



SPEAKING SKILLS

Purpose: To encourage Health Science students to improve their skills in speaking and their ability to organize and present facts (or information) about a topic which is related to a specific theme.

Description: Competitors shall develop a speech related to the current year's National Conference theme. The theme for the year will be selected by the voting delegates and announced at the conclusion of the previous National Leadership Conference in June.

Dress Code: Competitors must be in official HOSA uniform or in proper business attire. Bonus points will be awarded for proper dress.

Eligibility: In order to participate in this event, the competitor must meet all of the following requirements:

- MUST be classified under the provision of The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 Public Law 105-17.
- *Submit a completed form from the appropriate school official stating that the competitor is classified under the provisions of Public Law 105-17 to the State Advisor prior to state competitive events.* The appropriate form is on page 4 of these guidelines. [To be eligible for National competition, this signed form must be mailed by the State Advisor to National HOSA prior to May 15 of the competition year.]

- Rules and Procedures**
1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA in good standing in the Secondary division.
 2. Competitor numbers and order of competition will be pre-assigned on a random selection basis (computer may be used).
 3. Competitors shall report at the appropriate time and place designated. The competitor shall be introduced to the judges by the competitor number.
 4. Use of index cards during the speech is permitted. The speech shall be up to five (5) minutes in length. **Props may NOT be used.**
 5. 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.
 6. All competitors shall speak on the same announced Annual National HOSA theme.
 7. 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.
 8. There will be no microphones used for this event.

9. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the "**General Rules and Regulations of the National HOSA Competitive Event Program.**"

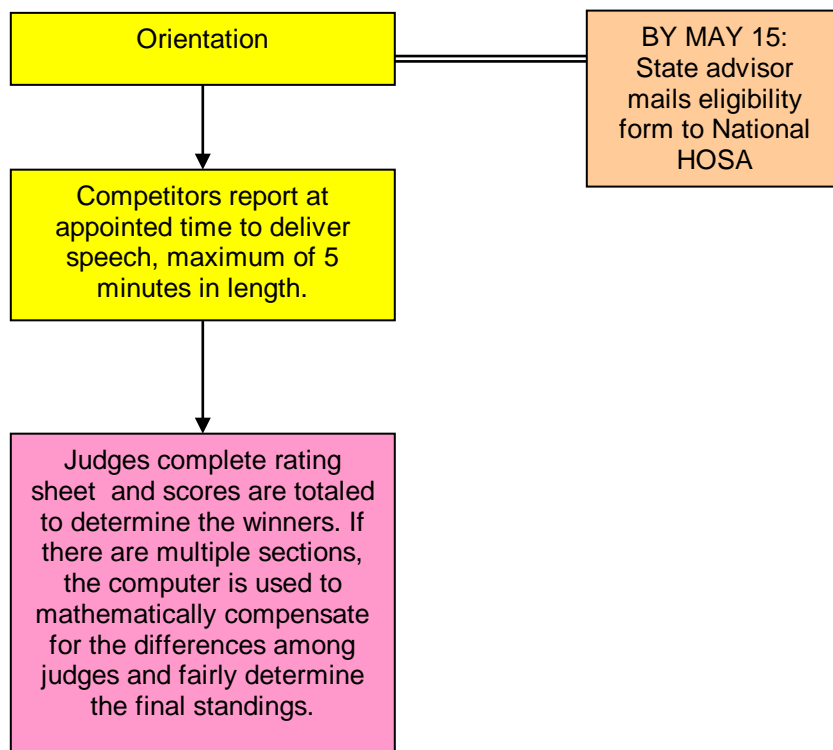
Required Personnel (Per Section):

1. One Event Manager (per event)
2. One Section Leader
3. One Timekeeper
4. One (1) to three (3) Judges (It is recommended that at least one judge have a background in a health profession and/or one with experience in public speaking.)
5. One-two event assistants per section
- *** 6. Print copy of the event guidelines for the event orientation

Facilities, Equipment and Materials (Per Section):

1. Competitive event room with lectern, desk chairs or table and chair for judges.
2. Flash cards (4, 3, 2, 1 and "stop" for time remaining)
3. Hand calculator(s)
4. Note pads and pencils for judges
5. Cups and water
6. National HOSA Theme on card stock for judges.

Event Flow Chart



SPEAKING SKILLS JUDGE'S RATING SHEET

Section # _____

Level _____ SS

Competitor # _____

Judge's Signature _____

<i>Items Evaluated</i>	Points Possible					Points Awarded
	Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	
1. Content: Appropriate to the Conference Theme	10	8	6	4	2	
Coverage of Topic Selected	10	8	6	4	2	
Clear focus and point of view	10	8	6	4	2	
Impact – strong and meaningful message	5	4	3	2	1	
2. Organization: Opening	10	8	6	4	2	
Cohesion of Body of Speech	10	8	6	4	2	
Closing	10	8	6	4	2	
3. Delivery: Voice (pitch, tempo, quality)	10	8	6	4	2	
Stage Presence (Appearance, poise, posture, eye contact)	10	8	6	4	2	
Diction*	5	4	3	2	1	
Grammar	5	4	3	2	1	
Pronunciation**	5	4	3	2	1	
Total Points	100	80	60	40	20	

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

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

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STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FORM

For Regional/Area competition: This signed form must be mailed/delivered to the designated person by the published deadline.

For State competition: This signed form must be mailed/delivered to the State Advisor by the published deadline.

For National competition: The State Advisor must sign and mail this form to National HOSA prior to May 15.

Student: _____

School: _____ State _____

- The above named student is classified under the provision of The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 Public Law 105-17. (Students classified under Section 504 are NOT eligible to compete in this event.)
- Additional time is NOT considered a reasonable accommodation for this event.

Chapter Advisor: _____

What accommodation recommended in the student's IEP should be made during this event?

School Official*, Title and Date: _____

* Exceptional children (special education) teacher, guidance counselor or principal

What specific accommodation was made for this student in this event at the State level?

State Advisor and Date: _____