

# Speaking Skills 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)**

**TOPIC: “BEYOND ALL LIMITS”**

**ELIGIBILITY** – To participate in this event, the competitor must meet all the following requirements:

- The competitor **MUST** be classified under the provision of the 2004 reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Students classified under Section 504 are **NOT** eligible to compete in this event.
- Submit a completed [IEP VERIFICATION AND ACCOMODATION FORM](#) by the area/state conference registration deadline.
- Completion of the above form requires an upload of the [Student Eligibility Form](#).
  - To learn the definition of an accommodation, please read [Appendix H](#) found at [www.hosa.org](http://www.hosa.org).
  - **Failure to upload the form by the area/state conference registration deadline will result in a deduction of 35 points. This deduction will be made in Tabulations.**
- **UPLOAD LINK DIFFERENT FROM ILC EVENT GUIDELINES**
  - The upload link for the Texas HOSA Area Spring Leadership Conferences and the State Leadership Conference are different from the link found in the ILC guidelines. Use the Wufoo link found in the Texas HOSA Competitor Orientation Sheet for Texas and the link found in the guidelines for ILC.

**EVENT PROCESS** – REFER TO THE SPEAKING SKILLS EVENT GUIDELINES AT [WWW.HOSA.ORG](http://WWW.HOSA.ORG)

- **DIFFERENCE IN EVENT PROCESS IN TEXAS FROM THE ILC EVENT GUIDELINES**
  - Deadline date to upload IEP Verification and Accommodation Form for the area/state competition is the Texas HOSA Area/State Conference Registration deadline and not May 15 (ILC deadline). For Texas conferences, use the Texas HOSA Wufoo link.

## 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.

## FOR TEXAS HOSA AREA SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, THE COMPETITOR MUST PROVIDE

- IEP Verification and Accommodation Form digitally submitted via the Texas HOSA Wufoo link by the Area Spring Leadership Conference registration deadline.
- [Photo ID](#)

## 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 Must Provide” box found in the event guidelines.
- The [IEP VERIFICATION AND ACCOMODATION FORM](#) should be uploaded by the deadline using the given Wufoo link. **THIS FORM IS NOT UPLOADED TO TALLO.**
  - **Failure to upload by the deadline will result in a deduction of 35 points. This deduction will be made in Tabulations. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
  - Texas HOSA **STRONGLY** suggests not waiting until the last minute to upload online to avoid user-challenges with the system

## 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.**

Click [HERE](#) for the Texas HOSA General Rules & Regulations (TxGRRs)