

# 2016-17 Competitive Events

## What's New!!

### Finance

- ❖ **Economic Research Individual and Economic Research Team** - students may use digital presentation tools to present their data. No other props or videos will be allowed.
- ❖ **Financial Analyst Team** topic/initial case study is now provided prior to the contest and listed in the WSAP; please see the guidelines for further information.
- ❖ **Financial Analyst Team** may bring one (1) laptop/notebook computer, portable printer, projection equipment, software, and paper (must bring all or none) for use in the preparation room.
- ❖ **Accounting Mathematics Concepts-Open** will be piloted.
- ❖ The 10 minutes orientation and 10 minutes wrap-up time for **Banking & Finance** and **Personal Financial Management** have been dropped.

### Business Administration

- ❖ **Administrative Support Research Project** - students may use digital presentation tools to present their data. No other props or videos will be allowed.
- ❖ **Business Law & Ethics** will be piloted.
- ❖ **ICD-10-CM Diagnostic Coding** will be piloted at the Post-secondary level.

### Digital Communication & Design

- ❖ Microsoft Publisher may no longer be used in **Digital Publishing**.
- ❖ There will be a new format for the Finals round of **Video Production Team**; please see the WSAP for details.
- ❖ **Graphic Design Promotion** - Students may use digital presentation tools to present their data. No other props or videos will be allowed.
- ❖ **Broadcast News Production** – wording within the guidelines was clarified to have the promo/tease a separate component of the submission, and not as a part of the full production; see the WSAP for complete details.

### Management, Marketing & Communication

- ❖ The portfolio used during **Advanced Interview Skills** may be either hard-copy or electronic; the portfolio is used to enhance the interview. No Internet will be provided to access an online portfolio.
- ❖ The rubric for **Parliamentary Procedure Team** has been updated; please refer to the WSAP for more information.

### Virtual

- ❖ The **Fair Trade Challenge (V07)** has been deleted from the event offerings.
- ❖ **Start-up Enterprise Team (V08)** will be piloted.
- ❖ **Promotional Photography (V06)** has been adopted as a regular Virtual event.

### Workplace Skills Assessment Program Documents

- ❖ The [Style & Reference Manual](#), [Human Resources Manual](#) and [Ethics & Professionalism Resources Manual](#) will be posted on September 1, 2016

## General Information

- ❖ New [Copyright Guidelines](#) have been adopted; please review carefully in the [Style & Reference Manual](#).
- ❖ **All** events that require a written report will be required to submit a Works Cited page; see the guidelines for specific events.
- ❖ The set-up/wrap-up time of five (5) minutes for Judged Events has been reduced to three (3) minutes.
- ❖ For the Secondary, Post-secondary and Middle Level Divisions, only one copy of the [Individual/Team Entry Form](#) will be required at check-in for all events where these forms are currently required.
- ❖ In the graded events, the grading scale for errors has been adjusted. Students will be assessed as follows: 0 errors – 100% of points, 1 error – 90% of points, 2 errors – 70% of points, and 3 errors – 50% of points. 4+ errors – 0%
- ❖ **NLC Industry Certification** - Contestants who have already certified in the linked Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) exam may choose from one of two options when testing during NLC. For more information see the NLC Industry Certification section of the guidelines.
- ❖ **All** contestants who have previously certified with a Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) exam will be required to retake the exam.
- ❖ **Cloud Storage Reference Guide** has been added to help contestants set the right permission settings for entries. See page 15 for complete details.
- ❖ Entry forms, [Release Forms](#), and other event documentation will be submitted at the time of check-in to the event proctor.
- ❖ The score to earn the BPA Merit Scholar has increased from 85% to 90%.

## Coming Attractions - 2018

- ❖ Beginning with the 2017-18 Membership Year, Microsoft Office 2016 will be offered.
- ❖ Beginning with the 2017-18 Membership Year, **Payroll Accounting (S)** will be changed from 90 minutes to 60 minutes.
- ❖ Beginning with the 2017-18 Membership Year, **Parliamentary Procedure Concepts – Open** will use the *Dunbar's Manual of Parliamentary Procedure Team* questions to prepare for the event.