

**For HOSA Competitive Events, HOSA members should follow the event guidelines in determining appropriate competitive event attire. Competitors (teams) who are appropriately dressed will earn bonus points for proper dress.**

For all competitive events, five (5) bonus points will be added for appropriate dress. In team events, all team members must be properly dressed to receive the bonus points. Exceptions are as noted in the event guidelines.

- **At the SLC, dress bonus points are awarded unless a dress code violation is agreed upon by the Event Manager and a member of the SD HOSA CE staff.** The Event Manager Assistant will award the points and will collaborate with the Event Manager to add the points to the rating sheets when the event is completed. When dress points are not awarded, this must be indicated on the rating sheets as well.
- Judges are NOT responsible for the dress code. Dress code points are awarded by competitive event personnel.
- When in doubt, personnel should award dress points. Competitors with blue hair, large earrings, sleeveless blouses, and colorful clothing may still be dressed professionally.

### **Proper Attire (Business or Business Casual)**

#### **Acceptable:**

- Females -- Business suit, tailored dress or blazer and skirt or slacks with tailored blouse
- Males -- Business suit or sport coat, vest, or sweater, and slacks with dress shirt and tie (optional)
- Dress pants
- Khaki pants
- Polo/collared shirts
- Opened toed shoes/heeled sandals

#### **Not Acceptable:**

- NO denim.
- NO shorts, "capris pants" and other short pants.
- NO casual tank or tube tops, t-shirts, sweat pants/shirts, or tennis shoes are never acceptable.
- NO clothing that works well for the beach, yard work, dance clubs, exercise sessions, and sports contests.
- NO clothing that reveals excessive cleavage, your back, your chest, your stomach or your underwear.
- NO flip-flops.

**Flip-flops** and **thong sandals** are flat, backless, made of rubber or leather, plain or embellished with beads, etc., consisting of a flat sole held loosely on the foot by a Y-shaped strap, like a thin thong, that passes between the first (big) and second toes and around either side of the foot.

### **Clinical Uniform for Skill Events**

For most skill events, scrubs and clinical shoes or white leather tennis shoes are acceptable clinical attire. Other dress may be appropriate to the occupational area and acceptable for HOSA competitive events. Shorts and flip-flops are not acceptable HOSA clinical attire.

### **Opening Session/Award Session/Banquet**

All attendees are required to wear proper business or business casual attire.