



HOSA Skill Events in the Comprehensive Health Science Classroom

HOSA Category II events or “Skill Events” are an important part of the National HOSA Competitive Events program. HOSA Skill events:

- Set HOSA apart from other CTSOs
- Provide an opportunity for career immersion
- Clearly represent the health professions

HOSA advisors can take a different approach to HOSA Skill Events. For some, these events are an opportunity to showcase what is being taught in the classroom. A HOSA advisor who teaches in a Medical Laboratory program may encourage his/her students to compete in Medical Laboratory Assisting. Another instructor in a nursing program may require all HOSA members to compete in Nursing Assisting to help prepare them for the CNA competency assessment.

Some advisors believe that Category II skill events are ONLY for HOSA members who are senior-level or postsecondary/collegiate students in a specific skill course. They're right!

Other advisors believe that Category II skill events are for ALL students, at any level, who wish to explore a specific health career cluster. They're right too! If done correctly, HOSA Category II events can provide excellent opportunities for ALL HOSA members.

Skill Events in a Comprehensive Classroom

Many HOSA advisors teach in comprehensive secondary programs. They may teach 9th, 10th and 11th grade students, in addition to high school seniors. The career goal of students in their program can be just about any health career.

These HOSA advisors use the Category II Skill Events as an opportunity for students to immerse themselves in a specific health career, in an effort to learn about the chosen health career.

The key to success in using skill events for HOSA members in a non-skill specific program is to understand two important concepts:

1. The HOSA member MUST master all the skills in the chosen event.
2. The best person to teach the HOSA member is a health professional with expertise in the career specific skills in the event guidelines.



Here's how it works.

Ruben is a junior in Mrs. Garcia's Health Science I class and an active member of HOSA. His career goal is to be a Veterinarian.

Mrs. Garcia encourages Ruben to prepare to compete in the HOSA Veterinary Assisting event. She contacts a Veterinarian on her advisory committee, who agrees to allow Ruben to volunteer in the veterinary clinic. For the next three months, Ruben goes to the veterinary clinic on Saturdays and learns all the skills in the HOSA event guidelines. Both the Veterinary Technologists and Veterinarian help him practice his skills. Mrs. Garcia loans him a copy of Introduction to Veterinary Science and Clinical Textbook for Veterinary Technicians to study for the written exam.



Before the state conference registration deadline, Mrs. Garcia talks with the Veterinarian, who assures her that Ruben has mastered all the skills in the HOSA Veterinary Assisting event.

Ruben competes in the Veterinary Assisting event at his HOSA State Leadership Conference and places 1st in the event. Next stop – the HOSA National Leadership Conference!

What's right about this picture?

Ruben had an opportunity to master the skills in the HOSA Veterinary Assisting event, and his chapter advisor assured that he was competent to compete. Even if he hadn't placed in the event, he still would have had three months of intensive job shadowing in a possible future career.

The Key to Success

The goal with HOSA skill events is competence to perform. This requires that the HOSA member master all the skills in the event. It is less important who teaches the skills to the HOSA member, and MOST important that the HOSA member is competent to perform all the skills in the event.

There is a 70% rule in HOSA skill events. The rule requires that HOSA members perform the skills at a 70% level or higher in skill events (excluding the test) in order to be recognized as an event finalist or winner in national competition. HOSA advisors are well advised to implement the same standards in their classrooms .

HOSA skill events provide an outstanding opportunity for HOSA members. Done correctly, these events provide all HOSA members with an unsurpassed opportunity for career exploration and skill development.



Zeecraft Tech Redesigns Showtime Handgrip Buzzer to Better Meet Customer Needs

New Woodstock, NY —Zeecraft Tech announced that it has recently redesigned its best selling Showtime Handgrip Buzzers with a new ergo dynamic look--a teardrop design that concentrates light-- and a new lens that enables players to see the buzzer light from behind as well as the front. Additionally, the design makes the buzzers even more reliable because they cannot easily tip over. The price of the redesigned Showtime Handgrip Buzzer has not increased.

Features of the New Showtime Handgrip Buzzer include:

- Better viewing angle
- Showtime Buzzers can be used with any Buzzer Box System
- Set consists of tabletop light unit with red and white lights for team identification. Other colors are available.
- The entire light plate illuminates when a contestant buzzes in
- All buzzers come with 14' cords (extension cords available)
- Extension cords available for tier and special set-ups.
- Modular, trouble-free connectors.
- High-visibility light system
- Easy connection for any age to set up

"We are very focused on meeting customer needs and pay close attention to what our customers request and suggest about our products. We think the redesign of our Showtime Handgrip Buzzer makes it truly the best product of its type," said Pete Hausser, Owner of Zeecraft.

Zeecraft Tech has been a leading manufacturer of quality Quizbowl equipment and accessories since 1975. Zeecraft products are ideal for learning and performance improvement at all levels, inside and outside the classroom. Zeecraft products are used in a variety of activities including corporate events, parties, in the classroom, in extracurricular activities, and in formal academic competition throughout the country. Zeecraft systems are affordable, durable, and portable. Zeecraft products enable players to learn in an enjoyable, non-stressful way. Zeecraft's Quizbowl equipment includes buzzers, scoreboard, timers, electronic message boards, and lockout systems.

The company's new address (effective September 2006) is 2515 Tucker Road, New Woodstock, NY 13122. The toll free telephone number and company web site remain the same: 800-662-7475 and www.zeecraft.com.

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