

# Researched Persuasive Writing & Speaking State 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](http://WWW.HOSA.ORG)

**2023-2024 TOPIC:**

**“YOUTH SPORTS SPECIALIZATION: GOOD OR BAD FOR ATHLETES?”**

FOR THE TEXAS HOSA STATE SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, THE COMPETITOR WILL PROVIDE

- [Photo ID](#)
- A pdf copy of the Research Paper Re-upload a copy to [the HOSA Digital Upload System](#) by the STATE Spring Leadership Conference registration deadline.
- Detailed instructions for uploading materials can be found at: <https://hosa.org/competitive-event-digital-uploads/>
- **Two (2) stapled (if multiple pages), hard copies of the research paper to be used by the judges in addition to the research paper digital upload to [the HOSA Digital Upload System](#). The hard copies should not be in a folder or binder.**
- Index cards or electronic notecards (optional)

## COMPETITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Competitors will report to the event room no more than 15 minutes before their appointment time.
- Competitors must provide any items listed in the “Competitors Will Provide” section above.
  - **Failure to Re-upload by the stated deadline will result in a 35-point deduction from the final score.** Points will be deducted in Tabulations.
  - **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO MISSING THE UPLOAD DEADLINE.** Texas HOSA **STRONGLY** suggests not waiting until the last minute to upload online to avoid user-challenges with the system.
  - **Be sure the upload link is set to PUBLIC permissions so judges can access for viewing.**
- **If the competitor does not bring the hard copies of the research paper, it will not be judged, and the competitor will not receive the points on the rating sheet that pertain to the research paper.**

## NOTE TO COMPETITORS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

- You are required to **re-upload** materials to [the HOSA Digital Upload System](#) before the MAY 15TH Leadership Conference deadline.

## APPOINTMENT TIMES

- **There will be no holding room for this event.** An appointment time will be assigned to each competitor and will be posted **in hard copy outside of Competitive Event Headquarters.**

**EVENT PROCESS – REFER TO THE RESEARCHED PERSUASIVE WRITING AND SPEAKING ILC EVENT GUIDELINES AT [WWW.HOSA.ORG](http://WWW.HOSA.ORG)**

● **DIFFERENCE IN EVENT PROCESS IN TEXAS FROM THE ILC EVENT GUIDELINES**

- The uploaded research paper will not be pre-judged in Texas as they are at the ILC. However, it still must be uploaded to **the HOSA Digital Upload System** by the stated deadline above. **Failure to do so will result in a 35-point deduction.** Texas HOSA strongly suggests that competitors not wait until the last minute to upload online to avoid user-challenges with the system because there will be **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Detailed instructions for uploading materials can be found at: <https://hosa.org/competitive-event-digital-uploads/>
- **Two (2) hard copies of the research paper MUST be brought to the event check-in.** The copies are to be used by the judges. This is in addition to the research paper digital upload to **the HOSA Digital Upload System.** **The copies should NOT be in a folder or binder.**
- If the competitor does not bring the hard copies of the research paper, it will not be judged, and the competitor **will not** receive the points on the rating sheet that pertain to the research paper.

**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. **EXCEPTION: use of cell phone for electronic note cards.**