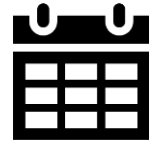




2021 Virtual Texas Area Conferences HOSA Bowl



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 (8:00 am to 8:00 pm CST)
- January 20:** Conference Registration fees due
- January 21:** Round Two teams posted by 10:00 am CST
Appointment times and Zoom link emailed to teams
- January 25:** Live bracketed question rounds from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm CST, by appointment (Areas 1 and 2)
Live bracketed questions rounds from 2:00 – 6:00 pm CST, by appointment (Areas 3 and 4)
- January 26:** Live bracketed question rounds from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm CST, by appointment (Areas 5 and 6)
Live bracketed questions round from 2:00 – 6:00 pm CST, by appointment (Area 7)
- February 10:** Virtual Grand Awards Session (see full schedule for the time)

GUIDELINE MODIFICATIONS



PLEASE NOTE: The Virtual Area Conference HOSA Bowl format is significantly different than an in-person HOSA Bowl to provide an event experience for competitors beyond a written test. While this format may be modified, it is felt teams with the most knowledge of HOSA Bowl content will still emerge as the winners. Realize HOSA is providing the best experience possible with the given time and format restraints.

- The round one test will be taken online. It will still be 50 items in a 60-minute time limit. The testing system will automatically countdown time remaining.
- Competitors will take the test by using the online testing system anytime in the 12-hour window on January 18. However, all team members must login to start testing within 60 minutes of

each other. Tests will be time stamped and HOSA will be monitoring to ensure team members comply.

- The eight top scoring teams on the round one test will advance to the bracketed live question rounds with the judges over the Zoom platform.
- A bracket will be posted online showing which teams have advanced. NO Alternate Teams will be posted. If a team does not arrive within 5 minutes of their assigned time, the team will forfeit the match.
- **Individual teams** will meet the judges within Zoom, meaning all 4 team members will be in one meeting with judges, but no other teams will be present in the same meeting.
- Once admitted to the Zoom meeting, each competitor will be given the designation of “Team Member 1 – Name”, “Team Member 2 – Name”, “Team Member 3 – Name”, and “Team Member 4 – Name”.
- Each team member will be asked to introduce themselves to ensure the audio, video, and technology is working.
- The Competitive Event Staff will be responsible for the following process:
 - Video slides with each HOSA Bowl question will be shared on a screen.
 - All slides have been pre-recorded and pre-read by a Moderator.
 - All teams will see the same slides & hear the same Moderator reading each question.
- Questions will be directed one at a time to each team member and **ONLY THAT TEAM MEMBER CAN RESPOND**
 - Question 1 answered by Team member 1; Question 2 answered by Team Member 2; Question 3 answered by Team Member 3; etc. in a continual rotating format.
 - Only the Team Member identified will be able to speak and give an answer. If any other team member speaks or gives an answer out of turn, the question will be counted as incorrect.
- There will be one question read per slide. Each question will be displayed on the screen for 15 seconds. The identified Team member can answer immediately – or can wait to answer any time before the slide has transitioned to the next question. Once the slide has transitioned to the next question, no response to the previous question will be accepted. If a competitor has not finished their response by the time the slide has transitioned to the next question, their answer will not be accepted.
- One point is awarded for each correct answer.
- Only the first answer given by the identified Team Member will be judged.
- The public chat feature will be enabled – competitors can chat with each other during the questions, but **ONLY** the identified Team Member may present the answer.
- After the first question is read, and Team Member 1 responds, the slide will automatically move to the second question after 15 seconds. Event staff will be tracking the number of correct and incorrect answers internally. However, to keep the live virtual meeting running smoothly and with fewer people talking on the screen, “correct and incorrect” will **NOT** be stated verbally after each question is answered.
- ALL teams will be given 36 total questions in each round, and all questions will be the same for each team, in the same order. The type of questions asked will follow the original event guidelines (HOSA related; Health related; and Parliamentary Procedure).
- Event staff will track how many questions (of the 36) each team answers correctly.
- After all questions are presented, event staff will determine who has “won” the bracketed matchup by the team who answered the most questions correctly. Any ties will be broken by

- the written test. Results of the bracketed matchup will be posted online immediately following the conclusion of the round.
- Teams who win their bracketed matchup will be EMAILED a NEW meeting Zoom link to access and use for the next round.
- The process will be repeated for four total rounds.
- There will be no observers for any round. Absolutely NO recording devices will be allowed. If event staff suspects for any reason a team may be recording the meeting, the team's scores may be forfeited.
- The championship matches and consolations matches will take place at the same time. Winners of these matches will not be announced until the Awards session. Teams will need to participate in the Awards Session to see who placed 1st-4th .



TESTING

- 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

ZOOM

- For the live bracket rounds with judges, this event will be using the Zoom platform.
- For a seamless event experience, competitors should download Zoom ahead of time to the device they plan to use for competition.
- Competitors should change/setup the "Display Name" in the Zoom account they plan to use so that it matches the name used for conference registration. Using the same name will ensure event staff recognize you and will admit you seamlessly into the live event.
- Competitors will be EMAILED a specific Zoom meeting link and password to use the day of the event. These will be emailed out at the same time the list of round two competitors are posted online: January 21
- 10 minutes before their scheduled appointment time, competitors should click on the Zoom meeting link in the email. Competitors will be placed in a virtual "waiting room" and must wait to be admitted by the event staff.
- Ensuring the Zoom Display Name matches the Conference registration Name will help avoid delays and issues while you are waiting to be admitted.
- Once you are admitted to the live Zoom event from the Waiting room, you will see the judges and event staff already on the screen. Event staff will do a roll call to confirm the correct competitor(s) and you will be asked to introduce yourself to test your audio and video. Video capability is required for this event.
- If you have trouble connecting to the Zoom meeting, call the CE Help Line immediately. 1-877-728-0150
- If you get logged off in the middle of the event for some reason, immediately try connecting to the Zoom link again to re-enter. If that does not work, keep trying and call the CE Help Line immediately.

PARTICIPANT SAFETY

Participant safety is a top priority for HOSA. Zoom.us is the video and virtual conferencing platform that will be used to conduct many HOSA Virtual Area Spring Conference components, including competitions and area officer applicant interviews. Several restrictions will be used to protect participants in the platform. Every individual competition room used will have a unique passcode. That passcode will only be made available to judges and participants in that round. The ability to use Zoom backgrounds will be turned off. The ability to share screens and file share through the chat will be turned off. Waiting room features will be turned on for all events, so only authorized competitors and staff will be granted access. The Private Chat feature will be disabled to prevent communication that event moderators cannot see. All judges and competitors will be given a strict naming process that must be used in each event (e.g., Competitor – Suzy Smith) so that all persons may be easily identified. Finally, conference staff and competitive event volunteers will be monitoring all Zoom rooms during competition. They will quickly remove anyone violating competition policy. Competitors may report disruptions to the conference helpline, where staff will be prepared to handle any problems immediately.

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.