

# Soil Science Specialist Career Program Area

## Registration

Individual and Team Pre-registrations are due to the National PAS Executive Director on or before February 11th. Any changes to team members or individuals must be brought to the Soil Science Specialist orientation session prior to the start of the competition. The specific time for the orientation session will be set in the conference program.

## Goals

The Soil Science Specialist Career Program Area is designed to:

- Encourage the development of opportunities in soil science and natural resources systems.
- Provide incentives to develop and improve curricular and instructional techniques.
- Evaluate participant and program efficiency.
- Recognize individual accomplishments and educational curriculum in the soil science and natural resources industry.
- Encourage cooperation between education and industry.
- Strengthen the PAS organization by encouraging active participation.

## General Rules

Participants will only be eligible to compete in one specialist area at the national level per year. No participant shall be allowed to compete in more than one specialist area.

Any participant who achieves 1<sup>st</sup> Place High Individual in the Soil Science Specialist program area at Nationals will not be eligible to participate in this program area in the coming years. If that participant is a member of any team (no matter what their final official team position (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, etc) the 1<sup>st</sup> place individual will become ineligible, and the other team member may return with a different team member if they so choose.

All career program activity areas will be prepared by a non-affiliated representative or certification representative who, if they are available, will also administer the test. Power to select representatives will be under the direction of the National PAS executive director.

Five points will be added to each individual's score (potentially 10 pts. for each team) for attendance at one of the Career Program Area workshops or seminars held the afternoon of the same day. IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANT TO ACCURATELY AND LEGIBLY WRITE THEIR NAME AND IDENTIFY WHICH CAREER PROGRAM AREA THEY ARE IN.

**Participants need to provide a non-programmable calculator, two No. 2 pencils and erasers.** Calculators will not be provided; it will be the responsibility of participant to be prepared for the event. Cellular phones, Palm Pilots or any other type of programmable devices will not be allowed during the Soil Science Specialist event.



## Soil Science Specialist Specific Rules

1. Each state may enter the following number of teams based on their membership as of December's early registration numbers.

1-50 members	<b>3 teams</b>
51-100 members	<b>4 teams</b>
101-150 members	<b>5 teams</b>
151+ members	<b>6 teams</b>

2. Each team will consist of two members. The participants will compete both individually and as a team.
3. In the event of a **tie for individuals**, we will use **three (3) pre-selected questions** from the Written Exam and continue in the same sequence until a winner emerges.
4. In the event of a **tie for teams**, the **first criteria** will be the **highest team score** and, if still tied, **second criteria** will be the same three pre-selected questions used to break individual ties as above.
5. Written Exams will not be returned to participants; however, identification and problem-solving components will be returned in chapter/state packets at the conclusion of national conference.

### Awards\*

First Place Team: • 1 team plaque, \$200 for team, individual plaque for each

Second Place Team: • 1 team plaque, \$100 for team, individual plaque for each

Third Place Team: • 1 team plaque, \$50 for team, individual plaque for each

First Place Individual: • \$100, individual plaque

Second Place Individual: • \$50, individual plaque

Third Place Individual: • 25, individual plaque

\*Cash prizes may not be awarded for unfunded career program area events.

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