

NJ SkillsUSA Championships

NJ State Only Contest

TEAM SKILLS DEMO

This event is a "NJ only" state sponsored contest for special needs students.
There is no national level competition in this area

PURPOSE

To evaluate a team of contestants' ability to demonstrate and explain an entry-level skill used in the occupational areas for which they are training.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT

Trade appropriate work uniform, Official SkillsUSA Attire or Professional Dress.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to active SkillsUSA members whose name appears on a current membership roster of a NJ SkillsUSA chapter. Students must also be enrolled in vocational programs with entry-level job skills as the occupational objective. Advisors will be asked to submit verification that each student is classified under the provisions of New Jersey Administrative Code.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT

Official SkillsUSA Attire or Professional Dress.

OBSERVER RULE

Observers will be permitted to view the demonstration provided there is space available. No talking or gesturing will be permitted. No member of the audience is to leave or enter the demonstration room while a team is competing.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Supplied by the technical committee:

- Timekeeper
- All necessary information and furnishings for judges and technical committee.

Supplied by the contestant:

- All materials and equipment needed for the demonstration to be completed two times:
- once for the preliminaries and again for the finals if required.
- A 3 X 5 card noting the topic of the presentation is requested and will be collected at the orientation meeting.

SCOPE OF THE CONTEST

- The team will consist of 2 registered SkillsUSA members enrolled in the same occupational training program.
- Each member of the team should prepare for the team demo by developing the following abilities as a team:
 - prepare a 5 to 7-minute demonstration using props and models to illustrate points of information
 - understand and practice elements of informal conversation
 - demonstrate an effective and pleasing delivery style
 - pronounce words in an understandable manner
 - demonstrate good platform deportment and personal confidence
 - organize demonstration in a logical and coherent manner
 - effectively vary voice in pitch, tone, tempo, and volume
 - demonstrate good grooming in dress and personal hygiene

- The demonstration is a team presentation of an occupational skill accompanied by a clear explanation of the topic through the use of examples, experiments, displays or practical operations
****Note cards and reference materials ARE permitted
- Any skill may be demonstrated provided it is related to the occupational program of the contestants.
- The contestants will present a 3 X 5 card indicating the topic of the demonstration to the technical committee
- The demonstration shall be at least 5 minutes in length but shall not exceed 7 minutes.
- Penalty: 5 points will be deducted for each 30 seconds (or fraction thereof) under 5 minutes or for each 30 seconds (or fraction thereof) over 7 minutes.
- Time limit: Time will be started when the demonstration begins. The timekeeper will signal the team at 5 minutes, 6 minutes, and 7 minutes.
- The team will be allowed 3 minutes to set up the demonstration and 3 minutes to clear the demonstration room. (These times are not included in 5 to 7 demo) Penalty: 5 points will be deducted for each 30 seconds (or fraction thereof) over the 3-minute allowance.
- Any visible aids (signs, charts, transparencies, slides, diagrams or models) are to be prepared by the team of contestants. Professionally prepared visual materials are not permitted. No sound devices of any kind may be used to transmit audible words. No compressed air or gas will be provided. No material or apparatus that in any way poses a threat of fire or explosion may be used. No pressurized aerosol cans of any kind are permitted.
- The contestants will not mention their names, school, city or state
- The demonstration is a team performance, and although all members are not required to speak, all members must take a meaningful part in the demonstration.
- Basic safety practices related to the skill performed must be followed. Safety violations will be subject to penalties of 1 to 10 points.
- Contestants will NOT take a Professional Development Test.
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Team Skills Demo Scoring Criteria

| Items Evaluated | Points Possible |
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| • Introduction clearly identifies the scope of the demonstration | 10 |
| • Demonstration is organized in a logical sequence | 20 |
| • Explanation is complete to adequately cover the skill demonstrated | 35 |
| • Closing is appropriate | 10 |
| • Demonstration if interesting and informative | 25 |
| Subtotal | 100 |
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| • Time Penalty: minus 5 points for each fraction of 30 seconds under 5 minutes or over 7 minutes | |
| • Set up & Clear Penalty: 5 points for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof over 3-minute allowance | |
| • Clothing Penalty: Minus 0 to 5% of total points | |
| • Safety Penalty: Minus 0 to 5% of total points | |