

Foundations of Veterinary Science

Middle School

Competitor Orientation



IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPETITOR TO KNOW AND FOLLOW THE EVENT GUIDELINES AND [TEXAS HOSA GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS](#).

FOR COMPLETE GUIDELINES, REFER TO WWW.HOSA.ORG

ROUND ONE

- Competitors will report at the designated time for their written exam with a Photo ID. [Photo IDs](#) will be checked. The photo ID may be the actual ID, a digital picture of the actual ID, or a signed copy of the HOSA Competitor Identification Form (available on the International HOSA website)
- **The Top 10 scores will advance to ROUND TWO**
- **The 10 finalists will be posted outside Competitive Events Headquarters as soon as the results are available.**

ROUND TWO COMPETITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Competitors will report to the holding room at the time designated in the conference schedule.
- Competitors must provide any items that are listed in the “Competitors Must Provide” box found in the event guidelines for their event.

EVENT PROCESS – REFER TO THE FOUNDATIONS OF VETERINARY SCIENCE ILC EVENT GUIDELINES.

This event will be run using the ILC guidelines with the modifications stated below for use in Texas competitions only.

- If competitors bring any materials to the holding room, they must take them out of the holding room and place them where they cannot be accessed while competing. **Once a student has competed, he/she will not be allowed back into the holding room for any reason.**
- **Extended Stay Preparation** - Due to the use of holding rooms in skill events, Texas HOSA competitors should be prepared for an extended stay. It is strongly suggested that competitors bring recreational materials. Food and/or snacks may be available for purchase at the sites if possible. Just in case, the competitor should be prepared and have his/her own snacks available.
- The selected skill(s) will be presented to competitors as a written scenario at the beginning of the round.
- The scenario will be the same for each competitor.
- Timing will begin when the scenario is presented to the competitors and will be stopped at the end of the time allowed.
- Skills may be combined in the scenario. If they are combined, the competitor has the total time to finish all skills. It does not matter how long the competitor takes to perform each skill as long as both are completed in the total allotted time.
- **Event personnel have the option of providing one additional minute to the skill event interval prior to the scenario for competitors to preview the equipment that is provided for the event. If given, the one minute allowed for equipment preview will be added to the overall skill interval and competitors will be told they have an extra minute to review the equipment.**

- Competitors are allowed to keep the hard copy of the scenario while they are competing to use for reference, but it must be surrendered to event personnel before leaving the room after judging.
- Competitors must complete all steps of the skill listed in the guidelines even if the steps must be simulated/verbalized. Steps may not be simulated/verbalized when the equipment/materials are available.
- Judges will provide information to competitors if directed by the rating sheets. Competitors may ask questions of the judges while performing skills if the questions relate to the patient's condition. Any required judge responses will be included in the judge script.

TEXAS HOSA ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

- While competitors can have their cell phones, smart watches, etc. with them, they must be in the off position and stored with their personal items. The competitor may not touch the devices at any time during the event. There will be consequences for doing so. Be sure to turn off your devices and put them away before entering the room.