2020 STATE STAR EVENTS INSTRUCTIONS
Lead Consultants, Adult Room Consultants and Youth Room Consultants

Important Information to Read Prior to Coming to State Conference

EVERYONE — Items to bring with you to State STAR Events

- Calculator
- Watch with second hand or stopwatch (cell phones are acceptable timers when used responsibly)
- Pencils with erasers
- All materials that have been sent to you

Items that will be provided for each event

- Supply kits (tape, post its, etc.)
- Specific Event Materials (case studies, menus, dictionaries, etc.)
- Scoring Rubrics for Evaluators
- All materials needed to run the events as stated in the STAR Events manual

Youth Room Consultants

- Arrive at your event on Monday, March 16 no later than 7:30 a.m.
- If the competition is in a different room than Northwinds/Salon A, post the participant schedule/sign outside of the room.
- Serve as a gatekeeper for the events and to monitor spectators. Please note: spectators are NOT allowed. Exception: Media Team is allowed to take pictures
- Check in with the Event Coordinator for your room to see if the next team is ready.
- Escort each participant/team to the designated presentation area.
- If your event has a case study or similar requirement escort the participant to the designated area and serve as the timekeeper.
- Serve as a timekeeper for the event. Write down the time a presentation begins and the time it ends.
- Collect evaluation sheets at the end of each presentation, check that all lines have been completed, and give to adult room consultant
- **DO NOT DISCUSS RATINGS WITH ANYONE PRIOR TO THE RECOGNITION SESSION**

Adult Room Consultants

- Arrive at your event on Monday, March 16 no later than 7:30 a.m.
- Double check the evaluator envelopes to insure all scoring rubrics are arranged in order of participation.
- Check off participants’ names from time schedule as they prepare to give presentation.
- See that evaluators have time to confer among themselves in private before sharing their comments with participants
- See that evaluators make comments on scoring rubrics. **Make sure that Level 1 Events do not score lower than 60 points. Remind evaluators to stay within a 10 point range of each other.**
- Total points on evaluation sheets, indicate rating, show evaluators final rating for each participant, and have them initial each scoring rubric for verification. Show evaluators the tally sheet to verify state winner.
- Thank evaluators at the end of the session.
- **DO NOT DISCUSS RATINGS WITH ANYONE PRIOR TO THE RECOGNITION SESSION** – please repeat this several times to everyone involved in your event.
- On Tuesday, assist with the STAR Events Recognition Session in the Grand Ballroom. Event participants will be assigned seats in the front sections of the Grand Ballroom. Make sure all participants are there, and that they are seated in the correct section.
Lead Consultants

- Meet with State Adviser and Event Coordinators on **Sunday, March 15th at 3:30 p.m.** in 62/63/64. You will receive all of the event materials at that time.
- Be available from 4:30-5:00 pm for student questions.
- **DO NOT DISCUSS RATINGS WITH ANYONE PRIOR TO THE RECOGNITION SESSION**
- On Monday, meet with all evaluators and room consultants from 7:45 – 8:00 a.m to review how the day will run and answer any questions they may have.
  - Distribute evaluator’s envelopes.
  - Review event procedures.
  - Using the **STAR Events Manual** review each rule for the event, carefully noting specific requirements and ask for questions.
  - Explain each item on the scoring rubric thoroughly and ask for questions.
  - Time shortages should be dealt with in the scoring related to quality of presentation. This is up to the evaluators. Time overages will not happen as timekeepers will ask participants to stop at the maximum time limit.
  - Discuss rubric calculation procedures (level 1 events no lower than 60 points, no more than 10 pt spread between evaluators).
  - Remind evaluators to make comments verbally and on scoring rubrics – suggestions for improvement. Remind them that students are listening to what they have to say intently and will frequently infer their rating from the comments. Caution them on saying things like this was the best project yet, or things indicating that they will advance to NLC. Also discourage them from telling students where they lost points.
  - Explain to evaluators that more than one team can receive a “100” score (if performance warrants such a score). Tie breaker policies are used in case of a tie. Explain to them that removing points for placements (first, second, third) is not necessary and is difficult to explain to students. Encourage high scores if they are earned. Several teams could earn 100 points each if that is warranted.
  - Explain that only two gold teams are permitted to advance to national leadership meeting. If suggestions could be made for the entry to be improved, have the evaluators take that into consideration. Some evaluators mistakenly believe that the top ranked team can proceed to nationals, regardless of score. The top ranked team(s) must have a gold rating to advance.
- Very specific or difficult questions can be directed to the Event Coordinator assigned to your area.
- Return all event supplies and signs to the Event Coordinator.
- On Tuesday, during the Recognition Session, arrive early to help seat your group. Assist each group to the stage to receive their medal. Groups should proceed to the side of the stage as the previous group is finishing. Keep on time and task! Event Coordinators will be overseeing the main flow. Please follow any instructions given by them.

**PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ROLE IN STAR EVENTS!**

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