

New Jersey SkillsUSA Championships

NJ State Only Contest

COSMETOLOGY KNOWLEDGE BOWL

This event is a "NJ Only" state sponsored contest.
There is no national level competition in this area.

PURPOSE

To test the knowledge of a team of contestants preparing for employment in the cosmetology occupations field and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT

Official SkillsUSA attire

ELIGIBILITY

Open to a team of four SkillsUSA members enrolled in a program with a cosmetology career as the occupational objective.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Supplied by each team:

- 60 sheets of 8 ½" X 11" blank white paper
- 8 1/2 " X 11" blank colored paper for use as scrap paper
- Pens, Pencils and black marking pens (four to six each)
- No Resume is required

NO REFERENCE MATERIALS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED IN THE CONTEST AREA!

OBSERVER RULE: Spectators may observe the contest from a designated area. Observers may not communicate in any manner with any participants. Cells phones and cameras will not be permitted in the contest area. Violation of this rule could result in team disqualification. Anyone displaying inappropriate sportsmanship will be required to leave the premises.

SCOPE OF THE CONTEST

Core standards from the Cosmetology Curriculum. Questions are taken from Milady Cosmetology Textbook **2016** edition. Also Milady Barbering textbook and NJ State Board of Cosmetology Rules and Regulations. (Can be found online)

Knowledge Performance

A written knowledge test will be administered during the contest briefing. This test will be completed as a team. The score from the written test will not be announced but will be added to the final total score. Content for the written exam is based up on the standards identified by the Cosmetology Core Standards. *All teams will be given one hour to complete the written test.*
No cell phones, cameras, or any other electronic devices are permitted in the testing room

Skill Performance

Teams will demonstrate communication skills, teamwork, problem-solving and time-management skills by determining and presenting the answer to each question presented during the quiz bowl portion of the contest.

General Contest Guidelines

- Each school may enter one high school and one post-secondary team comprised of four registered members each. The team may perform with three members without penalty in the event a member fails to show up or is forced to withdraw within five days of the competition.
- The contest will be four quarters, consisting of 12 questions per quarter.

- A break will be announced at the end of each quarter. At no time will a contestant be allowed to talk with an advisor or spectator during the contest.

Scoring

- Each team will begin each quarter with 10 points.
- A team may bid up to one-half of the team's total points for that quarter.
- A team may always bid five points, even if their score falls below 10 points.
- A penalty for bids not conforming to bid criteria will be a zero bid.
- Each team's bid and score (by quarter) will be visible to all contestants to assist in bidding strategies.
- Score discrepancies must be addressed by the team captain prior to the next question.
- The winning team is the team which has accumulated the highest total points (total score plus written test score, less clothing penalties).
- In the event of a tie, the team with the highest written test score will be declared the winner.

Making Bids and Answers

- The bid is to be written with a black marking pen in the corner of an 8 ½ "X 11" sheet of white paper.
- The answer will be written on the same sheet of paper as the bid. Both must be written legibly and large enough to be seen by the floor judge.
- Any team member may write the bid or answer. He/she must compete writing the answer and then stand before time is called. No team member may stand before the writer has completed the bid or answer
- If the team member is not standing prior to the end of the allotted time, the team will receive a zero bid or the answer will be considered incorrect.
- After the category has been announced, the team will have 10 seconds to determine a bid. A five-second warning will be given before the time is up. The captain must be standing before the time is called.
- The question will be read once and visually displayed. The team will have 30 seconds after the question has been read to determine and write the answer. A five-second warning will be given before the time is up. A team member must be standing with the answer before the time is called. (The contest chair has the discretion to increase the time allotted to determine and write the answer if he/she determines it would be necessary
- The team may discuss bids and answers among themselves. Contestants are cautioned to whisper to each other so as not to be overheard by the other teams.
- The team member will display the answer when directed to do so by the judge. The reader will announce the correct answer. The floor judge will check the team answer. If correct the scorer will add the bid to the team's total quarter score. If incorrect, the scorer will subtract the bid from the team's total quarter score.

Tie Breaker:

- In the event there is a tie, the team with the highest written test score will be the winner.

Judging

- The judging team will make all decisions regarding score, correct answers and rule violations. The decision of the judging team will be final and will be announced by the contest chair. Disqualification may result upon repeated rule violations.
- A team who wishes to challenge a score or an answer must address the issue with the floor judge before the next question begins.
- It is the responsibility of all team member and advisors to know the rules of the contest.
- Resource books used to develop the contest questions will be provided for the judges' reference if needed.