

COMPETITIVE EVENTS UPDATE 2015-2016



AS OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

Event	Update
HEALTH SCIENCE AND RECOGNITION EVENTS	
KT Behavioral Health	A new event has been rolled out, Behavioral Health Knowledge Test. For the first year, the regional and state test will be only 50 questions.
KT Human Growth & Development	The following resource has been deleted: <i>Dacey's Human Development Across the Lifespan</i> .
Medical Reading	Josie's Story – Sorrel King Being Mortal – Atul Gawande Dentist Goes Animal – David Fagan The Woman Who Knew Too Much – Gayle Greene Taking People with You – David Novak
Outstanding HOSA Chapter	This event has been revamped and renamed, HOSA Chapter Reflection . 30 points are needed for state recognition, and 35 for national recognition.
HOSA Marketing Challenge	A NEW, National only recognition event for chapters to submit marketing videos online about HOSA and their HOSA chapter.
Barbara James Service Award	The minimum number of hours to receive the Barbara James Service Award has increased to 100 hours. Award levels will be added: Bronze (100-174.9 hours), Silver (175.0-249.9 hours), Gold (250.0+ hours).
Medical Math	Changes have been made to the conversion chart and list of abbreviations.
HEALTH PROFESSIONS EVENTS	
Veterinary Science	New websites have been added for breed identification.
Clinical Specialty	The skill difficulty level has been removed. Competitors must now be clearly visible in the video and websites have been added to help competitors determine what is considered a health career.
Personal Care	The scenario for the skills will be read out loud to all competitors.
Sports Medicine	Skills have been re-aligned with the new edition of <i>Sports Medicine Essentials</i> .
Physical Therapy & Nursing Assisting	Skills have been re-aligned with the new edition of Simmers DHO.
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EVENTS	
CPR/First Aid	Infant CPR has been added as a skill
CERT Skills	Clarification has been added that victim tags cannot be pre-printed.

Life Support Skills	Heat Related Emergency has been added to align with CPR/First Aid. The scenario for the skills will be read out loud to all competitors.
MRC Partnership	A verification letter from the local MRC Unit Coordinator will be a required part of the portfolio. Guidelines and rating sheet have been revised quite a bit – please see guidelines.
Public Health	Screen and electricity will no longer be provided by HOSA in Round Two. The setup time is now 5 minutes. 2015 -2016 Topic: <i>Skin Cancer Prevention</i>
Epidemiology	A new website has been added for the Public Health Careers resource
LEADERSHIP EVENTS	
Researched Persuasive Speaking	A Round One will be added, with judges judging only the written papers. Selected competitors will present their oral presentation in Round Two. 2015-2016 Topics: <i>Do adolescents have the right to make autonomous medical choices?</i> <i>Should the government have a say in our diets?</i>
Prepared Speaking and Speaking Skills	2015-2016 Topic: <i>Innovate – Inspire – Ignite</i>
Medical Photography	Clarification has been made to ensure photos are of a health profession performing an aspect of their job. Websites have been included to help competitors define a health professional. New permission forms are included.
Health Lifestyle	Healthy Weight Commitment foundation website is no longer a resource for the test plan.
Extemporaneous Health Poster	Competitors can now listen to music on their phones during poster time. Wet wipes, paper towels, and white out have been added to the supply list.
Extemporaneous Writing	Competitors can pre-format a Word document with the correct font, margins, spacing, etc. prior to the competition.
TEAMWORK EVENTS	
Medical Innovation	This event has moved into regular event status. Numerous guideline changes regarding setup and presentation time, required components, and works cited have been made.
Community Awareness	The use of multi-page pamphlets has been clarified. Topics can be related to health or safety issues.

Forensic Medicine	The test plan was revised.
HOSA Bowl	It is no longer necessary to be recognized by the moderator before answering. The competitor to first press his/her buzzer will be allowed to speak.
Biomedical Debate	The purpose and description have been updated. Sample website links have been included as a place to start researching the topic. 2015-2016 Topic: <i>The benefits of genetically modified foods outweigh the harms.</i>
Public Service Announcement	A Round One will be added, with judges judging only the PSA. Selected competitors will present their oral presentation in Round Two. 2015-2016 Topic: <i>Sitting is Death: All About Physical Activity</i>
Health Career Display	Website links have been added to help competitors determine what is considered a health career. Competitors must explain how they career they selected fits into the larger healthcare system.
Parliamentary Procedure	The process for NAP membership will be changing Fall of 2015, which may affect the test plan and resources used for NLC 2016. As soon as we have an update, we will post revised guidelines on the HOSA website.
GENERAL CE UPDATES	
Scoring	All team test scores will now be averaged. - All test scores will now carry forward to be included in the final score. This only changes Biomedical Debate, Creative Problem Solving, Forensic Medicine, and Parliamentary Procedure, which were previously not carried forward. The exception is HOSA Bowl and Medical Spelling as those test scores are used for seeding.
Skill Events	Rating sheets have been updated for the events with skills to reflect changes in point values for certain items. Zero option has been added. Mastery scores have been included in skill event guidelines.
Middle School Division	The following events will be open to Middle School competitors at NLC 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extemporaneous Health Poster • Health Career Display • Health Education • Healthy Lifestyle • Medical Terminology • Prepared Speaking • Public Health • Speaking Skills • Barbara James Service Award • HOSA Chapter Reflection (formerly Outstanding Chapter) • HOSA Happenings • HOSA Marketing Challenge • National Service Project