiator Level
- Windshield Washer Level
- Battery
- Hoses/Belts
- Coolant Leaks

Notes________________________________________

EXTERIOR

- Tires
- Turn Signals
- Head Lights
- Tail/Brake Lights
- Marker Lights
- Windshield/Wipers
- Body Damage
- Mirrors
- Doors
- Cleanliness

INTERIOR

- Brakes & Parking Brake
- Steering
- Transmission
- Mirrors
- Gauges (incl. Fuel)
- Cleanliness
- Heater/AC
- Radio
- Horn
- Step-well & Dome lights
- Emergency Exit

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- Accident Kit
- Fire Ext. Charged
- Flares/Triangle
- First Aid/Blood borne Kit
- Back-Up Alarm
- Rear Door Buzzer
- Seat Belt Cutter

MILEAGE: DATE __________

START

END

TOTAL

OK Problem

WHEELCHAIR LIFT & SECUREMENT

- Cycle Lift (not for Roadeo)
- Lift Mechanism
- Lift Belt & Safety plate
- Manual Pump Arm
- Shoulder/Lap Belts & Extensions
- Floor Securement Belts
- Trans. Interlock (not for Roadeo)

ACE AN X TO INDICATE BODY DAMAGE

Driver Signature – Pre-Trip___________________

Maint. Spvr. Initials– Repairs Completed ___