



MEDICAL READING

Purpose: To encourage Health Science students to improve their reading comprehension, oral communication, and teamwork skills.

Description: This event is for teams of three (3) competitors per team. At the National level, Round One will be a 50-item multiple choice test. The questions will require the competitors to apply, analyze, synthesize or evaluate information from the assigned books for the year. A selected number of teams will qualify for Round Two. Round Two teams will report to the site of the event where they will be presented questions by a panel of judges. Questions will be of the same caliber as Round One questions but in short answer format. Each team member will answer five (5) questions, and five (5) additional questions will be answered as a team.

Dress Code: Competitors must be in official HOSA uniform or in proper business attire. Bonus points will be awarded for proper dress. All team members must be properly dressed to receive bonus points.

- 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 books for the year will be selected by the National Competitive Events program staff and will relate to Health Science Education curriculum competencies. All competitors will read the same books.
 3. Round One is a 50-question, multiple-choice test (10 questions per book) that is administered during the event orientation. There will be a one-hour time limit. No study lists will be provided. The individual scores will be added to determine a team score. Twenty (20) secondary teams and ten (10) postsecondary/collegiate teams will advance to Round Two. If needed, a tie-breaker will be the scoring of ten (10) pre-selected questions from the written exam.
 4. Team numbers and order of competition will be pre-assigned on a random selection basis.
 5. Teams who qualify for Round Two will report to the site of the event at the appropriate time. Competitors will be seated at a table in the front of a room, in clear view of the judges.
 6. Teams will be introduced to the judges by their team number and further identified as competitor A, B and C.
 7. A panel of judges will have a list of twenty (20) questions from the assigned books with suggested answers/information. There will be four questions from each book. All questions from the first book will be given to the team before proceeding to the next book. The Moderator will ask Team member A, question 1, Team member B, question 2. etc. The team will be given the team question. Each judge will rate the response to each question independently. The Moderator will continue with the next book, until all books have been covered.

8. The questions asked during the event are considered to be a secret topic. 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 disqualified.
9. When questions are being asked of individual team members, no help will be allowed from teammates. When the five (5) team questions are offered, team members may discuss and one member of the team must respond within the 30-second time limit.
10. Competitors are not allowed to bring books or any materials into the room.
11. Each competitor (team) will have a maximum of 30 seconds to complete the answer to a question. The timekeeper will begin timing the 30 seconds when the moderator finishes asking the question the first time. Competitors may ask for the question to be repeated, but the timing will continue. At the conclusion of 30 seconds, the timekeeper will say "time", and the competitor must stop.
12. All judge scores will be added together to determine a total team score. Should a tie occur, the highest team average from the written test will be used to break the tie.
13. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the "**General Rules and Regulations of the National HOSA Competitive Events Program**".

There are FOUR BOOKS for 2008-2009: For a list of the books, visit HOSA's website at www.hosa.org.

For book ordering information, visit <http://www.hosa.org/natorg/resource.html>

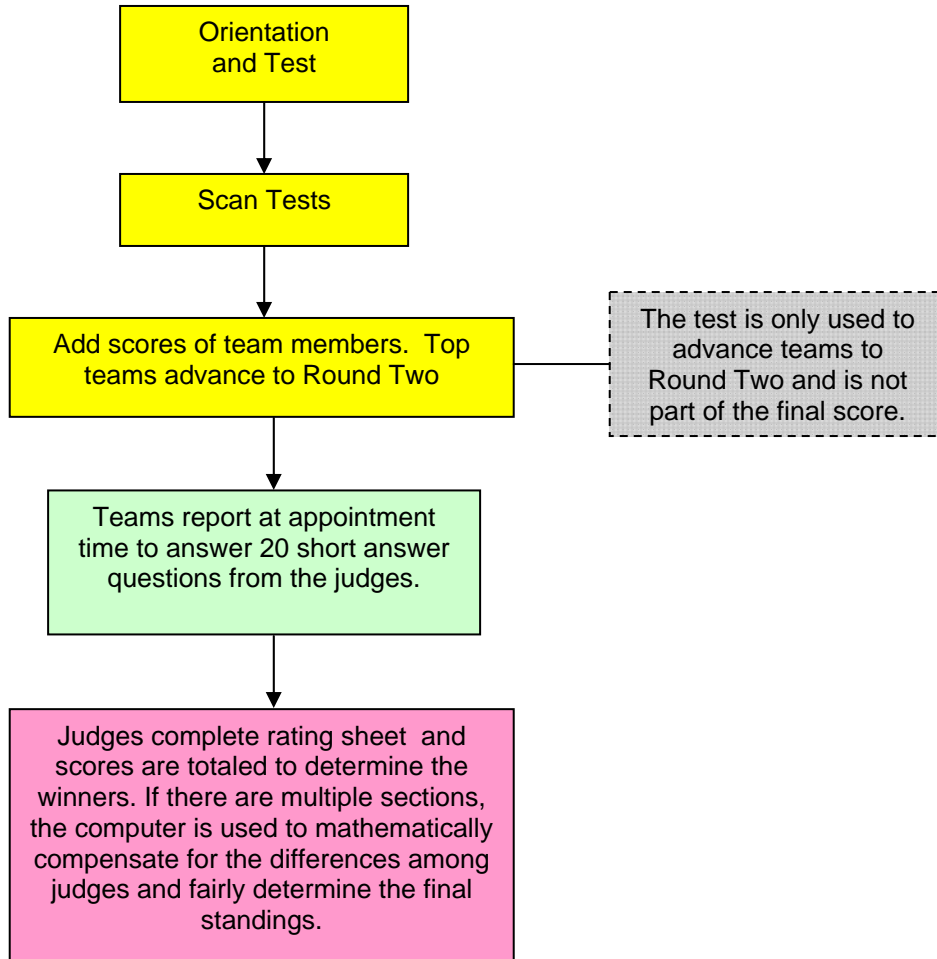
Required Personnel (Per Section):

1. One (1) Chairman
2. One (1) Section Leader
3. One (1) Timekeeper
4. One moderator per room.
5. Two (2) to three (3) judges.
6. A minimum of two (2) Courtesy Corps Members

Facilities, Equipment and Materials (Per Section):

1. Room with a table for 3 in the front of the room for competitors, another table for 3-5 judges and one large table for the chairman and supplies
2. One (1) stopwatch
3. Hand calculator(s)
4. Pens for judges
5. One (1) copy of the questions/answers for each judge
6. One set of assigned books per section
7. Large letters (A, B, and C) to identify each individual team member

Event Flow Chart



MEDICAL READING JUDGE'S RATING SHEET

Section # _____ Team # _____

Judge's Signature _____

	Question Number	Rating				Points Awarded
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor/None	
Competitor A	Question # 1	3	2	1	0	
	5	3	2	1	0	
	9	3	2	1	0	
	13	3	2	1	0	
	17	3	2	1	0	
Competitor B	Question # 2	3	2	1	0	
	6	3	2	1	0	
	10	3	2	1	0	
	14	3	2	1	0	
	18	3	2	1	0	
Competitor C	Question # 3	3	2	1	0	
	7	3	2	1	0	
	11	3	2	1	0	
	15	3	2	1	0	
	19	3	2	1	0	
Team	Question # 4	3	2	1	0	
	8	3	2	1	0	
	12	3	2	1	0	
	16	3	2	1	0	
	20	3	2	1	0	
	Total Score	60	40	20	0	