

2023 New Jersey SkillsUSA Competitive Events Policies

Membership and Eligibility for Competition

Any participant in NJ SkillsUSA competitive events must be an active SkillsUSA member with membership dues submitted to National SkillsUSA by January 15.

Secondary students are students who are enrolled in a sequence of courses or a career major that prepares the student for further education and/or employment related to trade and industry. They must be earning credit towards high school graduation during the school year of the New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships.

Post-Secondary students are students who possess a high school diploma and are enrolled in a sequence of courses or a career major that prepares them for further education and/or employment related to trade and industry.

Students are eligible to compete in only ONE contest conducted during that year's State Championships.

All contestants or participants attending a NJ SkillsUSA function must be accompanied by a school representative or an adult chaperone approved by their school.

Registration for Competition

Registration must be submitted online according to the established procedures and due dates.

Registration should not be delayed by waiting on a school check or purchase order. The online registration system makes it possible to print an invoice at the time of registration. It is the responsibility of the SkillsUSA Chapter Advisor who is completing the chapter's registration to send a copy of the invoice to their Business Office to obtain a purchase order. Checks should be made payable to NJ SkillsUSA.

COVID-19 Precautions Policy

New Jersey SkillsUSA requires all attendees and staff to comply with safety precautions specified by the federal, state and local governments, as well as CDC guidelines. Any person disclosing or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or knowingly exposed to the disease, should not attend an in-person event. Any person refusing to comply with required safety protocols will be required to leave the event at their own expense. While attending a NJ SkillsUSA event, the wearing of face masks is optional.

Registration Cancellation Policy

Registration Deadline is Jan. 30, 2023. Cancellations must be made by 5:00 PM on Jan. 30, 2023 to avoid charges. Any cancellations made after Jan. 30, 2023 will be charged the full registration fee. The conference registration fee is \$95 (\$90 if registered by Jan. 15.)

Substitutions for Competition

In the case of a student being unable to compete on the day of competition, advisors may make contestant substitutions providing the new competitor is a paid SkillsUSA member and their information has been added to the on-line registration system.

Contestant Resumes

This year, resumes are required for the 2023 NJ SkillsUSA Championships. Every contestant competing at the national level must also submit a resume where there is a penalty of 5% of the total possible score if a contestant fails to submit a resume.

Contest Updates for NJ SkillsUSA Championships

The National SkillsUSA Technical Standards outline a menu of skills that comprise each national contest. The NJ SkillsUSA Championship events are designed from those national standards. Advisors and instructors should review the current National Tech Standards when preparing students for competition. (The tech standards are a free benefit of paid professional membership.)

Because our state competitions are conducted in one day in contrast to the three-day national event, Contest Coordinators will often post contest updates that outline any details that will differ from the published national standards. Those Contest Updates are listed on our website: www.nj-skillsusa.org .

Observer Rules

Admittance of observers will be at the discretion of each contest coordinator. Decisions will be based on the number of contestants and the capacity of the room in which the contests are held.

Clothing Requirements

Competitors should refer to the contest update posted on the NJ SkillsUSA website www.nj-skillsusa.org to check if individual contest clothing is indicated.

When there is no clothing requirement noted, competitors should refer to the national technical standards for each event.

For the state level competition, where an Official SkillsUSA khaki work shirt and pants are indicated, students may dress in any color matching work shirt and pants.

For contests listing an Official SkillsUSA white polo shirt, students may dress in a plain white polo shirt.

Where Official SkillsUSA Attire is indicated, students may dress professionally in dress slacks/skirts, a button-up collared dress shirt/blouse, dress shoes and socks. No Sneakers or Open-toe shoes.

Release of Contest Results

A listing of contestant rankings will be available on the NJ SkillsUSA Website following the state conference. Due to the privacy laws of NJ, contestants' names will not be indicated. If you would like the individual scoring break-downs for your competitors, advisors are asked to make an appointment to visit the state office. Instructors are asked to share contest information with students for educational purposes only.

Appeals Policy

An appeal is a written statement describing a situation where there is a question of a violation of the SkillsUSA Technical Standards or NJ Contest Updates.

On the Request for Appeal form, it is necessary to describe in detail the question and specific violation of the relevant contest guidelines. The appeal must contain sufficient evidence to verify the problem.

If an appeal is filed, the Site Coordinator must receive the appeal form no later than one (1) hour after the completion of the contest. This will give the Executive Committee time to review the contest rules and interview the Technical Chairperson should clarification be needed.

The Request for Appeal should bear the signature of the chapter advisor or administrator.

The members of the NJ SkillsUSA Championships Executive Committee will review and act upon the Request for Appeal. The action of the committee is final.

The individual submitting the Request for Appeal will receive a written response prior to the convening of the Awards Ceremony.

Any post conference inquiries regarding scoring, rankings, and contest standards shall be taken very seriously for the purpose of making corrections and/or improvements for subsequent conferences, pending review by the appropriate technical committee.

Final scores and all contest documentation will be maintained on file for one year