

HOSA COMPETITIVE EVENTS

What's new in 2008-09?



TWO NEW EVENTS

Two new Emergency Preparedness events have been added at the National level. Check with your state advisor to see if these events will be offered in your state.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness - Competitors work as a team to plan and teach others about public health emergencies.

Epidemiology – A test and case study about the effects of health and disease in populations, as well as careers in public health.

NEW SKILLS IN CLINICAL NURSING

The Clinical Nursing event has been updated to reflect skills that are more commonly performed in nursing above the assistant level. The new skills in Clinical Nursing are:

- Measuring Oxygen Saturation
- Discontinuing Peripheral IV Access
- Applying a Nasal Cannula or Oxygen Mask



TIME CHANGES

HOSA regularly evaluates events to be sure that the time allowed for a skill or procedure is appropriate. Consequently, there have been a number of changes in the amount of time permitted for selected skills, and competitors should be sure to study the July 2008 guidelines to prepare for competition.

When practicing any event, competitors should be aware of the time restrictions, and practice the event performance to fit in the time allowed. Event winners always seem to complete their skill, speech, or performance in the time allowed.

CLARIFICATION OF MATERIALS

Competitors must be aware of materials to be turned in before the event or at the event orientation, and should pay attention if materials will not be returned.

For example, a competitor plans to enter Regional HOSA competition in the Medical Photography event. Knowing that copies of the photos, CD and release forms are NOT returned, the competitor obtains three copies of release forms when taking the photographs, and is prepared to make additional print and electronic copies of the photos as needed. This competitor is prepared to go all the way to the NLC in June.





MEDICAL READING

After the Medical Reading books were announced for 2008-09, it was determined that one of the books did not satisfy the criteria for inclusion in the event. Therefore, there will only be four books for 2008-09. The multiple choice Round One test will still have 50 questions. The short answer Round Two event will decrease from 20 to 16 questions – four questions per book. This year's books are:

- Body of Work
- The Scalpel and the Silver Bear
- Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio
- Caring for Patients from Different Cultures

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF COVER LETTER AND RESUME

National competitors in Job Seeking Skills and Interviewing Skills are required to e-mail a copy of their cover letter and resume to National HOSA by May 15. Competitors **MUST** receive confirmation of receipt of their cover letter and resume by National HOSA.

Check with your state advisor for the state process to be followed for this event.

Competitors have the option of sending their cover letter in the body of the e-mail or as an attachment. The resume must be in an attachment.



NEW SUBMISSION PROCESS

Beginning in 2008-09, the following events **MUST** be judged/evaluated at the state level, and will be sent to National HOSA by the State Advisor:

- Chapter newsletter
- HOSA Week
- National Service Project
- Barbara James Service Award

Check with your state advisor to determine the process and submission deadlines in your state for these and other Recognition events, including:

- National Recognition Program
- Outstanding State Leader
- Outstanding Alumni Member
- Outstanding HOSA Chapter

CERT CLARIFICATION

The CERT event is designed to align with the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program designed by the U.S. Citizen Corps and supported by FEMA. It is a program to prepare citizens (friends, families, neighbors, co-workers) to respond effectively in a disaster when first responders are not available. HOSA members who are trained as first responders should participate in the CPR/First Aid or EMT events.



ADDITIONAL CHANGES

Competitors must always follow the current guidelines as posted on HOSA's website at <http://www.hosa.org/natorg/sectb/index.html> If changes, updates or corrections need to be made during the year, the updated guidelines will be posted on the website.

Additional changes for 2008-09 include:

The 70% mastery rule for skills will not apply to skills that are cognitive in nature, including: DA, VA and BT – Identify equipment. VA – Identify breeds. AMA – coding.)

The Forensic Medicine test plan was updated.

The Concepts of Health Care test plan was updated.

The HOSA Bowl test plan was updated.

Diversified Health Occupations was added as a resource for Biotechnology.

“Do not use” abbreviations were removed from the Medical Math abbreviation chart.

The name of Outstanding State Officer was changed to Outstanding State Leader, and the winner MUST be present at the NLC.

The McCurnin resource was deleted from Veterinary Assisting.

In the Administrative Medical Assisting coding procedure, the number of coding problems was decreased, the time was increased, and competitors can now bring a medical dictionary to use during the event.

In Medical and Dental Spelling, modifications have been made to the timing of the event. (See Rule #12 in the event guidelines.)

