

2023–24 Competitive Events Guidelines

Sales Presentation



Sales Presentation provides members with the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to sell a product or service they choose. This competitive event consists of an interactive presentation.

Event Overview

Division: High School

Event Type: Team of 1, 2 or 3 members

Event Category: Presentation

Event Elements: Interactive Presentation (judges may ask questions throughout the presentation)

Presentation Time: 3-minute set-up time, 7-minute presentation time

NACE Connections: Career & Self-Development, Communication, Critical Thinking, Leadership, Professionalism, Teamwork, Technology

Equipment Provided by Competitors: Technology and presentation items

Equipment Provided by FBLA:

- State – Look for updates from California FBLA before the conference
- National – Table for preliminary round presentation; table, power, projector & screen for final round presentation

Note: *This event is an interactive presentation with judges.*

Section

- **Number of Competitors per Chapter:** Each local chapter may enter **one team of one (1), two (2) or three (3) members.**
- **Number of Competitors Who Advance to State:** A maximum of the **top two (2) places** from the section competition will represent their section at the State Leadership Conference.

State

- Wild cards cannot be used in this event.
- **The top four (4) places in state competition** will represent California at the National Leadership Conference.
- Middle school members who place in the top four **cannot** compete at the National Leadership Conference, per national guidelines.

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California FBLA Guidelines (Section and State)

- **Scoring:**
 - A panel of judges will score the performances using the rating sheet. All decisions of the judges are final.
 - Five points will be deducted if competitors do not follow the dress code. If multiple team members are not in dress code, each team member will receive a five (5) point penalty.
 - Five points may be deducted for each instance of not following guidelines.
- **Live Presentation Guidelines:**
 - **Equipment Set-up Time:** 3 minutes
 - **Presentation Time:** 7 minutes (one-minute warning)
 - **Question & Answer Time:** None
 - **Internet Access:** Not provided
 - Visual aids and samples related to the project may be used during the presentation; however, no items may be left with the judges or audience.
 - When the equipment set-up time has elapsed, the timer will automatically start the presentation time.
 - If performing as a team, all team members are expected to actively participate in the presentation.
 - No animals (except authorized service animals) will be allowed for use in any competitive event.
 - Details of the sales presentation/pitch:
 - The team may sell whichever product or service they choose.
 - The team shall provide the necessary materials and merchandise for the sales pitch.
 - The sales presentation must be the result of the competitor's own efforts. Facts and working data may be secured from any source.
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National

Policy and Procedures Manual

- Competitors should be familiar with the Competitive Events Policy & Procedures Manual, found on the Competitive Events page on www.fbla.org.

Eligibility

- FBLA membership dues are paid by 11:59 pm Eastern Time on March 1 of the current school year.
- Members may compete in an event at NLC more than once if they have not previously placed in the top ten of that event at NLC. If a member places in the top ten of an event at NLC, they are no longer eligible to compete in that event.
- Members must be registered for the NLC and pay the national conference registration fee in order to participate in competitive events.
- Members must stay in an official FBLA hotel in order to compete.
- Each state may submit four entries.
- Each competitor can only compete in one individual/team event and one chapter event (American Enterprise Project, Community Service Project, Local Chapter Annual Business Report, Partnership with Business Project).
- Only competitors are allowed to plan, research, prepare, and set up their presentations.
- Each competitor must compete in all parts of an event for award eligibility.
- All members of a team must consist of individuals from the same chapter.
- Picture identification (driver's license, passport, state-issued identification, or school-issued identification) is required when checking in for competitive events.
- If competitors are late for a presentation time, they will be allowed to compete until such time that results are finalized, or the accommodation would impact the fairness and integrity of the event. Competitive events start in the morning before the Opening Session of NLC.

Recognition

- The number of competitors will determine the number of winners. The maximum number of winners for each competitive event is 10.

Event Administration

- This event has two parts: preliminary presentation and final presentation
- Interactive Preliminary Presentation Information
 - **Equipment Set-up Time:** 3 minutes
 - **Presentation Time:** 7 minutes (one-minute warning)
 - **Question & Answer Time:** None
 - **Internet Access:** Not Provided
 - The presentation is judged at the NLC. Preliminary presentations are not open to conference attendees. The presentation will take place in a large, open area, with a booth size of approximately 12' x 12'.
 - Competitors/teams are randomly assigned to sections.

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- Competitors present directly from a laptop/device. Screens and projectors are not allowed for use, and competitors are not allowed to bring their own. Power will not be available.
- Competitors can present with and bring any of the following technology into the presentation as long as it fits on the small table in front of the judges' table or is held by the competitors:
 - Laptop
 - Tablet
 - Mobile phone
 - External monitor that is approximately the size of a laptop monitor
- Visual aids and samples related to the project may be used during the presentation; however, no items may be left with the judges or audience.
- When the equipment set-up time has elapsed, the timer will automatically start the presentation time.
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 - This is an interactive event and judges may ask questions throughout the presentation.
- Interactive Final Presentation Information
 - **Equipment Set-up Time:** 3 minutes
 - **Presentation Time:** 7 minutes (one-minute warning)
 - **Question & Answer Time:** None
 - **Internet Access:** Not Provided
 - An equal number of competitors/teams from each section in the preliminary round will advance to the final round. When there are more than five sections of preliminary presentations for an event, two competitors/teams from each section will advance to the final round.
 - Final presentations may be open to conference attendees, space permitting. Finalists may not view other competitors' presentation in their event.
 - Competitors can present with and bring any of the following technology into the presentation as long as it fits on the small table in front of the judges' table or is held by the competitors:
 - Laptop
 - Tablet
 - Mobile phone
 - External monitor that is approximately the size of a laptop monitor

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- The following will be provided for the final round if it occurs in a conference room: screen, power, table, and projector. Competitors using laptops or other devices that do not have an HDMI port will need to provide their own adapters. It is up to final-round competitors to determine if they wish to use the technology provided.
- Visual aids and samples related to the project may be used during the presentation; however, no items may be left with the judges or audience.
- When the equipment set-up time has elapsed, the timer will automatically start the presentation time.
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Scoring

- The preliminary presentation score will determine the finalists.
- The final presentation score will determine the winners.
- Judges must break ties. All judges' decisions are final.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- FBLA meets the criteria specified in the Americans with Disabilities Act for all competitors with accommodations submitted through the conference registration system by the registration deadline.

Recording of Presentations

- No unauthorized audio or video recording devices will be allowed in any competitive event.
- Competitors in the events should be aware FBLA reserves the right to record any presentation for use in study or training materials.

Penalty Points

- Competitors may be disqualified if they violate the Competitive Event Guidelines or the Honor Code.
- Five points are deducted if competitors do not follow the Dress Code or are late for their assigned presentation time.

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Sales Presentation Rating Sheet

Expectation Item	Not Demonstrated	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Points Earned
Presents appropriate greeting	No introduction was presented	The conversation began, but the customer (judge) had to start the presentation	The conversation was initiated by the competitor(s)	Competitor(s) is creative in their introduction and led to a seamless transition into needs determination	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Able to determine needs	No questions were utilized to determine needs	Competitor(s) ask questions, but specific needs are not determined	Competitor(s) use questions to determine the needs of the customer (judge)	Competitor(s) use questions to determine the need of the customer (judge) and relates the needs to the product or service	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Presenting the product or service	No product/service was presented	Competitor(s) was unable to create interest in the product/service or the features	Competitor(s) was able to create interest in the product/service through knowledge of its features	Competitor(s) was able to convert unnecessary item(s) (wants) into needed item(s) (needs)	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Able to overcome objections	Objections were not addressed or overcome	One objection was overcome	2-3 objections were overcome	All objections were overcome, and sale resulted	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Demonstrates suggestion selling	No additional items were offered	Additional items were suggested, but did not relate to the product/service	Additional items were suggested that relate to the product/service	Additional items were suggested that relate to product/service and enhance the sale	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Able to close the sale	Sale was not suggested	Competitor(s) asks for the sale but not all objections were addressed	Competitor(s) asks for the sale and there is little apprehension in agreeing	Competitor(s) didn't have to ask for the sale, the presentation confirmed the customer's (judge's) intent to buy	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Demonstrates the ability to develop relationship	No follow up was mentioned	Non-effective follow up was mentioned	Sale was finalized and interest in product/service was established	Relationship was established resulting in customer (judge) loyalty	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Presentation Delivery					
Statements are well-organized and clearly stated	Competitor(s) did not appear prepared	Competitor(s) were prepared, but flow was not logical	Presentation flowed in logical sequence	Presentation flowed in a logical sequence; statements were well organized	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Demonstrates self-confidence, poise, assertiveness, and good voice projection	Competitor(s) did not demonstrate self-confidence	Competitor(s) demonstrated self-confidence and poise	Competitor(s) demonstrated self-confidence, poise, and good voice projection	Competitor(s) demonstrated self-confidence, poise, good voice projection, and assertiveness	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Demonstrates the ability to effectively answer questions	Unable to answer questions	Does not completely answer questions	Completely answers questions	Interacted with the judges in the process of completely answering questions	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Staff Only: Penalty Points (5 points for dress code penalty and/or 5 points for late arrival penalty)					
Presentation Total (100 points)					
Name(s):					
School:					
Judge Signature:					Date:
Comments:					