

2019- 2020 Colorado HOSA Competitive Events Updates

Events per Student

As per the COHOSA Board of Directors decision, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, each student will be permitted to compete in two separate events at the State Leadership Conference. Due to conference scheduling needs these events must be in separate categories, i.e. a student can compete in one event in the Health Science category and one event in the Health Professions category, but they cannot compete in two events in the Health Science category.

As in the past, students will be permitted to compete in as many events in the Recognition category as they wish. These events include:

- Barbara James Service Award
- Healthcare Issue Exam
- HOSA Happenings
- HOSA Service Project
- Outstanding HOSA Achievement
- Pin Design

*Please note that for scheduling purposes, Anatomy in Clay will be considered a Teamwork Event.

Rationale

The rationale for this policy is twofold. Firstly, by limited the number of events that students can compete in, Colorado is better modeling itself off National CE policy, which states that students can only compete in 1 one event at the International Leadership Conference. Additionally, the Board of Directors hopes that students will be able to better focus on their events when they have just two to prepare for.

Competitors per Chapter

As per the COHOSA Board of Directors decision, beginning with the 2019- 2020 school year, each chapter will only be permitted to send three competitors to the State Leadership Conference per event regardless of chapter size.

Chapters will be allowed to send as many students as they wish to compete in online testing in order to choose their top three competitors. See the Online Testing Scores policy change for additional details.

Rationale

The rationale for this policy is twofold. Firstly, in the past some events had a limit on amount of competitors where others did not. By streamlining this policy and applying it to every event, it will reduce confusion and misunderstanding. Secondly, by allowing chapters to only send their top three competitors it ensures that there is equal representation for all chapters in all events.

Online Testing Scores

Beginning with the 2019- 2020 school year, local advisors will be given the opportunity to choose which of their candidates to send to the State Leadership Conference based on their online testing scores. These scores will only be given out to advisors in the event that more than three of their students have qualified for the second round of competition.

It is the expectation of COHOSA that these scores will not be shared with students, parents, or anyone who is not a HOSA Local Advisor. If an advisor is found violating this policy, they will be found to be in violation of the Advisor Code of Ethics and a determination will be made by the COHOSA Board of Directors as to appropriate recourse.

Once online testing is complete, those advisors who have multiple qualifiers in one event will be sent those students' scores. It is then the responsibility of the advisor to let the COHOSA Competitive Events staff know which three of your competitors will be moving forward. In the event that the advisor does not communicate with the CE staff the three students with the highest scores will move forward.

*Please note that scores will only be given out in the case of more than three qualifiers per chapter and no exceptions will be made.

Rationale

Local advisors need an effective and objective way to determine which of their students will compete at the State Leadership Conference while also accounting for local chapter dynamics and policy. By making these scores available to advisors, COHOSA hopes to give advisors the tools needed to make an informed and objective decision.

Event Manager Policy

Beginning at the 2020 State Leadership Conference, all chapters in attendance will be required to send one volunteer forward to serve as an Event Manager. Event Manager positions will be available to sign up for on a first come, first serve basis.

Exemptions to this policy will be made for first year advisors and chapters.

In the event that all Event Manager positions are filled, a volunteer assignment will be given to those advisors who were not able to sign up as an Event Manager.

Rationale

As Colorado HOSA continues to grow, it takes more and more volunteers to run our Competitive Events program effectively. By requiring local chapters to send one person to volunteer as an Event Manager, COHOSA hopes to create a better competitor experience and engage all chapters in the SLC planning process.