



## 2019-2020 WSAP Updates

### **General WSAP Updates (applicable to all competitive events)**

- The section “*Use of Cellular Phones*” has been expanded to include “smart devices”. The revised statement is now:

#### ***Use of Cellular Phones / Smart Devices***

*The use of cellular phones and/or smart devices, including digital watches, that can be used to record, transmit, receive, or play back audio, photographic, text, or video content in testing, preparation and presentation rooms is strictly prohibited. This pertains to judges, contest administrators and contestants. In the event that a contestant/team is utilizing a cellular phone as a mobile hotspot, the phone may be visible throughout the presentation and used to provide Internet, however, the phone’s sole purpose can only be for Internet access or for displaying the contestant’s work, no other use will be allowed.*

- All events requiring Release Forms:
  - Language on Release Form is changed to “All individuals included in a project must sign a Release Form for him/herself for this event, including the official competitor.”
  - The statement that “Release Forms must be typed” has been removed from all rubrics, because the Release Form does not need to be typed.
  - All Release forms must be signed and scanned when submitted at the time of pre-submission to be considered for technical scoring points.
- The WSAP guidelines have been updated to include a Plagiarism/Academic Dishonesty policy. Policy will be posted in the September 1, 2019 release of the WSAP Guidelines.
- The summary page outlining which competitive events have required certification exams has been modified to include certification exams that are recommended (aligned, but not required and not a part of the competitive event).

### **Updates to Competitive Events (with Aligned Certification Exams)**

- The required certification exam component will be scored on a pass (100 points) or fail (zero (0) points) basis.
- Each of the required certification exam components may count for up to, but cannot exceed, 25% of the total event points. The total score for each competitive event has been adjusted to ensure that the certification points (maximum 100 points) does not exceed 25%.

### **WSAP Updates (Specific Assessment Area Changes)**

#### **100's Finance**

- (100) Fundamental Accounting (S) – new Eligibility statement: “Contestant may *not* enter Fundamental Accounting and Advanced Accounting in the same year. This event may *not* be repeated.”
  - Removed “Limited to secondary student members enrolled in the first year of accounting or who have completed the first-year and are not enrolled in second-year accounting.”

#### **200's Business Administration**

- (270) ICD-10 Diagnostic Coding (S | PS) has been adopted as a full event.

#### **300's Management Information System**

- New Pilot Event Created – (350) Linux Operating System Fundamentals (S | PS) – Pilot
- (310) Network Administration Using Microsoft has been renamed to (310) Server Administration Using Microsoft.
- (315) System Administration Using Cisco has been renamed to (315) Network Administration using Cisco.
- (335) C++ Programming, (340) Java Programming, (345) C# / Visual Basic Programming
  - The following statement has been added regarding source code resources: “Only pre-written source code that is hard copied (non-electronic) is allowed.”

### **400's Digital Communication and Design**

- (405) Fundamentals of Web Design (S | PS) – Microsoft MTA 98-383 Introduction to Programming Using HTML and CSS is now the required certification exam.
- (410) Graphic Design Promotion (S | PS) – The works cited page has been added to the rubric for specification points.
- (435) Web Site Design Team (S | PS) – Works cited must be included and formatted according to the Style and Reference manual specifications.
- (445) Broadcast News Production Team (S) – National Center will provide content in the form of graphics, b-roll, and lower thirds to use during the NLC finals round of competition.
- (490) Digital Communication & Design Concepts – Open (S | PS) has been adopted as a full event.
- Multiple rubrics have been updated to include additional rubric items, please review the rubrics for the following contests:
  - Graphic Design Promotion
  - Broadcast News Team
  - Video Production Team
  - Computer Modeling
  - Website Design Team
  - Computer Animation Team

### **500's Management Marketing Human Resources**

- (515) Interview Skills (S | PS)
  - In the technical scoring rubric, the statement “but should be business letter format” has been removed.
  - The statement “Does *not* need to follow the Style & Reference Manual” has been added to the Resume section of the Technical Scoring Rubric.
- (520) Advanced Interview Skills (S | PS)
  - In the technical scoring rubric, the statement “but should be business letter format” has been removed.
  - The statement “Does *not* need to follow the Style & Reference Manual” has been added to the Resume section of the Technical Scoring Rubric.
- (550) Parliamentary Procedure Team will no longer use the (592) Parliamentary Procedure Concepts – Open objective exam as part of the contest. A new assessment (50 objective questions for each level), unique to the Parliamentary Procedure Team event has been created to replace it.
- (594) Digital Marketing Concepts – Open (S | PS) has been adopted as a full event.

## 900's Middle Level

- New Pilot Event Created - (955) Digital Citizenship (ML) – Pilot
- In order to categorize the Middle Level events and add room for new events in the future, the Middle Level event numbers have been reconfigured to the following:
  - (900) Financial Literacy (ML)
  - (905) - EMPTY
  - (910) - EMPTY
  - (915) Administrative Support Team (ML)
  - (920) Digital Citizenship- Pilot (ML)
  - (925) Keyboarding Production (ML)
  - (930) Spreadsheet Applications (ML)
  - (935) - EMPTY
  - (940) Digital Game Design Team (ML)
  - (945) Graphic Design Promotion (ML)
  - (950) Introduction to Video Production (ML)
  - (955) Website Design Team (ML)
  - (960) - EMPTY
  - (965) - EMPTY
  - (970) Entrepreneurship Exploration (ML)
  - (975) Extemporaneous Speech (ML)
  - (980) Prepared Speech (ML)
  - (985) Presentation Management Team (ML)
  - (990) - EMPTY
  - (995) Business Communication Skills Concepts – Open (ML)
  - (996) Business Fundamentals Concepts – Open (ML)
  - (997) Business Math Concepts – Open (ML)
  - (998) Computer Literacy Concepts – Open (ML)
  - (999) - EMPTY

## **Virtual Events**

- All Virtual Events have new deadlines:
  - Registration Deadline: November 1, 2019 (12:00pm Midnight EST)
  - Final Project Submission Deadline: January 15, 2020 (12:00 Midnight EST)
  - Virtual Events Finalists (Top 10) Announcement Deadline: March 1, 2020
- (V03) Software Engineering Team (ML | S | PS)
  - The Swift programming language has been added to the list of acceptable languages.
  - The following statement was also added: “Please contact the National Director of Education if you require any additional language approvals.”
- (V07) Cybersecurity / Digital Forensics has been adopted as a full event.
- New Pilot Event - (V09) Financial Portfolio Management Team (ML | S | PS) – Pilot
- The National Leadership Conference “National Showcase” has been dedicated to Judith B. McKinstry in respect of her vision, passion, and dedication to the creation of the National BPA Virtual Events.

## **Updates to BPA Manuals**

- Style and Reference Manual
  - The appropriate document example from the Style & Reference Manual will be included in the answer key for any judged event that requires students to follow a particular document format based upon the Style & Reference Manual.
- Human Resource Manual
  - The manual has been dedicated to Bob Roeder in respect of his long-term dedication and influence regarding the Human Resources Manual.