

2024-25 Competitive Events Guidelines

Critical Thinking



Critical Thinking provides members with the opportunity to think on their feet and present a solution to a problem presented. This competitive event consists of a role play scenario.

Event Overview

Division: Middle School

Event Type: Team of 1, 2, or 3 members

Event Category: Role Play Event

Event Elements: Presentation

Role Play Time: 15-minute preparation time, 7-minute presentation time

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

State

Colorado FBLA requires and provides the same items as is listed below for the National Leadership Conference. Check the Call to Conference for any other competitive events information and deadlines.

National

Required Competition Items

<u>Items Competitor Must Provide</u>	<u>Items FBLA Provides</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference-provided nametag• Attire that meets the FBLA Dress Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Table• Two notecards and pencil for each competitor• Secret role play problem/scenario

Important FBLA Documents

- Competitors should be familiar with the Competitive Events [Policy & Procedures Manual](#), [Honor Code](#), [Code of Conduct](#), and [Dress Code](#).

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 to participate in competitive events.
- Members must stay in an official FBLA hotel block to compete.
- Each state may submit four entries.
- Each competitor can only compete in one individual/team event and one chapter event (Annual Chapter Activities Presentation, Community Service Presentation).
- All members of a team must consist of individuals from the same chapter.

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- If competitors are late for their assigned preparation time, they will be allowed to compete with a five-point penalty until such time that results are finalized, or the accommodation would impact the fairness and integrity of the event.
- Some competitive events start in the morning before the Opening Session of NLC. The schedules for competitive events are displayed in the local time of the NLC location. Competitive event schedules cannot be changed.

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
- Preliminary Interactive Role Play Presentation
 - **Preparation Time:** 15 minutes
 - **Presentation Time:** 7 minutes (one-minute warning)
 - **Question & Answer:** None
 - The role play will be a problem or scenario. The role play will be given to the competitors at the beginning of their assigned preparation time.
 - Two notecards will be provided to each competitor and may be used during event preparation and role play presentation. Information may be written on both sides of the notecards. Notecards will be collected following the role play.
 - No additional reference materials or props or visuals are allowed.
 - Teamwork: If participating as a team, all team members are expected to actively participate in the role play.
 - Role plays are interactive presentations; the judges may ask questions throughout the presentation.
 - Role play presentations are not open to conference attendees.
 - Competition ethics demand that competitors do not discuss or reveal the role play until the event has ended.
- Final Interactive Role Play Presentation
 - The above presentation guidelines will be in effect for the final presentation.
 - An equal number of top scoring 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.

Scoring

- The preliminary role play presentation score will determine the finalists.
- The final role play presentation score will determine the winners.
- Judges must break ties.
- The decision of the judges is considered final. All announced results are final upon the conclusion of the National Leadership Conference.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

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- 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 Code of Conduct or the Honor Code.
- Five points are deducted if competitors do not follow the Dress Code or are late to their assigned prep/presentation time.

Electronic Devices

- Unless a pre-approved accommodation is in place, all cell phones, smart watches, and headphones must be turned off and put away before competition begins. Any visibility of these devices will be considered a violation of the Honor Code.

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Critical Thinking Role Play Presentation Rating Sheet

Expectation Item	Not Demonstrated	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Points Earned
Content					
Problem is understood and well-defined	<i>No description or role play synopsis provided; no problem(s) defined</i>	<i>Describes and provides role play synopsis OR defines the problem(s)</i>	<i>Describes and provides role play synopsis AND defines the problem(s)</i>	<i>Demonstrates expertise of role play synopsis AND definition of the problem(s)</i>	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Alternatives are recognized with pros and cons stated and evaluated	<i>No alternatives identified</i>	<i>Alternative(s) given but pro(s) and/or con(s) are not analyzed</i>	<i>At least two alternatives given, and pro(s) and con(s) are analyzed</i>	<i>Multiple alternatives given and multiple pros and cons analyzed for each</i>	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Logical solution is selected with positive and negative aspects of its implementation given	<i>No solution identified</i>	<i>Solution provided, but implementation plan not developed</i>	<i>Logical solution and implementation plan provided and developed</i>	<i>Feasible solution and implementation plan developed, and necessary resources identified</i>	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of critical thinking concepts in relation to the topic	<i>No knowledge demonstrated</i>	<i>Little knowledge demonstrated</i>	<i>Knowledge and understanding of topic demonstrated</i>	<i>Expert knowledge and understanding of topic demonstrated</i>	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Presentation Delivery					
Statements are well-organized and clearly stated	<i>Competitor(s) did not appear prepared</i>	<i>Competitor(s) were prepared, but flow was not logical</i>	<i>Presentation flowed in logical sequence</i>	<i>Presentation flowed in a logical sequence; statements were well organized</i>	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Used appropriate eye contact, voice projection, gestures, and posture	<i>Competitor(s) did not demonstrate self-confidence</i>	<i>Competitor(s) demonstrated self-confidence and poise</i>	<i>Competitor(s) demonstrated self-confidence, poise, and good voice projection</i>	<i>Competitor(s) demonstrated self-confidence, poise, good voice projection, and assertiveness</i>	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Effectively answered questions	<i>Unable to answer questions</i>	<i>Does not completely answer questions</i>	<i>Completely answers questions</i>	<i>Interacted with the judges in the process of completely answering questions</i>	
	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:					