FLC Navigating BPA Competitions Q&A

Do dress heels have to be closed toe?

- For judged events (presentation-based competitions), the general session, and the awards session, closed-toe dress shoes are required.
- For non-judged finance events, computer-only events, campaign rallies, caucuses, and exhibit halls, open-toe **dress shoes** are permitted; however, they must still be dress shoes, dress heels, or dress flats.
- https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:076d8ba4-abd7-4ecd-a227-f00ec8cd698b

If I have never had a student compete, is there a way I could have a mentor assist or look over my students' work to make sure we are on the right track?

- For help coordinating this review, please contact Oklahoma BPA at 405-743-5119 or your designated program specialist.

Will there be a date when the change log can no longer be updated?

The national BPA change log may continue to be updated until the last State Leadership Conference has concluded. However, Oklahoma has established the following deadlines for applying changes to SLC competitions:

- **December 1, 2026:** Final change log update applicable to Oklahoma SLC pre-submission events.
- **March 1, 2027:** Changes identified after December 1 may still apply to events that advance to on-site competition at SLC.

What does the new single-sided presentation device policy require?

- New policy this year. For presentation events, competitors may use ONE single-sided laptop, notebook, or tablet ONLY. https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:037b3620-e25b-4734-8312-c6b7e08f0179

Can students use Canva presentations and use their phone for notes and as a presentation navigation device?

- Students may use Canva presentations; however, competitors are limited to **one** permitted, single-sided presentation device. A cell phone cannot be used as a second device for presentation notes or navigation. https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:037b3620-e25b-4734-8312-c6b7e08f0179.
- Additionally, *Use of Cellular Phones/Smart Devices* (p. 2 of the Oklahoma Supplement) states, "If a member/team is utilizing a cellular phone as a mobile hotspot, the phone may be visible and used to provide Internet throughout the presentation ONLY (NOT in the preparation room should an event include a prep component). However, the phone's sole purpose can only be for Internet access or for displaying the member's work, no other use will be allowed."

Can we set it up so students can take the pre-qualification tests before we pay for them to be registered for the actual state conference? We end up paying for students who don't get to go.

- Oklahoma BPA incurs a cost for every pre-qualification test administered, and those tests are part of the SLC competitive event process. Therefore, students must be registered for SLC before accessing the pre-qualification tests.
- Advisors are encouraged to consider a broader mix of competitive events, including those that do not require pre-qualification testing or pre-submission technical judging. Within the event entry limits, selecting events that align with students' strengths—including judged events—can provide additional opportunities to compete at SLC rather than having participation depend entirely on qualifying through a single test or pre-submission score.

Could students use an iMac to present from?

- No. The NLC policy limits presentations to one laptop/notebook computer or tablet. An iMac would not meet that definition. https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:037b3620-e25b-4734-8312-c6b7e08f0179

ctYOU gave me an error message: "not available unless: you belong to bpa."

- If you receive a "not available unless you belong to…" message when trying to access the regional materials, make sure you are logged into ctYOU with your BMITE teacher account. If you still cannot access the materials, please call 405-743-5119 or reach out to your program specialist for access.