

APPENDIX G

COMPETITIVE EVENT DEMOS AND PILOTS

The HOSA Competitive Events Program seeks to keep event offerings that are up to date and that reflect the needs of the health care community.

States are encouraged to be a part of this effort through the event demonstration process. Following program policy, states may suggest events to be added to the National Competitive Events Program.

At the annual National HOSA Leadership Conference, approved events are demonstrated by sponsoring states. The demonstration serves to "showcase" the proposed new event in a 1-2 hour Educational Symposium and gives an opportunity for participants and observers to provide feedback.

Approved events may then graduate to Pilot status where they will be open to all affiliated states, following rules similar to regular events. Pilot events are still undergoing careful evaluation and revision by the Competitive Events Management Team. It is only after an event proves to serve the mission of HOSA and the needs of HOSA members on a National level that it becomes a regular competitive event.

This section contains:

- ◆ Process for Demos and Pilots
- ◆ Demo Proposal Form

Process for Demos and Pilots

HOSA competitive events are separated into categories and classified as regular, recognition, pilot and demonstration events. By following a carefully planned process of evaluation and revision, HOSA members are assured that the HOSA Competitive Events program offers the quality and variety of events that make HOSA members proud.

Regular Events

A regular competitive event has passed through certain steps to ensure that most of the "bugs" are out, that it is curricular in nature, it does not closely resemble an existing event, and that it meets the needs of HOSA members. With few exceptions, these events are offered for secondary and postsecondary/collegiate competitors. Each HOSA state can send three representatives (individuals or teams) who competed in the same event at the state level. HOSA recognizes the top 10 finalists and awards medallions to first, second and third place winners at the National Leadership Conference during the final night's Award's Session.

Recognition Events

The recognition category is for those events that, for a variety of reasons, do not fit in the regular event categories. Recognition events honor students and HOSA chapters for outstanding achievement. Awards in this category are given during the Recognition Session on Friday evening at the National HOSA Leadership Conference. The number of participants per state per recognition event varies.

Demonstration Events

States or the Competitive Events Program may propose a new event for the members of HOSA through the Demonstration process. By following proper steps, a Demonstration event can be conducted at the National Leadership Conference for the purpose of "showing off" the event. When a state demonstrates the event, the state is responsible for developing the guidelines, inviting other states to participate, and running the event at the NLC. Often, observers are allowed in Demonstration events.

The atmosphere of a Demonstration event is generally less formal than a regular event. Because the purpose is to obtain feedback, a discussion session is often held with participants, judges, and observers at the completion of the demonstration. A special evaluation is done by all participants as part of the event.

Participants in Demonstration events do NOT receive medallions, however, first, second and third place awards are given during the Friday night Recognition Session to honor achievement in the Demonstration event.

Pilot Events

Demonstration events that are found by the participants and the Competitive Events Program to have national appeal are then "promoted" to pilot event status. A pilot event becomes the responsibility of HOSA and the Competitive Management Team. It is then reviewed, revised, and offered to all states for their participation. While competition rules are the same as regular events, pilot events are still in a developmental stage and subject to careful evaluation and revision.

The recognition for Pilot events is similar to Demonstration events.

If the pilot event is determined by the competitors and the Competitive Events Management Team to be of high quality, it can "graduate" and become a regular event. If more work is needed to improve the event, the management team may recommend to keep it a pilot for another year.

HOW TO DEMONSTRATE AN EVENT

States who have conducted an event for at least two years may submit their event to the National HOSA Competitive Events Program by completing the HOSA National Demo Proposal Form and forwarding the needed supportive documentation to the National HOSA Headquarters. New event Demos are voted on by the Competitive Events Program in June of each year for demonstration at the following June's National Leadership Conference.

PROPOSAL - DEMONSTRATION EVENT

Purpose: The purpose of a Demonstration Event at the HOSA National Leadership Conference is to share with members and advisors in all other interested states selected occupational and leadership skills in the area proposed for consideration as a new HOSA competitive event.

Policy: The policy of the HOSA Competitive Events Program is that an event may be submitted by a state as a National Demo provided the event has been run at the state level for two years, and that the proper documentation is submitted to the National HOSA Competitive Events Program prior to June 1 for implementation the following June if approved, based on supportive documentation.

Sponsoring State:	Date:
State Advisor:	
Address:	
Telephone:	FAX:
Title of Event:	

Supportive Documentation

1. How long has this event been run at the state level? _____ years
2. Attach list of Technical Advisory Committee members. ____ Attached
3. Attach event guidelines to include: _____ Attached
 - Complete Event Description
 - Purpose
 - Rules and Procedures
 - Dress Code
 - Required Personnel
 - Facilities, Equipment and Supplies
4. Rationale for this event:
5. Event cost/budget:
6. Professional Organization commitment (explain):

7. Benefits of this event to the HOSA members:

8. Benefits of this event to the HOSA organization:

9. Number of programs in state offering this program; _____ programs

10. Number of students competing in this event at the state conference in the past two years.

Year _____	Number of competitors _____
Year _____	Number of competitors _____

Additional Information:

Signed: _____ Date: _____
State Advisor