2021 Virtual Texas Area Conferences (VTAC)
MEMO

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Texas HOSA Board of Directors has voted to hold the 2021 Area Conferences in a virtual format.

Conference Schedule HERE

Registration Deadline for All Areas

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 11:59 pm

Registration Fee (competitors only)

$15.00 per competitor. Registration fees due Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Make checks payable to

HOSA, TA
P. O. Box 640
Monahans, Texas 79756

Conference T-shirts

All registered competitors (students only) will receive a Texas HOSA conference T-shirt

Event Guidelines

All Competitive Event guidelines can be found HERE. Competitors should prepare for competition by studying these guidelines. However, competitors are NOT required to show a copy of the guidelines at the 2021 Virtual Texas Area Conferences (2021 VTAC).

Event Guidelines – Modifications for Virtual

While the main event guidelines still apply for all events, some events have required event modifications to work on the 2021 VTAC platform. A summary of all event modifications can be found on the Texas HOSA website.

Security and Ethics

All competitors are required to review the 2021 VTAC 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 2021 VTAC, however, dress code bonus points will not be awarded this year.

Competitor Orientations

There will be no Competitor Orientations as part of 2021 VTAC.

Tallo

Many events require materials to be uploaded to Tallo. Be sure to check your event guidelines for what is required – as well as the Virtual Event Information Sheets. To be judged, all materials must be uploaded to Tallo by the published date for each event. If the required items are not uploaded to Tallo, judges will not be able to judge anything! Only one team member must upload to Tallo. For more information, read your event guidelines and the Virtual Event Information Sheets.

Know the GRRs

GRR stands for "General Rules and Regulations." All competitors are expected to know these rules and be familiar with them, as they apply to all events. These rules can be found at http://www.hosa.org/GRR.

Testing

All 2021 VTAC tests will be taken online via a smartphone, tablet, or computer. Tests will be open book/open notes. Reminder, all competitors must review the Security and Ethical Statement [HERE](#), especially as it relates to online testing. For all team testing events (CERT, EMT, CPR, BD, CPS, HB, PP, and FS), **all team members must take the test within one (1) hour of each other.** Tests are electronically time-stamped when the competitor begins, and Texas HOSA will be monitoring to ensure team members all begin the test within 60 minutes of each

other. Coordinate with your team members to take the test within 60 minutes of each other, within the scheduled 12 hours that each test is open. Please review the Testing Instructions HERE.

Video Recorded Presentation Guidelines

For events that now require you to upload a video of your event presentation/speech, we have developed some guidance to help you be successful with this. Please review the information HERE. The length of presentations will be the same as the original guidelines unless otherwise noted.

Participant Safety on Zoom

Participant safety is a top priority for HOSA. Zoom.us is the video and virtual conferencing platform that will be used to conduct many 2021 VTAC components, including competitions and area officer candidate 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.

Officer Information

- Information on applying for state/area office and documents needed to upload to Tallo can be found in Section E, page 2 of the Advisor Handbook at www.texashosa.org.
- For more detailed information and instructions on running for area/state office, VISIT THIS PAGE.