

2021 Taco Bell Skills Challenge

A field of 6 players competes head-to-head in a 3-round obstacle course competition that tests dribbling, passing, agility and shooting skills.



COMPETITION RULES *(See corresponding "Flow of Play")

- Two players compete simultaneously on an identical course with the winner of each head-to-head matchup advancing to the next round.
- BALL HANDLING – players must observe basic NBA ball-handling rules while completing the course.
- PASSING – the passing challenge is considered complete (player can move on) when he either (1) successfully passes a ball through the target or (2) exhausts the rack of balls while attempting to complete the pass.
- LAYUP/DUNK – the players rebound their own ball until the basket is made.
- FINAL 3PT SHOT – the players must continue shooting the 3-point shot from any location on or behind his designated shooting spot until the course-ending three-pointer is made. The first player to do so wins the head-to-head matchup and advances.
- DISQUALIFICATION – players are subject to disqualification at the final discretion/judgment of the referee for (1) failure to complete all the challenges or (2) deliberately interfering with his opponent or his opponent's ball.
- INSTANT REPLAY – at the referee's discretion, instant replay may be utilized for clarification of rules compliance

ADVANCEMENT

- In each head-to-head competition, the player successfully completing the course first shall be deemed the winner of that matchup and advance to the next round.
- 2 players, determined by the NBA will receive a bye in the First Round and automatically advance to the Second Round.

FIRST ROUND

- Each of the two head-to-head winners will advance to the Second Round.

SECOND ROUND

- The two Second Round winners will advance to the Final Round.

FINAL ROUND

- The Second-Round winners will compete head-to-head to determine the Skills Challenge champion.

TIEBREAKERS

- In the event of a tie in any head-to-head competition, the tied players shall repeat the course



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- 1) **START** - On music cue, each player picks up his first ball from a pedestal and dribbles from the baseline to:
- 2) **CROSSOVER DRIBBLE** - Starting around the 1st pylon to the outside (toward sideline), then around the 2nd pylon to the inside (center court), the 3rd pylon to the outside, 4th pylon to the inside, then finally the 5th pylon to the outside, continuing his dribble until he approaches:
- 3) **CHEST PASS** - Using the ball in his hand from the crossover dribble section, he attempts to complete the chest pass. If the first attempt is made, he moves on. If not, he must attempt to complete the chest pass using the two additional balls on the corresponding ball rack until either (1) a pass is made or (2) all the balls are exhausted (one ball at a time/towards the target) – at which point he moves on to:
- 4) **NEW BALL/SPEED DRIBBLE** - He picks up a new ball from a pedestal on the baseline and dribbles the length of the court back to:
- 5) **LAYUP/DUNK** - He must complete a layup/dunk and rebound his own shot.
NOTE: He must rebound the same ball if he misses and once the shot is made he will retrieve the same ball, and proceed to the opposite end of the court to:
- 6) **FINAL 3PT SHOT** - Using the ball in his hand from his layup/dunk, the player will finish the competition by completing a 3-point shot from any location on or behind his designated shooting spot. Additional balls will be placed in a barrel beside the designated shooting spot. The first player to complete a 3-point shot wins the head-to-head matchup and advances.
NOTE: All shots must be taken one ball at a time/towards the basket.

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