

## 2017-2018 Competitive Events Updates

### Finance

- ❖ Contestants in **Banking and Finance** and **Economic Research Individual** will be offered the opportunity to take a certification exam through Precision Exams as a part of their national competitive event.
- ❖ **Payroll Accounting** event time has changed from ninety (90) minutes to sixty (60) minutes.
- ❖ **Accounting Mathematics Concepts-Open** has been deleted from event offerings.

### Business Administration

- ❖ **Legal Office Procedures** – students will be allowed to use the *Style & Reference Manual* as a reference resource during the contest.
- ❖ **Medical Office Procedures** – students will be allowed to use the *Style & Reference Manual* as a reference resource during the contest.
- ❖ **Business Law & Ethics** has been adopted as a regular event.
- ❖ **ICD-10-CM Diagnostic Coding** will be re-piloted at the Secondary and Post-secondary level.

### Digital Communication & Design

- ❖ The script is a required pre-submitted item for **Broadcast News Production Team**.
- ❖ The rubrics for **Website Design Team** have been updated to reflect the use of all web languages.
- ❖ **Graphic Design Promotion** – contestants will have six (6) minutes for presentation time instead of ten (10) minutes.
- ❖ The top 3 winners in **Broadcast New Production Team, Digital Media Production, Computer Animation Team, Computer Modeling, and Video Production Team** will have their submissions digitally showcased, post-NLC, on a secure page of the [www.bpa.org](http://www.bpa.org) website.

### Management, Marketing & Communication

- ❖ **Interview Skills** and **Advanced Interview Skills** will no longer require contestants to complete the online application as a part of the contest.
- ❖ **Parliamentary Procedure Concepts – Open Event** will use *Dunbar's Manual of Parliamentary Procedure* for preparing test questions.
- ❖ **Entrepreneurship** – preliminary presentation will be a 5-7 minute pitch to investors, instead of a full review of the business plan.

### Virtual

- ❖ **Start-up Enterprise Team** has been adopted as a regular Virtual event.
- ❖ All Virtual events will utilize sections for advancing from technical scoring to presentations. More information will be available in the WSAP Virtual Event Guidelines.
- ❖ The top 3 winners in **Virtual Multimedia and Promotion – Team, Virtual Multimedia and Promotion – Individual, and Promotional Photography** will have their submissions digitally showcased, post-NLC, on a secure page of the [www.bpa.org](http://www.bpa.org) website.

## Middle Level

- ❖ **Administrative Support Team** has been adopted as a regular event.
- ❖ **Digital Game Design** will be piloted.

## Workplace Skills Assessment Program Documents

- ❖ The WSAP will be posted on August 29, 2017.
- ❖ The *Style & Reference Manual*, *Human Resource Manual* and *Ethics & Professionalism Resources Manual* will be posted on August 29, 2017.

## General Information

- ❖ Contestants, under the age of 18, participating in a contest aligned with a Certiport MTA or MOS exam *must* complete the required Parental Consent Form prior to testing at the National Leadership Conference. If the form is *not* completed, students will *forfeit* the chance of including the score in their aligned contest.
- ❖ Contestants who are taking an MOS aligned event, will be required to re-test at the National Leadership Conference
- ❖ Check the *Guidelines* in reference to the use of props. Presentation rubrics will indicate a reference to props, but shall not be used as a basis for scoring.

Check the *What's New* section of the WSAP Guidelines for complete information regarding coming attractions, complete changes, and more news affecting the 2017-2018 competitive events.