

P&T Competition Rules and Requirements

All competing team members are expected to have a working knowledge of all deadlines, rules, requirements, and procedures for the P&T Competition. Failure to comply with any of these deadlines, rules, requirements, or procedures may result in school and/or team disqualification.

General Rules and Requirements

- P&T Competition teams usually are composed of four (4) student pharmacists. Teams ideally should include students in different years of the pharmacy curriculum.
- All members of competing teams **must** be active (paid) [national AMCP Student Pharmacist Members](#).
- All members of competing teams must be enrolled full-time in a Doctor of Pharmacy program at a school or college of pharmacy accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Dual-degree enrollment (e.g., PharmD/MBA) is permissible.
- Students enrolled only in programs other than a Doctor of Pharmacy program — for example, Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, or PhD programs — are **not** eligible to compete.
- Residents and fellows are **not** eligible to compete.
- Each pharmacy school/college may enter **one** team into the national competition. If more than one team is interested in competing, a single team must be selected (typically the winner of a local competition).
- Each pharmacy school/college must designate one student Competition Coordinator to serve as the primary contact person for **all** competing teams at the pharmacy school/college. The Competition Coordinator is responsible for disseminating important P&T Competition materials to all competing teams and keeping teams informed about P&T Competition news. The Competition Coordinator also is responsible for forwarding questions from individual teams or team members to the AMCP Foundation and sharing responses with all teams.

- It is permissible for student Competition Coordinators, AMCP Student Pharmacist Chapter Presidents, and other student leaders to participate on P&T Competition teams.
- All members of competing teams, as well as judges for local competitions, must register for access to the student (Academia) version of FormularyDecisions in order to view the AMCP eDossier® for the study drug.
- Materials for the current P&T Competition (e.g., Case Study and Team Assignments document, monograph template, judging criteria) are provided only to student Competition Coordinators and Advisors, and only by email.
- Individual teams or team members **are not permitted** to contact the AMCP Foundation directly.
- Pharmacy schools/colleges that do not have an active AMCP Student Pharmacist Chapter will be contacted by an AMCP staff member or representative (e.g., AMCP Diplomat, member of the AMCP Schools of Pharmacy Relations Committee or Student Pharmacist Committee) to discuss possible chapter development.

P&T Competition Coaching Rules

- Members of prior year competition teams may serve as mentors for the current year competition, provided that the mentor treats all teams equally (i.e., serves as a mentor for **all** teams, not just one).
- Teams may consult Competition Advisors regarding research resources and to verify or clarify information gathered through independent research. Competition Advisors **may not** suggest references that were not identified through independent research. For example, if a Competition Advisor reviews a written monograph and notices that the team did not identify a major resource, the Advisor cannot direct the team to that specific resource; the Advisor can only suggest that team members expand their search for resources.
- Team members **may not** contact the manufacturer of the study drug or any representative of the company (e.g., local sales representative or medical science liaison) to obtain additional information about the drug. Whenever possible, the AMCP Foundation will arrange for a presentation by the manufacturer to all pharmacy schools/colleges that intend to compete.
- Competition Advisors may engage a knowledgeable clinician to educate **all** team members about the disease state addressed in the competition case study. Clinicians must refrain from any editorial comment (expert opinion) on the merits or lack of merit of the treatment options for the disease, so as to not unduly influence the student pharmacists' decisions.

- Competition Advisors or other volunteers, such as Diplomats or local AMCP members, may provide guidance to teams on the usual operations and expectations of a P&T Committee. For example, if a team is missing a major section in the PowerPoint presentation, Competition Advisors may suggest that the team add that section. However, if the team were missing trial XYZ in the clinical trials section of the PowerPoint, competition Advisors **may not** suggest that the team add that trial to the PowerPoint; they can only suggest that team members expand their search for clinical trials.
- Competition Advisors are permitted and encouraged to provide general assistance with presentation and writing skills.

National Finalist Teams Requirements

- Travel and registration expenses for attending AMCP Annual are the responsibility of each finalist team.
- Through the generosity of the P&T Competition funding partners, AMCP Foundation may extend honoraria to the pharmacy school/college of each National Finalist team and/or top teams. However, awarding of honoraria is not guaranteed.
- Please note that AMCP Foundation's funding partners do **not** underwrite travel expenses for individuals. Accordingly, any awards to National Finalist teams may **not** be used to pay for travel or hotel accommodations. We suggest using the awards to support other expenses incurred by members of the finalist teams, such as AMCP membership, AMCP meeting registration, tuition, books, or other costs. Funds from AMCP Foundation also can be administered as scholarships by the school/college of pharmacy.