

TIMELINE

March 1-5: Registration window

March 29-April 9: Round 1 Testing Window

April 13: Round 2 LIVE Debate via Zoom (Finalists will be posted in the Virtual SLC Platform)

April 29: Awards Session!

GUIDELINE MODIFICATIONS

Please note: The Virtual SLC Biomedical Debate format is significantly different than an in-person debate in order 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 debate and topic content will still emerge as the winners. Realize Nevada HOSA is providing the best experience possible with the given time and format restraints.

- The round one test will be taken online. The test will still have 50 items, but competitors will have their time adjusted to a **30-minute** time limit.
- Competitors will take the test by using the online testing system anytime during the registration window from March 29-April 9. However, all team members must login and start testing within 60 minutes of each other. Tests will be timestamped and Nevada HOSA will be monitoring to ensure team members comply.
- **Individual teams** will meet the judges within Zoom, meaning all 3-4 team members will be in one meeting with judges, no other teams will be present in the same meeting.
- Once admitted to the Zoom meeting, each competitor will be given the designation of "Competitor – Last Name" for identification purposes during the event.
- Each team member will be asked to introduce themselves as a way to ensure the audio, video, and technology is working.
- The Competitive Event Staff will notify the team if they have drawn Affirmative or Negative.
- The team will have 30 seconds to gather their thoughts.
- At this time, the Competitive Event Staff will read the modified script as outlined in the modified rubric – following either the Affirmative or Negative pattern.
 - Affirmative Pattern (team draws Affirmative)
 - Team Presents Affirmative Constructive Speech – 4 minutes
 - Judges Read Negative Key Points – 3 minutes
 - Team Presents Affirmative Rebuttal – 3 minutes
 - Negative Pattern (team draws Negative)
 - Judges Read Affirmative Key Points – 3 minutes
 - Team Presents Negative Constructive Speech – 4 minutes
 - Team Presents Negative Rebuttal – 3 minutes

- The team will not be debating another team; rather the team will be responding to key points stated by the judges.
 - The Affirmative and Negative key points read by the judges will be the same for all teams.
- The public chat feature will be enabled – team members can chat with each other during the debate.
- Each Zoom debate will have a Timer from the Competitive Event Staff. The Timer will notify the teams when time has expired in their 4 minute Constructive Speech and 2 minute Rebuttal.
 - After speaking has concluded, teams will be removed from the Zoom meeting.
- There will be no observers for any teams. Absolutely NO recording devices will be allowed. If event staff suspects, for any reason, a team may be recording the debate, the team's scores may be forfeited.

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

TESTING

- Tests can be taken on a smartphone, tablet, or computer.
- Go to <https://testing.hosa.org> to access the testing system. Login credentials will be emailed directly to competitors from the HOSA online system. (Credentials will also be emailed to advisors. If you do not receive your email from the HOSA online system by March 28 please notify your advisor.)
- [Please click HERE for a video explaining online testing.](#)
- If you have any issues logging in, accessing online testing, or if you didn't receive your password and login information via email by March 28, please contact your advisor.

ZOOM

- For the LIVE debate 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 on April 11.
- 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 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, contact your advisor IMMEDIATELY.
- 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 contact your advisor immediately.

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 Nevada HOSA 2021 Virtual SLC; however, dress code bonus points will not be awarded this year.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, many textbook companies are offering free or reduced pricing for e-learning materials. Additionally, many internet service providers are offering internet services at a reduced cost. National HOSA has compiled a list of companies offering these resources. [Please review the link HERE for additional information.](#)