The Integrated Marketing Campaign Events provide an opportunity for the participants to demonstrate promotional knowledge and skills needed by marketing personnel.

Participants in the Integrated Marketing Campaign Events will:
- develop an integrated marketing campaign of no more than 45 days in length for a real event, product, or service
- present the campaign in a role-play situation to a prospective client/advertiser

The guidelines for each of the Integrated Marketing Campaign Events are consolidated to facilitate coordination of participant activities in each of the campaign categories. This means the guidelines will be exactly the same for each campaign category. However, each campaign category will be treated separately as a competitive event.

**CAREER CLUSTERS + DEFINITIONS**
The following definitions are used to determine the category of campaign.

**Integrated Marketing Campaign—Event** includes a campaign that is related to any sports and entertainment event and/or company event. Examples include concerts, festivals, fairs, tournaments, pet adoption day, charity events, etc.

**Integrated Marketing Campaign—Product** includes a campaign that is related to any hard/soft line retail products including e-commerce. Examples include apparel and accessories, retail products, etc.

**Integrated Marketing Campaign—Service** includes a campaign that is related to any service or intangible product. Examples may include pet services, golf lessons, health care services, salons, restaurants, amusement parks, etc.

**EVENT OVERVIEW**
- This event consists of the written document, the cluster exam and the oral presentation. The maximum score for the written entry and presentation evaluation is 100 points. The combined written entry and presentation score will be weighted twice (2 times) the value of the exam score. The exam score carries forward into the final round of competition.
- Each event entry will be composed of one to three members of the DECA chapter. All participants must present the campaign to the judge. All participants must respond to questions.
- Each participant will be given a 100-question, multiple-choice, cluster exam testing knowledge of the Business Administration Core performance indicators and the Marketing Cluster performance indicators. In the case of team entries, the scores of each participant will be averaged to produce a single team score.
- The body of the written entry must be limited to 10 numbered pages, including the appendix (if an appendix is attached), but excluding the title page and the table of contents.
- The Written Event Statement of Assurances and Academic Integrity must be signed and submitted with the entry. Do not include it in the page numbering.
- The oral presentation may be a maximum of 15 minutes in length, including time for judge’s questions.
- The judge will evaluate the presentation focusing on the effectiveness of public speaking and presentation skills, how well the participants respond to questions that the judge may ask during the presentation.
WRITTEN ENTRY GUIDELINES
The written entry must follow these specifications. Refer also to the Penalty Point Checklist and the Written Entry Evaluation Form.

WRITTEN EVENT STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY. This must be signed and submitted with the entry. Do not include it in the page numbering.

TITLE PAGE. The first page of the written entry is the title page. It must include in any order, but is not limited to, the following:
- NAME OF THE EVENT (one of the following):
  - INTEGRATED MARKETING CAMPAIGN–EVENT
  - INTEGRATED MARKETING CAMPAIGN–PRODUCT
  - INTEGRATED MARKETING CAMPAIGN–SERVICE
- Name of high school
- School address
- City, State/Province, ZIP/Postal Code
- Names of participants
- Date

Title page will not be numbered.

TABLE OF CONTENTS. The table of contents should follow the title page. The table of contents may be single-spaced and may be one or more pages long. The table of contents page(s) will not be numbered.

BODY OF THE WRITTEN ENTRY. The body of the written entry begins with Section I, Executive Summary, and continues in the sequence outlined here. The first page of the body is numbered “1” and all following pages are numbered in sequence. Page numbers continue through the bibliography (required) and the appendix (optional).

This outline must be followed. Points for each section are included on the Written Entry Evaluation Form. Each section must be titled, including the bibliography and the appendix.

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
   One-page description of the campaign which should be no more than 45 days in length

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT, PRODUCT OR SERVICE

III. CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES

IV. CAMPAIGN TARGET MARKET

V. CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES AND SCHEDULE
   Include creative samples of marketing pieces suggested

VI. BUDGET
   Detailed projections of actual cost

VII. KEY METRICS

VIII. BIBLIOGRAPHY
   A bibliography is required. Include a list of the sources of information used in the written document.

IX. APPENDIX
   An appendix is optional. Include in an appendix any exhibits appropriate to the written entry but not important enough to include in the body.
PENALTY POINT CHECKLIST
In addition to the Written Entry Guidelines, participants must observe all of the standards on the Penalty Point Checklist on page 54. These standards are designed to make competition as fair as possible.

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES
• The major emphasis of the written entry is on the content. Drawings, illustrations and graphic presentations (where allowed) will be judged for clarity, not artistic value.
• The participants will present to the judge in a 15-minute presentation worth 100 points. (See Presentation Judging.)
• The presentation begins immediately after the introduction of the participants to the judge by the adult assistant. Each participant must take part in the presentation.
• Each participant may bring a copy of the written entry or note cards pertaining to the written entry and use as reference during the presentation.
• If time remains, the judge may ask questions pertaining to the campaign.
• Only visual aids that can be easily hand carried to the presentation by the actual participant(s) will be permitted. The participants themselves must set up the visuals. Wheeled carts, moving straps or similar items may not be used to bring visuals into the area. Set up time is included in the total presentation time. Participants must furnish their own materials and equipment. No electrical power or internet connection will be supplied. Alternate power sources such as small generators are not allowed. Sound may be used, as long as the volume is kept at a conversational level.
• Materials appropriate to the situation may be handed to or left with judges in all competitive events. Items of monetary value may be handed to but may not be left with judges. Items such as flyers, brochures, pamphlets and business cards may be handed to or left with the judge. No food or drinks allowed.
• If any of these rules are violated, the adult assistant must be notified by the judge.

PRESENTATION JUDGING
Participants will make a 15-minute presentation to you. As the judge, you are to assume the role of a client who will assess the participants’ campaign proposals. You may refer to the written entry, or to your notes, during the presentation.

At the beginning of the presentation (after introductions), the participants will present the proposal. Allow the participants to complete this portion without interruption, unless you are asked to respond. Each participant must take part in the presentation.

If time remains, you may ask questions that seem appropriate, based on your notes or on the written entry itself (to which you may refer during the presentation).

At the conclusion of the presentation, thank the participants. Then complete the Presentation Evaluation Form, making sure to record a score for all categories. The maximum score for the evaluation is 100 points.
# INTEGRATED MARKETING CAMPAIGN EVENTS

INTEGRATED MARKETING CAMPAIGN—EVENT IMCE
INTEGRATED MARKETING CAMPAIGN—PRODUCT IMCP
INTEGRATED MARKETING CAMPAIGN—SERVICE IMCS

## WRITTEN ENTRY AND PRESENTATION EVALUATION FORM

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LESS PENALTY POINTS

TOTAL SCORE

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