



COMPETITIVE EVENT UPDATES AND REMINDERS

It is essential that competitors follow the event guidelines when preparing for and participating in HOSA competitive events. The most current version of the event guidelines can be found at www.hosa.org.

NEW: At NLC 2010, competitors will be asked to bring their copy of the event guidelines to the event orientation. (One copy per team.)

HEALTH PROFESSIONS

- **VA, DA and BT** – At the state and national levels, there will be an option to administer a written skill (ID instruments, Breed ID, ID Parasites) immediately following the event orientation and written test.
- **Clinical Specialty** – Reminder of guideline changes - During the actual event, the judging process will be combined so that the judges sit with the competitor, watch the skill demonstration on DVD, and conduct the interview. The competitor will control the start and stop of the DVD, and may show a maximum of 5 minutes of the skill demonstration, and may talk/explain to the judges during the skill demonstration. Competitors will bring their own laptop or DVD player.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- **EMT** – Check the HOSA website for changes to the Oxygen Administration procedure.
- **Public Health Emergency Preparedness** – Topic clarification. Any of the topics suggested on the CDC website at <http://emergency.cdc.gov/recentincidents.asp> will be acceptable for this event. In addition, any recent (past two years) infectious disease outbreak that is not specifically listed on this webpage is still considered a “recent outbreak” and therefore will be considered an acceptable topic for 2010. Reminder of guideline change – Public Health Emergency Preparedness has been divided into Round One and Round Two. Round One will be a five minute presentation. The twelve top scoring Secondary and top twelve Postsecondary/Collegiate teams will advance to Round Two and will do their entire presentation in front of the judges and an audience.
- **MRC Partnership** – This is a NEW event

LEADERSHIP

- **Researched Persuasive Speaking** – At NLC 2010, one judge will evaluate all the written papers to determine if the guidelines were followed, to assure judging consistency among sections. ALSO, the same set of judges will evaluate both the speech and paper. Since the paper and the speech contain essentially the same

information, the same judges will judge the content of the speech and the composition of the written paper. The competitor requirements will remain the same with the exception of decreasing the maximum length of the speech from 5 minutes to 4 minutes.

- **Medical Photography** – Reminder of guideline changes – Competitor requirements will remain the same, but the judging process will change. Competitors will bring their printed photos, CD, and all required materials listed in the guidelines to judging. Competitors will sit across from judges and will have a total of 3 minutes to explain all three pictures in print. The competitor will then leave the room, and judges will judge the photos. The difference in the current process will be that the electronic copy will not be judged – but rather the print copy of each photo will be judged. And, competitors are asked to write up a Display Card to be used with their photo during the photo gallery display at the NLC.

IN ADDITION, a CD with the photos in .jpeg format MUST be turned in at the event for state AND national competition. The photos submitted on the CD-ROM may be used in state and national HOSA publications. Competitors must bring three photographs in PRINT **AND** ELECTRONIC (CD) format to state-level competitive events. Those who qualify for the NLC will need to reprint photos and make another CD with the photos for National HOSA Competitive Events.

- **Job Seeking Skills and Interviewing Skills** – Reminder of guideline changes - The two rating sheets in this event will be combined, and interview judges will evaluate the interview, application, and cover letter and resume. The competitor will bring the cover letter and resume to the event orientation, and the application will be completed by hand during the event orientation.

TEAMWORK

- **Biomedical Debate** – Teams will be allowed the OPTION of bringing their prepared materials on a laptop, running on battery power, for use during the preliminary round and debate. Electricity will not be provided.
- **Career Health Display** – Reminder of guideline change - The question and answer portion of the event has been deleted. Competitors will still construct and set up their displays, and will still deliver a five minute oral presentation.
- **Health Education** – Reminder of guideline change – The videotaping portion of the event and DVD requirements have been deleted. Instead, 4 pages have been added to the notebook in the form of a Presentation Outline with photos that will illustrate the lesson.
- **Community Awareness** – Reminder of guidelines change – The notebook and interview judging is combined under one set of judges, and the judge questions have been deleted.
- **Public Service Announcement** – Reminder of guideline changes – Competitors will bring their own laptops or DVD players for showing the PSA to the judges.