



## MedPhys Slam: Rules & Judging Criteria

### Final Live Presentation Rules

- The presenter's contribution to the project must be salient and clearly specified
- Timing will commence from the moment the contestant starts talking. Three (3) minutes are permitted. If the contestant goes over three minutes, a time penalty will be applied.
- Visuals
  - Maximum of 3 slides, not including title slide generated by STSC
  - PowerPoint slides allowed but optional; no Prezi or other presentation formats
  - Slide material cannot be created by a professional
  - No embedded audio and/or video clips
  - No gifs, animations, or slide transitions
- No additional props are permitted, including but not limited to notes, laser pointers, costumes, musical instruments, and laboratory equipment
- Presentations must be given in English and spoken word presentations (e.g. poems, rap, or song) are not permitted
- Presenters must remain on stage for the duration of their presentation

### Videotaping

The 2026 Joint AAPM/COMP Annual Meeting MedPhys Slam live event will be photographed and videotaped. By entering the contest, you agree to allow the AAPM/COMP to use the resulting photographs and/or video, which may include your image or presentation, in publicity surrounding the contest and/or in other contexts, such as websites, promotional materials, etc.

Direct all questions to the MedPhys Slam team ([MedPhys.Slam@gmail.com](mailto:MedPhys.Slam@gmail.com))



## Judging Criteria

### Comprehension/Content:

- Did the presentation clearly identify the research question/topic being addressed and its significance? /10
- Did the presentation help the audience understand the research? /10
- Did the presenter clearly outline the nature and aims of research? /10
- Did the presenter clearly indicate what was significant about this research, and how their individual work advances the area of research? /10
- Did the presentation follow a logical sequence? /10

### Communication:

- Was the thesis topic communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience? /10
- Did the speaker use sufficient eye contact and vocal range, and maintain a steady pace? /10
- Did the speaker avoid scientific jargon, explain terminology, and provide adequate background information to illustrate points? /10
- Did the presenter spend the right amount of time on each element of the presentation – did the presenter elaborate for too long or rush? /10
- Did the slides enhance, rather than detract from, the presentation; was it clear, legible, and concise? /10

### Engagement:

- Did the presentation make the audience want to know more? /10
- Was the presenter careful not to trivialize or 'dumb down' the research? /10
- Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for the research? /10
- Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience's attention? /10
- Would the audience want to know more about the speaker's research? /10

## Deductions

### Visuals

- 10 point deduction for use of Prezi or presentation formats beyond PowerPoint
- 10 point deduction per extra slide
- 10 point deduction for material created by a professional
- 10 point deduction for embedded audio and/or video clips
- 10 point deduction for gifs, animations, or slide transitions

### Delivery

- 10 point deduction for use of additional props including but not limited to laser pointers, costumes, musical instruments, and laboratory equipment
- 10 point deduction for the use of notes
- 10 point deduction for presentations not spoken in English.
- 10 point deduction for presentations utilizing spoken word (e.g. poems, raps, or songs)
- 10 point deduction for presenters that leave the stage the presentation

### Timing

- 5 point deduction for presentations overtime by 0-5 seconds
- 10 deduction for presentations overtime by 5-10 seconds
- Additional 5 point deduction per 5 second thereafter