

Biotechnology – Judge Feedback

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■ What Judges Noticed

- Competitors spoke out loud and verbalized steps
- Careful reading of the scenario and work area
- Strong preparation and attention to materials
- Demonstrated measuring skills and procedure awareness

■ Tips for Success

- Verbalize each step as you perform it
- Read the scenario carefully before starting
- Use correct equipment (e.g., P100 for accurate measurements)
- Confirm and verify steps when possible
- Memorize the rubric and expected order of steps

✓ Before You Compete – Checklist

- I verbalize every step clearly
- I read and understand the scenario
- I use correct equipment and measurements
- I follow the rubric order of steps
- I double-check accuracy and calculations
- I stay confident and take my time

■ Areas to Improve

- Some competitors did not speak out loud consistently
- Incorrect equipment selection (e.g., missing P200, not using P100)
- Missed details such as identifying errors in scenarios
- Order of steps not aligned with rubric
- Improve accuracy with measurements and sig figs

■ What Made Top Competitors Stand Out

- High confidence during skills performance
- Clear verbalization of steps
- Strong critical thinking when materials differed
- Experience and ability to adapt
- Took their time and maintained accuracy

Accuracy + verbalization + critical thinking = success in Biotechnology.