NSS Contest Student Oral Presentation Guidelines for ISDC 2027

There are a limited number of slots available for oral presentations. Students interested in signing up for an oral presentation must submit an entry using our online form and provide a video of their presentation.

NOTE: Submissions must be completed before April 24, 2027. Please note the following regarding oral presentations:

- Student teams/individuals receiving First and Second Place Awards respectively will be given priority for a presentation slot.
- Student teams/individuals receiving Third Place or Honorable Mention Awards will be placed on a waiting list until after the First & Second Place winners have been accommodated and will only be notified if a slot remains available.

GUIDELINES

- All potential oral presentation teams/individuals MUST provide a video of their presentation as part of the ORAL PRESENTATION request for participation form.
- Presentations are limited to **10 minutes only**. You will be asked to stop if you exceed the 10 minutes.
    - Be well-practiced so you do not go over the 10-minute time limit.
- There will be no question and answer (Q&A) sessions following the presentation.
- All selected presenters on the list are required to provide a final copy of the presentation on a USB flash drive at the student registration desk. The presentation should be finished and well-practiced before you arrive at the ISDC. There are two reasons for this:
    - The National Space Society (NSS) wants you to participate in the conference programing. We do not want you hiding in your rooms all day long practicing the presentation. NSS hopes that you will use your time at the ISDC to attend sessions and activities of interest to you, learning from the experience and networking with other attendees at the conference.
    - NSS wants to ensure that your presentation works and will pre-load them on the conference computer for you.
- You will not be able to use your own computer for your presentation. To transfer your presentation to the computer provided, we recommend that you bring a USB drive with you (remember to hand it in at the Student Registration Desk).
- Presentation computers will be PCs with Windows. PowerPoint is the preferred presentation program format for the ISDC, latest versions of PowerPoint might not open in these computers. We highly recommend saving your presentation on various formats.

Need Help? Have Questions? Contact isdc.students@nss.org

NSS Contest Student Oral Presentation Application for ISDC 2027

All teams or individual entrants wishing to give an oral presentation on your NSS contest project to ISDC attendees must provide a video of their team (or individual) giving the presentation **in the manner that they would present their project at the conference**. If selected, you will be assigned a 10-minute presentation slot. All presentations may be shorter than, but no longer than 10 minutes in length and there will be no question-and-answer period after the talk. It is advised that the presenters state that if anyone has any questions, the team will be happy to answer questions at the end of the session in the conference foyer.

For the purposes of qualifying to give a presentation, the video may be up to 13 minutes in length. However, the actual presentation at ISDC will be limited to a length of 10 minutes and shall be in PowerPoint. It is recommended that the video show the entire team and the slides from a distance. The slides must be easily readable. It is assumed that the presentation on the video is not your final presentation and that you will most likely be making improvements to it and enhancing the presentation before ISDC.

VIDEO SUBMITTED

The video should be a recording of you (or team) giving your presentation along with your PowerPoint presentation with the camera on you, the presenter(s). That is all that is needed. We are not looking for creative video productions. The production quality of the video, filming technique, lighting, artistic creativity and other special effects will NOT be considered in the evaluation. We recommend that you do not add any of these to your video. Videos will be scored based on how you present, how clearly you speak and how organized the content of the presentation is. We do not want a PowerPoint or video presentation with a voice-over.

RULES

- Applications and videos must be received by April 24, 2027. **Please post your video on YouTube.**
- You MUST record your presentation so it can be watched and considered for selection.
- Once the video is recorded **upload it to YouTube** because that will be easy for us to view. Paste the viewable link in the online contest student registration form.
- If your application video is longer than 13-minutes or not viewable to our reviewers, the submission will be disqualified from this application process for 2027.
- **Your video will be reviewed as if it were your actual presentation for ISDC.** You should put a respective amount of effort and planning into the preparation of the video.
- Selected contest student teams will be assigned their presentation day and time before the conference.

The submitted presentation will be evaluated in the following skills:

- Clarity of speech, speaking pace, understandability, and inflection. Do the presenters read from a prepared paper, or do they use the sides as their cues?
- Concise and Substantial Content - Includes unique characteristics of their project
- Engaging Presence - Presenters are energetic, informative, and draw the listener in

Applying for selection is not a guarantee of being offered an oral presentation slot.

If you have any questions on the submission requirements, please contact us at isdc.students@nss.org.