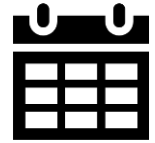




2021 Virtual Texas Area Conferences

Forensic Science

TIMELINE



January 6: 2021 Virtual Texas Area Conference Registration Deadline for all areas

January 15: Login Credentials Deadline for Online Testing (emailed to competitors)
Virtual Opening Session (see full schedule for the time)

January 18: Online Test/Case Study Conclusion (8:00 am to 8:00 pm CST)

January 20: Conference Registration fees due

February 10: Virtual Grand Awards Session (see full schedule for the time)

GUIDELINE MODIFICATIONS: View rubric [HERE](#)



- Forensic Science, rounds one and two, will be done as part of the online testing platform in one combined test.
- The 50 multiple choice questions will be the first part of the test.
- Next competitors will view written information about the round two case study. This may include an autopsy report, police report, and other supporting evidence for the case study. Competitors will read the case study information on the screen. There will be five open ended text boxes that align to the original event guidelines, where competitors will type their responses to: 1) Time of Death Range; 2: Immediate Cause of Death; 3) Manner of Death; 4) Other Conditions Contributing to Immediate Cause of Death; and 5) Evidence to Support Opinion.
- Even though this is a team event, this year's competitors must test individually and answer the case study questions individually.
- Competitors can take the test (both the multiple-choice questions & case study response) in the online testing system anytime in the 12-hour window listed above. However, both team members must login to start testing within 60 minutes of each other. Tests will be time stamped & HOSA will monitor to ensure team members comply.
- Per the original event guidelines, 60 minutes are given for the multiple-choice test and 36 minutes are given for the case study when in written format. Competitors will have 96 total minutes to complete both portions of the online test this year. The testing system will automatically countdown time remaining.

- The multiple-choice questions will be scored first, and the teams with the ten highest test scores will be sent to the judges who will review the case study responses. The scores on both the multiple-choice questions and the case study will be averaged to determine team placement.



TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

- Tests can be taken on a smartphone, tablet, or computer.
- Go to **testing.hosa.org** to access the testing system. Login credentials will be emailed directly to competitors by January 15. If the competitor does not have an email on file, the information will be sent to their local chapter advisor for distribution.
- Please click [HERE](#) for online testing instructions..
- If you have any issues logging in, accessing online testing, or if you did not receive your password and login information via email by January 18, please call the CE Help Line immediately. 1-877-728-0150

SECURITY & ETHICS

- All competitors are required to review the Virtual Texas Area Conference Security and Ethical Statement found [HERE](#).

DRESS CODE

- As Future Health Professionals, HOSA members should present themselves in a professional manner for all recorded video presentations and/or live events as part of the Texas HOSA Virtual Area Spring Conference; however, dress code bonus points will not be awarded this year.