Competitive Events Update:

The Competitive Events Committee met recently and voted to approve the following changes and updates for the 2022-2023 year. These changes and updates were discussed at length and put into place with the full intention to provide both equity for all HOSA members, as well as a streamlined and organized approach to a member’s pathway to ILC.

1. Regionals – Regional Conferences, and the associated online tests needed to qualify will include the following events:
   a. Health Career Photography
   b. Healthy Lifestyle
   c. Job Seeking Skills/Interviewing Skills
   d. Prepared Speaking/Speaking Skills
   e. Researched Persuasive Writing & Speaking
   f. Research Poster
   g. Community Awareness
   h. Health Career Display
   i. Health Education
   j. Medical Innovation
   k. Public Service Announcement
   l. Public Health
   m. Family Medicine Physician
   n. Mental Health Promotion (*Pilot – see info below)

*Pilot information – This is a brand new event for HOSA, and Arizona will include the event in our Regional Conference as a “pilot” event. This means that competitors will have the opportunity to compete in this event at Regionals, but the outcome there will not eliminate any competitors from advancing to SLC. All members that present in this specific event at Regionals will have the opportunity to advance to SLC, as long as their online test score falls in the top 30 of all regions combined. This will allow us to learn more about the event flow, to ensure that it can be managed effectively at the State Leadership Conference.

2. Qualifying for State Leadership Conference - Three pathways now exist for members to qualify for State Leadership Conference.
   a. Regional Path – Students take the online test associated with one of the Regional Conference events, then compete at their respective Regional Conference and finish in the top 5 in their region. This makes up the first 20 spots in each competition. The next 10 spots will go to the members with the top 10 remaining scores from their online tests.
b. Online Test Path – For those competitions NOT included in the Regional Conference, students will qualify for SLC, by taking the online test during the “State Online Test” window. The top 5 test scores from each region (with a minimum cutoff test score of 50% or higher), will qualify for SLC. The remaining spots (variable by competitive event) will come from the remaining test scores regardless of region. The total number of spots available for each competition varies slightly, based on the structure of the event. For example, a Health Science event that is based on a written test, may allow for a slightly higher number of qualifiers than an event that requires an appointment time of 9 minutes per competitor, based solely on space and time needed for event facilitation.

c. Recognition Events – Members and chapters can also attend State Leadership Conference if they have completed the necessary requirements for any of our Recognition Events. These include HOSA Happenings, Barbara James Service Award, National Service Project, and our Individual and Chapter Membership Awards.

i. Helpful Hint – If a district or advisor requires a member to do more beyond simply receiving an award at SLC for work done prior to the event, members can also be registered for SLC as a Courtesy Corps attendee. This will give them the opportunity to participate in the conference as a helper for an event, or even as a “patient” or “victim” for any of our competitive events that require those roles.

3. Future Updates – The hope of the Competitive Events Committee is that these changes will create an equitable opportunity for all HOSA members, as well as a smoothly running State Leadership Conference for all Competitive Events going forward, even into future years. It is the intent to minimize any changes going forward, with the exception of progressing any “pilot” competitions into standard qualifying procedures. However, if any planned structure as written is found to be less than ideal, the committee will work to modify as needed and all advisors and members will continue to be notified of these changes.