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Scab Initiative

## Poster Competition Rules and Regulations

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Only one poster per presenting author (graduate students and post-docs only) may be submitted to the poster competition. If the poster author wishes to present more than one poster, the remaining posters must be submitted as non-competition posters.
2. Poster Competition Awardees who received awards the last two years in a row are **NOT** eligible to apply again until 2026.
3. Posters and abstracts entered into the Poster Competition must be uploaded by **November 6**. Authors are encouraged to bring an updated printed version of their poster to the NFHB Forum.
4. The presenting author must be in attendance at the NFHB Forum and be present during their author time of a designated poster session to qualify to win one of the top prizes. If the presenting author is not present the poster will be disqualified.
5. There will be two categories for awards: Post-doctoral Researchers and Graduate Students.
6. Evaluations: two rounds of judging will occur.
  - a. **Round 1:** Posters and associated abstracts will be evaluated using the Virtual Poster Room for *Research Concept* (Were the objectives clearly stated? Was the project innovative?), *Experimental Quality* (Was the experimental design and method appropriate for the objective(s)? Do the conclusions adequately and concisely interpret the results?), *Display Attributes* (Were the images and text easily read on screen?), and *Overall Poster Quality and Presentation*.
  - b. **Round 2:** The Top 5 Post-doctoral Researchers and the Top 5 Graduate Student presenting authors will be **required** to give a presentation during a Poster Competition Session of the National Fusarium Head Blight Forum. Presenters will be given 3 minutes to present in front of all attendees with 1 minute for questions by the judges. Evaluations will take place during these designated Poster Competition Sessions and be based on *Presentation Skills* (Was the author confident, professional and did they convey the research problems, methods and conclusions to their audience?) and *Question and Answer Skills* (Did the presenter answer questions effectively?).
7. Poster Awardees will be announced on Monday afternoon of the NFHB Forum prior to the final Poster Session. Award certificates will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each category.