

# 2020-2021 VIRTUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Michigan HOSA competitive event  
information for the virtual regional  
competition



## Speaking Skills

### Timeline:

- **November 28:** Regional Registration Deadline
- **December 18:** Materials due to Tallo by 5:00pm

### Virtual Conference Resources:

- [Speaking Skills Guidelines](#)
- Virtual Speaking Skills Judge's Rating Sheet (pages 3-5 below)

### Guideline Modifications:

- All competitors will record a video of their speech for judges (the one they normally would give in person)
  - Very specific directions for the Recorded Video Presentations have been created.  
[Read this information in detail HERE!](#)
- Competitors must also submit their eligibility form from the event guidelines.
- Competitors will upload materials to the Speaking Skills event opportunity on Tallo- following the instructions outlined on the [HOSA/Tallo page](#).
- Uploads must be complete by December 18th. The uploaded materials are what the judges will use to score competitors.
- **If you do not upload your materials, there is no content to be judged, therefore no score will be given.** Judges will receive materials on December 19th, so if you miss the December 18th deadline your material will not be sent to judges.

### Pro Tip #1:

Competitors should practice uploading links to Tallo prior to the December 18th deadline. You can upload materials to the event opportunity in Tallo, and then delete/edit/re-upload the materials up until the December 18th deadline.

### Pro Tip #2:

Do not wait until the last day to upload! Try to upload your materials before the deadline. If something goes wrong, you have time to troubleshoot!

### Technology Needs:

- Competitors will need to upload their materials to Tallo- a smartphone, tablet, or computer are needed to upload.
- If you have any issues uploading, please email Michigan HOSA, **well before the December 18th deadline**, [hosahelp@mhc.org](mailto:hosahelp@mhc.org).

### Security & Ethics:

All competitors are required to review the HOSA Virtual Conference 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 Michigan HOSA Virtual Regional Conference.

### 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.](#)

## VIRTUAL SPEAKING SKILLS – Judge’s Rating Sheet

### Regionals 2020-2021 Virtual Conference

Items required for state conference: Video of speech and eligibility form

How to submit (Tallo? Emailed? Google Docs? Etc.): Uploaded to Tallo per guidelines from National HOSA

Deadline to Submit: December 18, 2020 by 5:00 PM

Description: Competitors will upload a video of their speech and a copy of their eligibility form to Tallo. Competitors will be judged on items as uploaded to Tallo.

Video of Speech Uploaded\*: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Eligibility Form Uploaded\*: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

*\*If the materials are not uploaded, please note that applicable items on the rubric below cannot be judged.*

Competitor Name & # \_\_\_\_\_

Judge’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Division: MS \_\_\_\_\_ SS \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Digital submissions will only be judged up until the allotted timing allowed per the event guidelines. Any time in a digital submission over the allowed will not be scored and no points will be awarded for those sections of the rating sheet*

*\*\* If the competitor does not upload Student Eligibility and Accommodation Form by the deadline, then the competitor will be allowed to compete but will receive 35 penalty points. Points will be deducted in Tabulations.*

A. Content	Excellent 10 points	Good 8 points	Average 6 points	Fair 4 points	Poor 0 points	JUDGE SCORE
1. <b>Appropriate to the Conference Theme</b>	The conference theme is clearly revealed and well-structured into speech.	The conference theme is stated and appropriate for speech.	The conference theme is apparent and not fully threaded into speech.	The conference theme is not clearly communicated throughout speech.	No statement of conference theme in speech.	
2. <b>Coverage of Topic</b>	Demonstrates command of the topic throughout the speech. Discusses the topic and its significance. Uses the topic as a path for the speech. Competitor offers explanations and insights that enhance the understanding of topic.	Mentions topic and its significance. Uses the topic as a path for the speech. Competitor offers explanations and insights that link back to the topic.	Mentions topic and briefly explains its significance.	Briefly mentions a topic but does not provide any analysis or reasoning behind the topic.	Did not include much in the way of content or a topic.	
3. <b>Clear focus and point of view</b>	Speech was focused and compelling to the audience.	Speech is somewhat compelling; the audience might need stronger evidence in order to gain their support.	Speech evidence was weak, there were a few moments when the audience was compelled to the points being made.	While evidence is provided to prove the main points, the evidence is not compelling and leaves the audience unengaged.	Speech lacked focus and provided no compelling evidence.	
4. <b>Impact</b> Strong and meaningful message	Effectively appeals to audience emotions (anger, fear, compassion, humor etc.) to deliver the message of the speech. Vivid and emotive language effectively used to create imagery to engage audience emotionally.	Appeals to audience emotions (anger, fear, compassion, humor etc.) to achieve the goal. Creates some effective imagery through language.	While much of the speech was emotionless and a bit dry there were a few moments in which the author succeeded in engaging the audience emotionally.	Few attempts were made to connect to emotional appeals, the speech is dry and lacks emotion to support the message.	No attempt was made to focus the audience on the message through emotional appeals. Fails to appeal to audience emotions. No attempt to use vivid or descriptive language to capture audience emotions	

<b>C. Organization</b>	<b>Excellent 10 points</b>	<b>Good 8 points</b>	<b>Average 6 points</b>	<b>Fair 4 points</b>	<b>Poor 0 points</b>	<b>JUDGE SCORE</b>
<b>1. Opening Statement</b>	The competitor clearly establishes the occasion and purpose of the speech, grabs the audience's attention and makes the audience want to listen.	The competitor introduced the speech adequately, including an attention getter and established the occasion and purpose of the speech.	The competitor introduced the topic but did not clearly establish the occasion and/or purpose of the speech. Weak attention getter.	The competitor failed to introduce the speech. Or, the introduction was not useful in indicating what the speech was about.	The competitor did not provide an opening statement.	
<b>2. Cohesion of Body of Speech</b>	Logical, coherent organization helped convey the competitor's message clearly. It was easy to follow and understand. Transitions were appropriate to speech and helped audience follow along.	The competitor used a logical order to deliver the message but may have minor lapses in organization. Transitions were appropriate to speech but were not as helpful to audience understanding.	The competitor attempted to use an organizational pattern, but it was not always effective. Competitor rambled at times and/or did not stay on topic.	The speech was difficult to follow due to a lack of organization and rambling. Some cohesion was demonstrated in the delivery.	The speech was not organized, and audience was not able to follow the message.	
<b>3. Closing</b>	The competitor prepares the audience for ending and ends memorably. They drew the speech to a close with an effective memorable statement. The competitor's message was clear.	The competitor adequately concluded the speech and ended the speech with a closing statement. Clear ending but ends with little impact.	The competitor concluded the speech in a disorganized fashion and/or did not have a closing statement. Competitor's message could have been clearer.	Audience has no idea conclusion is coming. Competitor's message was unclear.	The competitor ended the speech abruptly without an effective conclusion. Competitor had no message.	
<b>D. Delivery</b>	<b>Excellent 10 points</b>	<b>Good 8 points</b>	<b>Average 6 points</b>	<b>Fair 4 points</b>	<b>Poor 0 points</b>	<b>JUDGE SCORE</b>
<b>1. Voice</b> Pitch, tempo, volume, quality	The competitor's voice was loud enough to hear. The competitor varied rate & volume to enhance the speech. Appropriate pausing was employed.	The competitor spoke loudly and clearly enough to be understood. The competitor varied rate OR volume to enhance the speech. Pauses were attempted.	The competitor could be heard most of the time. The competitor attempted to use some variety in vocal quality, but not always successfully.	The competitor's voice is low. Judges have difficulty hearing the presentation.	Judge had difficulty hearing and/or understanding much of the speech due to low volume. Little variety in rate or volume.	
<b>2. Stage Presence</b> Poise, posture, eye contact, and enthusiasm	Movements & gestures were purposeful and enhanced the delivery of the speech and did not distract. Body language reflects comfort interacting with audience. Facial expressions and body language consistently generated a strong interest and enthusiasm for the topic.	The competitor maintained adequate posture and non-distracting movement during the speech. Some gestures were used. Facial expressions and body language sometimes generated an interest and enthusiasm for the topic.	Stiff or unnatural use of nonverbal behaviors. Body language reflects some discomfort interacting with audience. Limited use of gestures to reinforce verbal message. Facial expressions and body language are used to try to generate enthusiasm but seem somewhat forced.	The competitor's posture, body language, and facial expressions indicated a lack of enthusiasm for the topic. Movements were distracting.	No attempt was made to use body movement or gestures to enhance the message. No interest or enthusiasm for the topic came through in presentation.	
<b>3. Diction*, Pronunciation** and Grammar</b>	Delivery emphasizes and enhances message. Clear enunciation and pronunciation. No vocal fillers (ex: "ahs," "uh/ums," or "you-knows"). Tone heightened interest and complemented the verbal message.	Delivery helps to enhance message. Clear enunciation and pronunciation. Minimal vocal fillers (ex: "ahs," "uh/ums," or "you-knows"). Tone complemented the verbal message	Delivery adequate. Enunciation and pronunciation suitable. Noticeable verbal fillers (ex: "ahs," "uh/ums," or "you-knows") present. Tone seemed inconsistent at times.	Delivery quality minimal. Regular verbal fillers (ex: "ahs," "uh/ums," or "you-knows") present. Delivery problems cause disruption to message.	Many distracting errors in pronunciation and/or articulation. Monotone or inappropriate variation of vocal characteristics. Inconsistent with verbal message.	
<b>Total Points (100):</b>						

\*Definition of Diction – Choice of words especially with regard to correctness, clearness, and effectiveness.

**\*\*Definition of Pronunciation – Act or manner of uttering officially**