



Prepared Speaking

New for 2017 - 2018

Editorial updates and clarifications have been made to guidelines. The rating sheet has been updated.

Purpose To encourage HOSA members 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 a selected national topic. The topic for the year will be announced at the conclusion of the previous International Leadership Conference (ILC) in June.

2017 - 2018 Topic: *Create Your Future*

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 division in which they are registered to compete (Middle School, Secondary or Postsecondary/Collegiate).
 2. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the [“General Rules and Regulations of the HOSA Competitive Events Program \(GRR\).”](#)
 3. Competitors shall report at the appropriate time and place designated. The competitors shall be introduced to the judges by the Section Leader.
 4. Use of notes during the speech is permitted. Electronic notecards (on a tablet, smart phone, laptop, etc.) are permitted, but may not be shown to judges.
 5. The prepared speech shall be a maximum of **five (5) minutes** in length.
 6. The timekeeper shall present a flash card advising the competitor when there is one (1) minute remaining. The competitor will be stopped when the five minutes are up and be dismissed, allowing the judges two (2) minutes to complete the rating sheet.
 7. All competitors shall speak on the same announced topic.
 8. Props may NOT be used.
 9. In the event of a tie, a tie breaker will be determined by the areas on the rating sheet section(s) with the highest point value in descending order.
 10. There will be no microphones used for this event.

Competitor Must Provide

- Event guidelines (orientation)
- Watch with second hand (optional)
- Paper or electronic notes (optional)

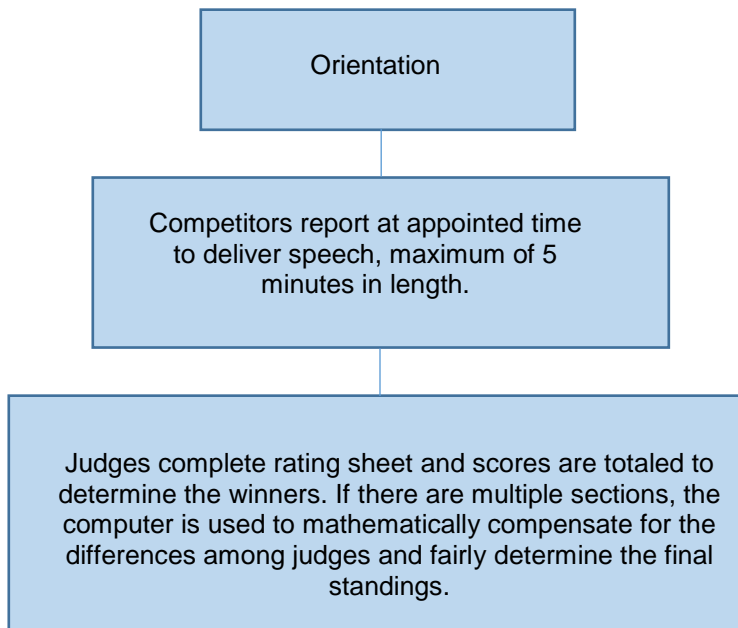
Required Personnel

- One Event Manager
- One QA to provide quality assurance for the event by ensuring that the guidelines are followed and all event documents are complete.
- One Section Leader per section
- One Timekeeper per section
- Two – Three Judges per section
- One-two event assistants per section

Facilities, Equipment and Materials (Per Section)

- Competitive event room with lectern, desk chairs or table and chairs for judges.
- Competitor list by alpha/section for EM, QA, Timekeepers, & Section Leaders
- Appointment labels/times for competitors
- Note pads and pencils for judges
- Event topic on card stock for judges
- Rating sheets – one per judge per competitor
- Evaluation Forms – competitor, judge, and personnel
- #2 lead pencils with eraser to complete evaluations
- Stopwatch
- Flash card for 1 minute remaining
- Clipboards for evaluations (optional)
- Copy of guidelines for judges

Event Flow Chart



PREPARED SPEAKING JUDGE'S RATING SHEET

Section # _____ Division: _____ MS _____ SS _____ PS/Collegiate

Competitor # _____ Judge Signature _____

Items Evaluated	Points Possible Superior -----Poor	Points Awarded
No partial points are given in Section A. All four items <u>must</u> be completed to receive 35 points. If any portion is missing, Section A is scored a 0.		
A. <i>Points for following guidelines</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Speech does not exceed 5 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Props are not used <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing shown to judges <input type="checkbox"/> Speech is on annual topic	35 0	
B. <i>Content</i>		
1. Appropriate to the Conference Theme	10 8 6 4 2 0	
2. Coverage of Topic	10 8 6 4 2 0	
3. Clear focus and point of view	10 8 6 4 2 0	
4. Impact – strong and meaningful message	5 4 3 2 1 0	
C. <i>Organization</i>		
1. Opening	10 8 6 4 2 0	
2. Cohesion of Body of Speech	10 8 6 4 2 0	
3. Closing	10 8 6 4 2 0	
D. <i>Delivery</i>		
1. Voice (pitch, tempo, quality)	10 8 6 4 2 0	
2. Stage Presence (Appearance, poise, posture, eye contact)	10 8 6 4 2 0	
3. Diction* and Pronunciation**	5 4 3 2 1 0	
4. Grammar	5 4 3 2 1 0	
Total Points	130 ----- 0	

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

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