



## Michigan HOSA 2026 State Leadership Conference Competitive Event Modifications

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This document contains competitive event information for the 2026 Michigan HOSA State Leadership Conference on April 16-17, 2026. Please refer to your [competitive event guidelines](#)- they are essential to understanding how your competitive event will be run, evaluated and the rules of the event. Michigan HOSA refers to the guidelines when running the state competition, but because the guidelines are written for the international level, there are some things we are not able to implement or accommodate for. Below are event modifications for SLC:

### **For all competitors:**

Competitors MUST present a photo ID or proof of identity when checking in to their competitive event. A clear picture of a photo ID/digital ID is acceptable. If a student does not bring a photo ID, the student's advisor may be asked to report to the event manager or HOSA Headquarters and verify the student's identity.

As Future Health Professionals, HOSA members should present themselves in a professional manner. Competitors shall wear official HOSA uniform **or proper business attire**. If your specific competitive event allows for attire appropriate to the occupational area (i.e. scrubs, uniforms, etc.) then that is allowed and will be considered appropriate attire. Bonus points will NOT be awarded, but event managers will make note if competitors are NOT in proper dress which could result in overall point deduction. **Business attire is mandatory for the evening sessions at the conference.**

### **Health Science Events**

- Written tests will be administered in the testing room listed in the conference schedule. There will be NO verbal announcements for time remaining. Competitors are responsible for monitoring their own time.
- All Health Science knowledge tests will have a tie-breaker question at the end of the test to complete. These will be used in the case of breaking a tie.
- **Medical Reading:** the post-secondary/secondary test will be asking questions about all 5 books listed in the event guidelines (compared to regionals which was only 3 books).
- **Medical Spelling:** ALL competitors will compete in the round 2 spelldown. Test scores will be used for round two seeding. All competitors should report to round 2 time and location listed in the conference schedule. Taber's Audio Glossary WILL be used at SLC,

as long as technology allows. If there are technical difficulties, Taber's will not be used. Please be prepared for both.

### **Health Professions Events**

- All competitors must come prepared to do any skills listed in the guidelines, and bring all required materials (if applicable). Michigan HOSA will post what skills students will be doing on the **BAND APP** at 10:00 PM the night before the event.
- In most events, all competitors will advance to round 2 skills/presentations. (This MIGHT change if space becomes an issue, but that will be communicated closer to conference date). Tests will not be used as event qualifiers, but WILL be added to the competitor overall score. Appointment times will be posted on the Michigan HOSA website ([www.michiganhosa.org/slc](http://www.michiganhosa.org/slc)) prior to the conference. Once posted, if you do NOT see your name on the list, please email Samantha at [samantha.pohl@mhc.org](mailto:samantha.pohl@mhc.org).
- Some round 2 skills will be taken at off-site locations. The exact skills and locations will be disclosed closer to the conference date/on the conference schedule. Transportation will be provided for those competitors.

### **Emergency Preparedness Events**

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- In most events, all competitors will advance to round 2 skills/presentations. (This MIGHT change if space becomes an issue, but that will be communicated closer to conference date). Tests will not be used as event qualifiers, but WILL be added to the competitor overall score. Appointment times will be posted on the Michigan HOSA website ([www.michiganhosa.org/slc](http://www.michiganhosa.org/slc)) prior to the conference. Once posted, if you do NOT see your name on the list, please email Samantha at [samantha.pohl@mhc.org](mailto:samantha.pohl@mhc.org).
- **Mental Health Promotion, MRC Partnership and Public Health:** These events require a digital upload that will be prejudged prior to the conference. Failure to upload by the March 22 deadline will result in a score of zero for that portion of the event. Teams will still be allowed to compete in the round two in-person portion, but will not have a round one score.

### **Leadership Events:**

- All competitors will advance to round two (if applicable). If your event requires a digital upload submission, those will be prejudged and will be added to the overall scores (they will NOT be used as a qualifier). If you did not upload materials, you can still compete but you will have no scores for the prejudging component of the event.

- Appointment times will be posted on the Michigan HOSA website ([www.michiganhosa.org/slc](http://www.michiganhosa.org/slc)) prior to the conference. Once posted, if you do NOT see your name on the list, please email Samantha at [samantha.pohl@mhc.org](mailto:samantha.pohl@mhc.org).
- **Research Poster:** There will be no poster setup at SLC. Competitors will not do a public display/viewing (please see the information in guidelines about Poster Set Up and Required Display Time Poster Session- we will not be doing this at SLC). For research posters, competitors will have two minutes to set-up their poster in the room with judges. Poster will most likely be displayed flat on a table.
- **Extemporaneous Writing:** Prior to the conference, competitors will receive an email with an upload link. **They should keep this link!** They will use the specific link to upload their essay during the conference for judges to review.

### Teamwork Events:

- All competitors will advance to round two (if applicable). If your event requires a digital upload submission, those will be prejudged and will be added to the overall scores (they will not be used as a qualifier). If you did not upload your materials, you can still compete but you will have no scores for the prejudging component of the event.
- Appointment times will be posted on the Michigan HOSA website ([www.michiganhosa.org/slc](http://www.michiganhosa.org/slc)) prior to the conference. Once posted, if you do NOT see your name on the list, please email Samantha at [samantha.pohl@mhc.org](mailto:samantha.pohl@mhc.org).
- **Biomedical Debate and HOSA Bowl** brackets will be posted immediately after test scores are tallied and brackets have been made. Brackets will be posted online and in the Band App.
- **Health Career Display and Medical Innovation:** There will be no project exhibit time at SLC (see guidelines explaining project display time- we will not be doing that at SLC). Teams will be given 15 minutes to set up displays/exhibits prior to the event (time will be listed in the conference schedule). Judge presentation appointments will be given online.
- **Forensic Science:** There will be a crime scene, along with a written case study, for teams to evaluate at the conference. Bring a laptop! Prior to the conference, competitors will receive an email with an upload link. **They should keep this link!** Teams will use the specific link to upload their written conclusion during the conference for judges to review.
  - CAUTION: The content and pictures in the suggested resources are graphic in nature and may be considered offensive by some. HOSA advisors should seek administrative and parental approval before allowing HOSA members to participate in this event.