



EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

- Purpose:** To encourage Health Science students to improve their ability to organize and present information about an assigned topic in an extemporaneous manner.
- Description of Event:** Competitors shall report to a designated holding room or area. Each competitor shall be called by number to a preparation room and after being presented the topic by the event manager, will have ten (10) minutes to prepare a speech of up to five (5) minutes in length. At the conclusion of the preparation time, the competitor shall be introduced to the judges by competitor number and shall present his or her speech.
- Dress Code:** Competitors must be in official HOSA uniform or in proper business attire. Bonus points will be awarded for proper dress.
- Rules and Procedures**
1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA in good standing in the category in which they are registered to compete (Secondary or Postsecondary/Collegiate).
 2. The secret topic will relate to **current health issues or HOSA**. All competitors shall speak on the same topic. The topic is a secret topic that is not disclosed until the event begins. Professional ethics demand that competitors DO NOT discuss or reveal the secret topic for ANY event until after the event has concluded. Competitors who violate this ethical standard will be penalized.
 3. Competitor numbers and order of competition will be pre-assigned on a random selection basis (a computer may be used).
 4. Competitors shall report at the appropriate time to a holding area until their number is called. The event manager shall call for the competitor, present the topic and give the competitor ten (10) minutes to prepare a speech of up to five (5) minutes in length. Index cards will be provided for brief outline/key ideas.
 5. Printed material will not be allowed in the holding area or preparation rooms. Index cards will be provided for each competitor in the preparation room.
 6. At the conclusion of the preparation time, the competitor shall be introduced to the judges and will present his or her speech using no references other than his/her index cards.
 7. **Props may NOT be used.** If props are used the competitor will be disqualified.
 8. The extemporaneous speech shall be a maximum of five (5) minutes in length.
 9. The timekeeper shall present flash cards advising the competitor of the time remaining at four (4) minutes, three (3) minutes, two (2) minutes, one (1) minute and Stop - 0 time remaining. The competitor will be stopped when the five minutes are up.
 10. There will be no microphones used for this event.

11. Should a tie occur within a section, scores on the rating sheet section(s) with the highest point value(s), in descending order, will be used to break the tie.
12. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the "**General Rules and Regulations of the National HOSA Competitive Event Program.**"

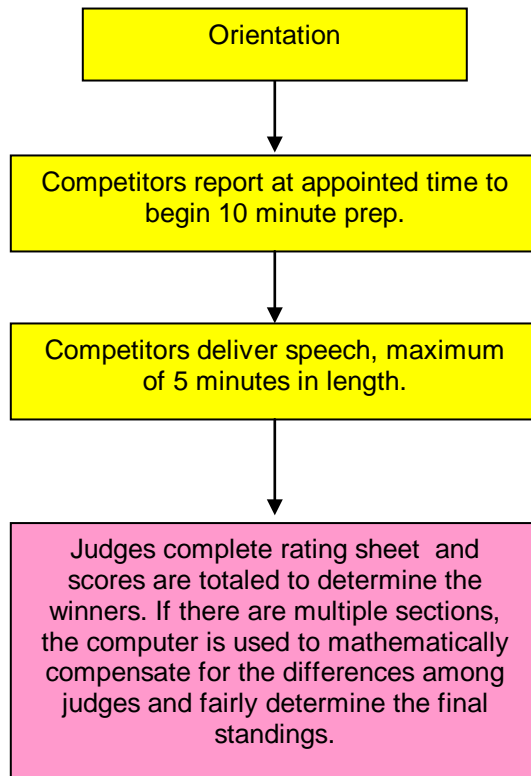
Required Personnel (Per Section)

1. One Event Manager (per event)
2. One Section Leader
3. Two Timekeepers (One in prep room and 1 in presentation room.)
4. Two-five judges (It is recommended that at least one judge have a background in a health profession and one with experience in public speaking.)
5. One-two event assistants per section

Facilities, Equipment and Materials (Per Section)

1. Room with lectern, desk chairs or table and chairs for judges and observers
2. Preparation room with table and chairs or desk chairs (One prep room may be shared by competitors from multiple sections, in which case all competitors will start and stop their 10 minute prep at the same time.)
3. Optional Prep Room Set-up – May have two prep rooms or prep-stations in one room per section. A competitor would be seated at alternating prep stations every 5 minutes, and after a 10-minute prep and would feed into the same presentation section. This set-up would have a competitor entering the judging room every 5 minutes.
4. Two (2) stopwatches; flash cards (4, 3, 2, 1 for minutes remaining)
5. Hand calculator(s)
6. Index cards for each competitor
7. Copy of the topic
8. Note pads and pencils for judges
9. Cups and water
- *** 10. Pencil
- *** 11. Print copy of the event guidelines for the event orientation

*** Materials to be brought by the competitor

Event Flow Chart

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING JUDGE'S RATING SHEET

Section # _____ Level _____ SS _____ PSC

Competitor # _____

Judge's Signature _____

Items Evaluated	Points Possible					Points Allocated
	Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	
1. Content: Appropriate to the topic assigned	10	8	6	4	2	
Clearly communicates understanding of the topic	10	8	6	4	2	
Command, interest, and elaboration of topic	10	8	6	4	2	
Facts, observations, and examples supported main ideas	10	8	6	4	2	
2. Organization: Opening	10	8	6	4	2	
Closing	10	8	6	4	2	
Cohesion of Body of Speech	10	8	6	4	2	
3. Delivery: Voice (pitch, tempo, quality)	10	8	6	4	2	
Appearance, poise, posture	5	4	3	2	1	
Eye contact, facial expression	5	4	3	2	1	
Diction and pronunciation	5	4	3	2	1	
Grammar	5	4	3	2	1	
Total Points	100	80	60	40	20	
Actual Time						

* Definition of Diction – Choice of words especially with regard to correctness, clearness, and effectiveness.

** Definition of Pronunciation – Act or manner of uttering officially