Checklist for Good Webinars

Use this checklist to help you succeed..

- 1. Getting ready
- 2. Present as a team
- 3. System & setting elements
- 4. On the day just before starting
- 5. During the presentation
- 6. Post webinar

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Prepare and engage – keys to webinar success.

1. Getting ready

	Element	What to consider
	Audience	Have you identified the audience: their needs and interests?
	Purpose and structure	Are the learning objectives clear? What will people know or be able to do at the end? Does your presentation have clear transitions from one topic to the next?
	Visuals	Do you have good visuals? Remember: limit the number of text-dense slides.
	Engagement	Do you have questions (and clear question slides), polls, chat engagement? Have you planned for engagement every 5-10 minutes.
	Marketing & webinar access	Are attendees registered? Send at least 3 reminders before the event (include the link and information about Zoom or the app you are using).
	Branding	Are the opening & closing slides branded correctly?
	Practice	Do you feel comfortable with the presentation?
	Evaluation	Do you have evaluation built in or planned?
2. Present as a team		
	Element	What to consider
	Presentation team	Will you co-present & co-host?
		Have you assigned Co-hosts to help (as needed) with:
	Presentation team	 Chat Box management Q&A (for zoom webinars). Poll Management Muting & Waiting Room management (if used) Breakout Rooms (only available in Zoom meetings - not Zoom webinars) Observing for any issues with audio, PPT loadingetc. Spotter – to see what the audience sees and inform the presenter if there are issues Back–up - another person with the presentation in case the presenter has issues
	Speaker consent	t If posting, do you have consent of invited speakers?
	Test, test, test	Test all aspects of your presentation (i.e. video, polls, audio, breakout rooms) prior to the live event.

3. System & Setting elements

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Element	What to consider		
Get the right background	Is your background and lighting professional? IS the area free of noise distractions?		
Have good Audio	Do you have a quality microphone?		
Computer	Does your computer have all updates. Have you switched off potentially distracting programs & apps (outlook, messenger, skype, etc.)		
Security	Do you need and understand options to manage disruptive participation (e.g., waiting rooms, passwords, participant removal, etc.)		
4. On the day of - just before starting			
Element	What to consider		
Pre-check and practice	When will you log in (e.g., 30 minutes early) to practice and test the systems and polls etc. with the Presentation Team.		
Avoid distractions in the setting	Are you avoiding noise and sound distractions		
Tag team	Now's the time to use your team (See "Presentation team" in # 2 above)		
During the	presentation		
Element	What to consider		
In the beginning	Remember to hit record! (if you want it recorded) Can people see you - your eyes and your smile? Do you have a way to engage people from the beginning (e.g., quote, Picture)?		
Instructions	Have you provided instructions how you want chat and Q&A (if available) handled? If the webinar will be recorded, let them know.		
Mix it up!	What they see. You don't have to be seated or on camera all the time. What they hear. Vary your voice and use (short) pauses - as appropriate.		
Engage often	Are you set with polls, Q&A, chat review etc. etc. Who will comment on chat (and Q&A if available) - use people's names when recognizing input or questions.		
Collect questions	Are you using Q&A or Chat or live (is often best to avoid participants asking questions)?		
Respect time	How will you keep track of your time?		
Have a Plan B	Who has a copy of the presentation in case of technical issues?		
6. Post-webinar			
Element	What to consider		
Chat record	Remember to check the chat record to see if there are areas to address post event.		
Post presentation	Will you need to engage with your participants after the event? If so, how will you contact them? Are people registered if needed?		
Loading to Youtube?	If you plan to post your webinar on YouTube, note that No Continued Education Units can be awarded based on watching the recorded webinar; Zoom recordings don't include polls; Auto closed captions created by YouTube may need additional work to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.		
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