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RUBIC INTRODUCTION

This handbook serves as the official framework for the Merit Annual Residents Awards judging panel. To maintain the highest standards of academic rigor and consistency within the Riyadh Second Health Cluster, judges are required to evaluate submissions based on the standardized criteria and weighted scoring systems detailed below.

Evaluation Structure

Each submission—whether an Oral Presentation or a Digital Poster—is evaluated independently out of a total of 100 points. The Abstract serves as a foundational component of both categories and is integrated into the final score.

ORAL PRESENTATION
SCORING RUBRIC

CATEGORY	COMPONENT	CRITERIA	WEIGHT
Abstract	Scholarly Foundation	Adherence to the 200-word limit, narrative style, and structural layout. Quality of the research rationale or clinical challenge description.	**20%**
Content	Academic Rigor	Accuracy of data, evidence-based methodology, and alignment with SCFHS standards. Clear therapeutic objectives and logical conclusions.	**30%**
Design	Technical Excellence	Use of the Merit template and 15-slide maximum. Adherence to the "Rule of 6" and font size requirements (min 20pt).	**20%**
Delivery	Engagement	Effective time management (10-minute talk/5-minute Q&A). Ability to convey complex concepts and handle discussion.	**20%**
Compliance	Professionalism	Use of mandatory logos (SCFHS, R2HC, Event) and exclusion of unauthorized icons. Professional attire and ethics.	**10%**

DIGITAL POSTER
SCORING RUBRIC

CATEGORY	COMPONENT	CRITERIA	WEIGHT
Abstract	Scholarly Foundation	Formatting compliance and descriptive clarity of the study/case. Must be embedded as the narrative core of the poster.	**20%**
Visuals	Data Communication	Prioritization of clinical images, charts, and tables over dense text. Embedding of all fonts/figures and high-resolution output (150-200 dpi).	**30%**
Format	Technical Accuracy	Strict adherence to 16:9 Landscape orientation and 1920x1080 px dimensions. Submitted as a single-page PDF.	**20%**
Defense	Presentation Skill	Effective 7-minute presentation followed by 3-minute discussion. Professionalism and clarity in answering judge inquiries.	**20%**
Structure	Organization	Logical flow from Title through to References and citations (APA Style). Inclusion of proper affiliations and training sites.	**10%**

DISQUALIFICATION
POLICY

Judges must automatically disqualify any entry—regardless of score—that exhibits the following:

- **Missing Metadata:** Failure to provide mandatory fields.

- **Plagiarism:** Use of content that is not the resident's original, documented work.

- **Incomplete Data:** Use of over-generalized statements like "results will be analyzed later".

- **Formatting Errors:** Failure to use the Merit template or format requirements.

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