

# Biomedical Debate

## Arizona HOSA EVENT GUIDELINES

### Team Event - 3-4 Members

**THIS EVENT HAS AN ONLINE TEST**  
 ASK YOUR LOCAL ADVISOR FOR SPECIFIC TESTING DATE AND INFORMATION

**THIS EVENT HAS AN ANNUAL TOPIC**  
 See the official guidelines for the current topic

This supplement is written exclusively for Arizona HOSA Events.  
 For full details refer to the Official Event Guidelines

Conference	Available	Required Upload Deadline	Details at a Glance
<b>Regional Leadership Conference</b>	NO	N/A	N/A
<b>Online Test</b>	YES	NONE	Competitors will take an Online Test at their site during the testing window. Top performers will advance on to SLC.
<b>State Leadership Conference</b>	YES	NONE	Competitors will compete following the <b><u>ROUND 2</u></b> Guidelines. Top scores will advance to ILC.
<b>International Leadership Conference</b>	YES	NONE	Competitors will compete in Round 1 - top scores will advance and compete in Round 2.

**Dress Code:** Competitors shall wear the HOSA uniform or proper business attire. Bonus points will be awarded for [proper dress \(HOSA Appendix D\)](#). All team members must be properly dressed to receive bonus points.

**Competitors MUST bring to STATE AND INTERNATIONAL Leadership Conference:**

- Photo ID
- Paper or index cards, to use for note taking by team members (optional)
- #2 lead pencils (NOT mechanical) with eraser for both rounds
- Prepared topic materials (per rule #12) for the presentation round in hard copy only

**Regional Leadership Conference Event Flow (see official guidelines for more information):**

This event is NOT held at the Regional Leadership Conferences

**Online Testing Event Flow (See Round 1 in Official Guidelines for the test plan)**

1. Meet with local advisor to be registered for the Online Test portion
  - a. Advisors must also arrange for a Proctor and register them as well as a Proctor\*

2. Arrange a date, time, and location with your advisor and proctor to take the exam during the testing window\*\*
3. 50 Question Multiple Choice Exam is given on a computer at your school
  - a. 60 minute time limit from when you log in and press start
  - b. Access information will only be sent to registered proctors
4. All team members will test individually and at the same time - there should be no communication between teammates during the exam.
5. Advisors will be notified of those with qualifying scores to be advanced to the state leadership conference in a timely manner.
6. If your team qualified for this event - register for the State Leadership Conference
7. If you did not qualify for this event - choose a new event to attend the State Leadership Conference for

**State Leadership Conference Event Flow (see official guidelines for more information):**

1. Competitors will arrive at the State Leadership Conference and Check - In at the event room with the Event Manager at the START of the posted event time frame.
  - a. If a team is more than 5 minutes late the team forfeits their right to compete in accordance with the National guidelines.
2. Competitor will provide a photo ID to the Event Manager during check-in (all members must have their ID)
3. Event staff will provide the competitor with their scheduled appointment time
4. All teams (including alternate teams) must report to and remain in the holding room until their numbers are called for them to compete
5. **Round TWO** guidelines from the official event guidelines should be followed - **See official guidelines for complete details**
  - a. Teams will be permitted to bring prepared materials (Containers/folders with notes, printed pages, books and bound materials) to the debate area in hard copy only. Props will NOT be allowed.
  - b. Debate teams will draw for the affirmative or negative immediately upon entering the competition room. Teams will have two (2) minutes to prepare prior to the debate.
  - c. The following specific pattern will be followed during the debate:
    - i. First Affirmative Speaker (2 minutes). The speaker for the affirmative presents their arguments. - 30 second transition time
    - ii. First Negative Speaker (2 minutes). The speaker for the negative presents their response to the affirmative speaker's arguments - 30 second transition time
    - iii. Second Negative Speaker (2 minutes). The second speaker for negative presents their arguments. - 30 second transition time
    - iv. Second Affirmative Speaker (2 minutes). The second speaker for the affirmative responds to the negative speaker's arguments. - 30 second transition time
    - v. Negative Summary/Rebuttal Speaker (2 minutes). The negative speaker presents conclusion. - 30 second transition time
    - vi. Affirmative Summary/Rebuttal Speaker (2 minutes). The affirmative speaker presents conclusion.

\* Thirty (30) seconds transition time will be allowed between each part of the debate to allow teams to discuss strategy and for judges to rate the prior performance.

\*\* The full time noted above will be provided. If a team chooses not to use any or all of the time allowed, the opposing team shall still have the full amount of time that would have passed. However, the team whose turn it is may choose to begin their segment of the debate when ready, and the timekeeper will give them the amount of time listed above. (A team does not receive extra time for starting early.)

\*\*\* There will NOT be a time warning given during the debate transitions. It is the responsibility of the

competitor to manage their time.

\*\*\*\*Competitors are not allowed to use a timing device of any kind during the debate. Participants should practice their parts to make sure that they are within the time frames and must rely solely on the time warning provided by the timekeeper.

6. Teams are permitted to discuss and write notes with each other during all parts of the debate, however, table decorum will be evaluated on the rating sheet with the intent that teams will conduct themselves in a professional manner without distracting the other team. Paper is allowed for note taking.
7. Competitors should complete the event survey and leave the competition area.
8. At least three (3) team members must speak in the debate.
9. All members of the winning teams of each match, must return to the holding room until recalled. Waiting winning teams are not allowed to communicate with other teams.
10. Once all teams have debated the bracket will continue as posted until the final 4 teams.
  - a. Semifinals - the final four teams will face off against each other and the winning two teams will compete against each other for first and second place. The losing two teams will compete against each other for third and fourth place.

## **International Leadership Conference Event Flow - SEE OFFICIAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL INFORMATION**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Can I bring any resources into the competition? No, you may only bring what is listed above.
2. I missed my online test at my school, can I still show up and compete? No, students will only be given appointment times if they compete in the online test portion.
3. Will I be competing against post-secondary students? No, post-secondary students may have the same scenarios and skills but the scores are tallied separately and not ranked amongst the secondary students.
4. Will my OLT score be added to my Round 2 Skills Score at SLC? No, Round One Online Testing Scores are used as a qualifier and if needed will NOT be used as part of the final score.
5. I forgot my supplies, can I still compete? Yes, see if there are any students from other chapters willing to share their supplies. If you still cannot find anyone to share, come and compete while verbalizing the steps in the skills.
6. Are the skills at SLC the same ones chosen for ILC? Not necessarily, different competitive event teams select the skills for the various levels of competition. You may get the same skill at each level.
7. Do the scores carry over from SLC to ILC? No, the scores do not carry on to the next round

\*Proctors MUST not be a current HOSA Advisor for ANY Chapter. Proctors must sign the confidentiality agreement form, submit it to Arizona HOSA, AND be registered in the HOSA Registration System as a Proctor PRIOR to any Online Testing information being released. Online Testing Information for Advisors can be found on the [Arizona HOSA Online Testing webpage](#).

\*\* The Online Testing Window is established by Arizona HOSA and posted on the Arizona HOSA Calendar of Events Page. All testing must be completed within this time frame to be eligible for the State Leadership Conference.