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Workplace Skills Assessment Program
Classroom Educator's Advisory Council (CEAC)
2011 Summary of Changes

NEW EVENTS

(58) 2D 3D Artists

Administered as an Individual Event for Secondary and Post-secondary Divisions. Given a scenario or prompt, 2D and/or 3D artists will research the topic, create a profile, concept design(s), prototype(s), and final model and/or scene based upon the assigned topic provided. For example – a new Pixar character made of metal (refer to background information supplied about character); an opening scene to support a new sci-fi movie; an office chair designed for the year 2050; an environment for a Mars colony in the year 2075, etc.

(74) Business Meeting Management

Administered as a pilot Open Event for Secondary and Post-secondary Divisions at the National Leadership Conference. This event is expected to be the beginning of a new series of events that will test students on the business processes involved with the development and coordination of managing the functions involved with planning and hosting major meeting activities and events.

(57) Broadcast News

This event was new in 2011 and was offered as a pilot. The event was very successful and has been approved as a regular competition for Secondary and Post-secondary.

Virtual Events

Software Engineering and Virtual Multi Media (Individual & Team) have also been approved as on-going regular competition for Secondary and Post-secondary

CALCULATOR STANDARDS

At Summer Meeting this year CEAC and SAAC adopted new standards for calculators that can be used in BPA Competitive Events. The standards, which are also in the WSAP, now are as follows:

Students must ensure their calculator works properly, as the testing center will not provide batteries or spare calculators. Each student may use only their own calculator. Students may bring a backup calculator in case their primary calculator fails.

ACT-approved calculators include four-function scientific or graphic calculators. Certain calculators are entirely prohibited while others are permitted. Permitted calculators include:

- Texas Instruments models beginning with TI-89 and TI-92, IT-Nspire CAS
- Hewlett Packard models beginning with HP 48 GII, HP 40G, HP 49G, HP 50G
- Casio models including Algebra fx 2.0, ClassPad 300, and beginning with CX 990G
- Any calculator with a computer algebra system
- Pocket organizers
- Palm pilots and laptop computers
- Electronic writing pads
- Cell phone calculators
- Calculators with typewriter keypads in QWERTY format

It is each student's responsibility to ensure that their calculator meets ACT requirements. Calculators that do not meet ACT standards will not be allowed during the test, which could result in a lower score for unprepared students. Students who bring prohibited calculators will not be provided an alternative calculator by the testing center staff and they will not be allowed to use another student's calculator.

Cordless calculators may be used in all events. Calculators and all other electronic devices will be monitored according to ACT standards in all events.

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WSAP UPDATES

Many changes and updates will be included in the 2012 version of the Workplace Skills Assessment Program (WSAP) document. The current plan is to post the updated version to the BPA website by mid-September. New this year will be the addition of the new events listed above, changes to the software applications that will be used for Accounting and Desktop Publishing, and a series of corrections to make the WSAP easier to use.

Pinter requirements have also been clarified in the WSAP. For any event printed at NLC, only black and white documents are permitted.

FINANCIAL ANALYST TEAM CHANGES

Financial Analyst Team (09) has been changed to allow teams to bring up to two notebook computers per team. This will make it easier for teams to be able to compete.

DVDs REPLACE CDs

For events requiring student's to leave machine readable content for judged review, DVDs will now be accepted rather than CDs. This change will update the type of media being required.

SOFTWARE FOR 2012 WILL BE UPDATED FOR SOME CONTESTS

Office 2007 will continue to be the required software for administrative applications for 2012. Accounting software, however, will be updated to reflect current releases. Please check with the WSAP in September to see what versions will be used.

NEW DATES FOR PRESUBMISSION COMPETITIONS

Many events require technical work to be pre-submitted to the National Center for grading prior to NLC. NLC for 2012 is a little earlier than in past years. As a result, the due date for all such work is **March 26**. This will give judges the time they need to evaluate every student's work fairly and accurately. Pre-submitted events include the following:

- Administrative Support Research Project-Individual
- Economic Research Project-Individual
- Economic Research Project-Team
- Entrepreneurship
- Global Marketing Team
- Graphic Design Promotion
- Interview Skills
- Advanced Interview Skills
- Web Application Team
- Web Site Design Team