MedPhys Slam: Chapter Responsibilities

This document outlines the responsibilities of individual AAPM Chapters holding qualification competitions for the 2020 Joint AAPM/COMP MedPhys Slam Competition. Most items are left to the discretion of the individual Chapter. Each Chapter winner must meet the minimum eligibility requirements to compete in the final competition. Please direct questions to Catherine Steffel (catherinesteffel@gmail.com).

STSC Notification of Chapter Representative:
1. Chapters must notify STSC (Catherine Steffel) the name and contact information of the person who will be representing the Chapter at the final competition by June 15, 2020.
2. If a Chapter is unable to meet this deadline, they must notify their STSC Slam representative or the STSC Slam lead (Catherine Steffel) prior to June 1, 2020, or else may forfeit their participant’s opportunity to compete in the final round of competition at the 2020 AAPM Annual Meeting.
3. In the event that the winner is unable to attend the annual scientific meeting, the second-place participant may take their place, and so on.

Location:
1. Ideally the qualification competition will be held at the annual Chapter meeting provided this meets the notification deadlines outlined above. The competition can be held as a separate event if it cannot be held at a Chapter meeting.

Pre-screening:
1. Participants must be current Student, Junior, or Resident members of AAPM.
2. Participants must present on their own, original research. If participants have competed in a previous AAPM MedPhys Slam competition, they must present on new, original research and meet eligibility requirements as a new participant.
3. It is left to the AAPM Chapter’s discretion if additional screening must be conducted (e.g., if too many people apply and Chapter is unable to have everyone give a presentation).

Judging:
1. A minimum of 3 judges is required.
2. Chapters should strive to create a diverse panel of judges that can assess the ability of participants to convey their research to an audience of non-specialists. Suggestions include: high school teachers, local news/media personalities, local vendor marketing executives.
3. Ideal judges are NOT medical physicists; however, it would be acceptable to include one medical physicist on the judging panel as a means to judge the veracity of the presentations.
4. Chapters are free to use our judging criteria (attached) or to establish their own. The final competition will adhere to judging criteria developed by STSC.

Funding:
1. There is currently no funding available from STSC for Chapters to run this event or for qualifying presenters to travel to AAPM.
2. We encourage Chapters to find creative ways to provide support (funding, mentorship, etc.) to their winner as they travel to the AAPM meeting as a representative of the Chapter’s membership.

Feedback & Video recording:
1. Presentations at the final competition will be recorded. It is up to the individual chapters if they would like to record their events, but it is not required.
2. Chapters are encouraged to give presenters verbal and written feedback.