

Introducing – The 2022 FlexConnect Policy

As the landscape of travel and large events continues to change, we are announcing the following opt-in policy for the 2022 season. First, we want to be clear in saying that it is our intention to host all CDS competitions for the 2022 season as scheduled. Secondly, we heard your feedback from the 2020 and 2021 season and are proactively announcing this policy so that your team can make informed decisions about the 2022 season. While there is no perfect solution, we believe the opportunity outlined meets our mission to further education experiences while not jeopardizing our in-person competition planning. Like SAE's LearnTwice Initiative, this limited and optional approach will reward teams who go the extra mile to help us grow our rapidly expanding SAE University Programs.

Payment & Refund Policy

Due to the continued uncertainty regarding restrictions moving into the 2022 season, we have established the following payment and refund policy for the 2022 competition season.

Collegiate Design Series

1. CDS registration fee payments are required 48 hours after invoice generation for all CDS registrations, including teams promoted off the waitlist. Invoices will generate 24 hours after registration is secured.
2. If a team withdraws for ANY reason on their own accord, NO REFUND will be issued.
3. If government or venue restrictions force us to cancel a CDS competition, CDS teams attending that competition will receive a 30% refund on their registration fee only. Any parts of the competition remaining after the cancellation decision will not occur - virtually or in-person. However, we will host an additional digital educational opportunity to be determined and announced at the time of the event cancellation notice.
4. **FLEXCONNECT OPTION** - If government or venue restrictions force us to cancel a CDS competition, teams attending that CDS competition who previously recruited and partnered with an ETS team at their university will receive a full refund on their CDS registration fee only upon their FLEXCONNECT partner team completing their ETS competition. Think of this as optional insurance and more details are below regarding this option.

Emerging Technology Series

1. ETS registration fee payments are required 48 hours after invoice generation for all ETS registrations, including teams promoted off the waitlist. Invoices will generate 24 hours after registration is secured.
2. **FLEXCONNECT OPTION** - ETS registration fees will be waived for the 2022 season for teams who were recruited and partnered with a CDS team at their university. More details are below regarding this option.
3. If a team withdraws for ANY reason on their own accord, NO REFUND will be issued.
4. If government or venue restrictions force us to cancel the SAE event that is hosting the ETS competition, the competition will transition to virtual, and no refund will be issued.

Additional Clarification for 2022 Options

Option 1:

Participate in CDS ONLY. In this scenario, a team would register for their CDS competition as usual and pay the full registration fee. If there are no government or venue restrictions, the event will run as planned. IF the event is cancelled due to government or venue restrictions, teams that chose this option will receive a 30% refund of their registration fees. Any parts of the competition remaining after the cancellation decision will not occur - virtually or in-person. However, we will host an additional digital educational opportunity to be determined and announced at the time of the event cancellation notice.

Option 2 (FlexConnect):

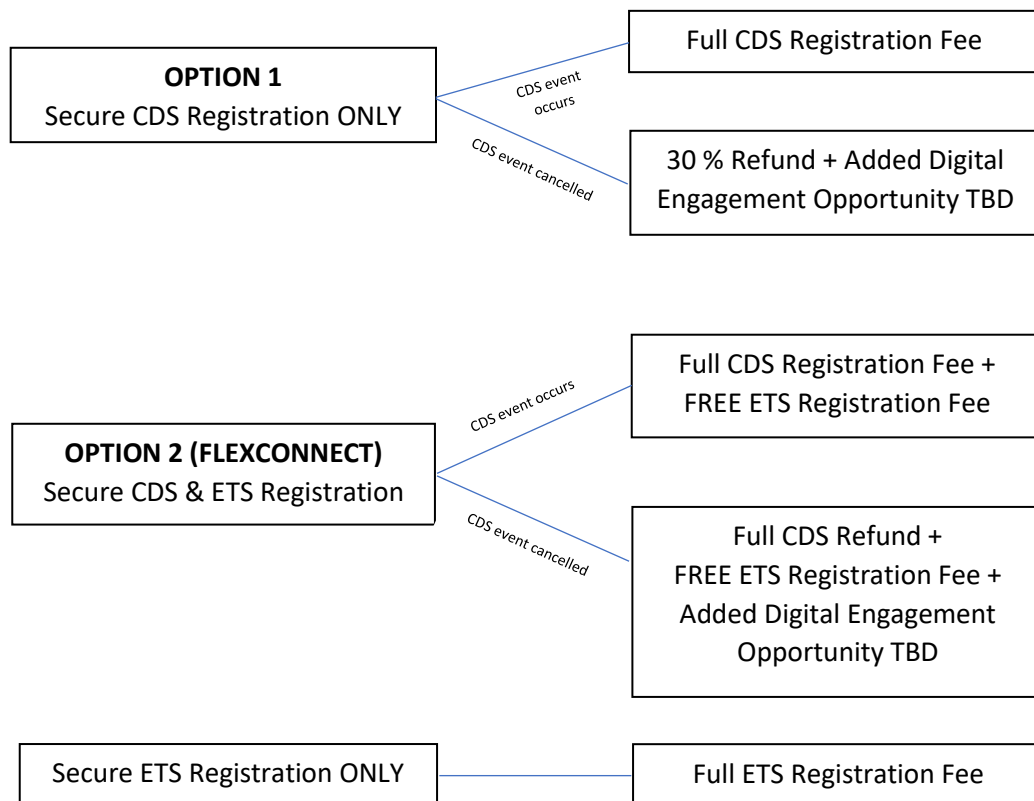
Participate in CDS & ETS. In this scenario, the FlexConnect option, a team would register for their CDS competition as usual and pay the full registration fee. In addition to this, a team from your university will participate fully in one of the below listed ETS events. This team should consist of other students that do not participate on your CDS team. Although this is a strong suggestion, it is not required to be a unique team.

Both teams that choose this option will need to complete and submit the 'FlexConnect Partner Form' (located in Series Resources) under their Document Submissions area prior to registration closing on November 1, 2021. The ETS registration fee in this option is waived, which will need to be manually completed by SAE staff. ETS teams should choose the 'Pay Later' option when registering for this reason.

If the CDS event is cancelled due to government or venue restrictions, CDS teams that chose this option will receive a FULL 100% refund of their registration fees. In this scenario the ETS event will be able to be held virtually regardless of government or venue restrictions. The ETS partner team MUST complete all requirements and expectations of their event before the CDS teams will receive their refund.

Option 2 Rules:

1. Both teams must register within the normal established registration window. Registration for ETS events will be limited and granted on a first come, first serve basis. However, both teams must submit their FlexConnect documentation prior to registration closing on November 1, 2021 in order for your partnership to count. There will be a 20 team cap on number of teams permitted into each ETS event, and a waitlist of 30 for each ETS event will be available.
2. The ETS competition that your FlexConnect partner team is participating in must be participated in fully in order for the CDS FlexConnect partner team to receive full refund in the event of government or venue cancellation of CDS events.
3. The SAE MobilityForward Challenge: AI Mini challenge happening this October is NOT an eligible event for the FlexConnect option. The MobilityForward Challenge event being hosted in April 2022 will count. The full list of eligible ETS events is listed below.
4. A FlexConnect partnership consists of ONE ETS registration and ONE CDS registration. To clarify, if your university has a team for AeroConnect Challenge, this team can partner with a CDS team for one competition. If you are a Baja SAE team and registered for two Baja SAE event locations, the FlexConnect option will only serve as insurance for ONE of the two Baja SAE competitions that your team is registered for.



Registration Dates & Times:

[2022 Full SAE University Programs Schedule – Download Here!](#) (will link to pdf of schedule here)

Emerging Technology Series – open now!

- [CivicProgress Challenge](#): January 18-20, 2022 (SAE Government & Industries Meeting)
- [AeroConnect Challenge](#): March 15-17, 2022 (SAE AeroTech)
- [MobilityForward Challenge](#): April 5-7, 2022 (WCX SAE World Congress Experience)
- [UtilityAdvance Challenge](#): September 20-22 (COMVEC)

Collegiate Design Series

- SAE Aero Design: Monday, September 13th – 10:00 AM ET
- Baja SAE: Tuesday, September 14th – 10:00 AM ET
- Formula SAE: Wednesday, September 15th – 10:00 AM ET
- SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge: Thursday, September 16th – 10:00 AM ET
- SAE Supermileage: Thursday, September 16th – 10:00 AM ET

Registration Closes Monday, November 01 – 11:59 PM ET for ALL CDS Series