**Virtual ILC - Event Information**

**Biomedical Debate**

**Timeline**

- **May 22**: ILC Conference Registration Deadline
- **June 15**: Login Credentials Deadline for Online Testing (emailed to competitors)
- **June 22**: Online Test 12:00 am - 11:59 pm CDT
- **June 24**: Round 2 Finalists posted, 9:00 pm CDT
- **June 26**: Live Debate with Judges, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm CDT (tentative)
- **June 27**: Awards Session, 4:45 pm CDT

**Guideline Modifications**

**Please Note**: The Virtual ILC 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 HOSA is providing the best experience possible with the given time and format restraints.

- The round one test will be taken online. It will still be 50 items in a 60-minute time limit. The testing system will automatically countdown time remaining.
- Competitors will take the test by using the online testing system anytime in the 24-hour window on June 22nd. However, all team members must login to start testing within 60-minutes of each other. Tests will be timestamped and HOSA will be monitoring to ensure team members comply.
- Top scoring teams on the round one test will advance to the live debate with the judges over the Zoom platform.
- **Individual teams** will meet the judges within Zoom, meaning all 3-4 team members will be in one meeting with judges, but 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 3 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 hosa.org to access the testing system. Login credentials will be emailed directly to competitors by June 15th. If the competitor does not have an email on file, the information will be sent to their local chapter advisor for distribution.
- 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 June 15th, please call the CE Help Line immediately.

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 at the same time the list of round 2 competitors are posted online: on June 24th.
- 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 judges and 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, call the CE Help Line 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 doesn't work, keep trying and call the CE Help Line immediately.
Participant Safety

Participant safety is a top priority for HOSA. Zoom.us is the video and virtual conferencing platform that will be used to conduct many HOSA Virtual ILC components, including competitions and executive council applicant interviews. A number of restrictions will be used to protect participants in the platform. Every individual competition room used will have a unique passcode. That passcode will only be made available to judges and participants in that round. The ability to use Zoom backgrounds will be turned off. The ability to share screens and file share through the chat will be turned off. Waiting Room features will be turned on for all events, so only authorized competitors and staff will be granted access. The Private Chat feature will be disabled to prevent communication that event moderators cannot see. All judges and competitors will be given a strict naming process that must be used in each event (e.g., Competitor - Suzy Smith) so that all persons may be easily identified. Finally, conference staff and competitive event volunteers will be monitoring all Zoom rooms during competition. They will quickly remove anyone violating competition policy. Competitors may report disruptions to the conference helpline, where staff will be prepared to handle any problems immediately. More information on Zoom’s privacy can be found here.

Security & Ethics

All competitors are required to review the HOSA Virtual ILC Security and Ethical Statement found here.

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 HOSA Virtual ILC 2020; 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. Please review the link HERE for additional information.