

Policies and Procedures for Mississippi SkillsUSA

Secondary and Post-Secondary

1. SkillsUSA Mississippi Events Rules Committee
 - A. The state SkillsUSA Rules Committee is composed of:
 1. Secondary and Post-Secondary SkillsUSA Presidents
 2. State SkillsUSA Program Coordinator (MDE Representative)
 3. Two Advisors without members in the affected event
 4. President of the Trade and Industrial section of the MS ACTE organization.
 5. The group will determine a chair.
 - B. The committee shall interpret and enforce the technical standards and Policies and Procedures for all competitive events. They shall make and decide upon rules and regulations for all competitive events. Any SkillsUSA teacher or Event Coordinator may call upon this committee for information or a ruling on any matter concerning the rules of any event. The decision of this group is final and cannot be appealed.
 - C. Each Region shall establish a committee as outlined above.
 - D. The Rules Committee shall designate one teacher who does not have a team in the event as a consultant to the judges in each event. This person will not judge or score the event, but will answer questions the judges may have interpreting the rules of the event or inform the Rules Committee of problems.
2. All State, Regional and local rules will conform as closely as possible to the National Technical Standards.
3. Membership Dues are a total of \$14.00 per member, (National \$8.00 and state \$6.00), and \$28.00 per Advisor the entire amount is paid to national SkillsUSA.
4. A member who is competing in an event and changes schools may continue to compete with the approval of the Board of Directors.
5. The member must be present, in person, in order to compete in an event. No virtual entries are allowed.
6. All members of a team must be active members of the same chapter.
7. In order to receive an award at the Regional or State competitions the member must be in professional dress as outlined in the SkillsUSA Technical Standards. Advisors are as well expected to be properly dressed.
8. All results are final at the opening of the awards presentation ceremony.
9. All events will be governed by the latest edition of the SkillsUSA Technical Standards.
10. To qualify for national competition and win 1st place the individual or team must score 70% of the total possible points.
11. An individual or team must be registered by the close of registration. If the individual or team has difficulties in route to the event, it is the responsibility of the advisor to contact the contest coordinator and explain the situation. The coordinator with consultation of other advisors and the rules committee will decide if the individual or team will be allowed to compete.
12. A member may participate in only one event at state level.

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- ~~13. Members and advisors will be restricted from contest sites 14 days prior to the state event. Non compliance will result in immediate disqualification from the event.
(Item 13 was withdrawn by email vote of the BoD 1/24/17)~~
14. If participation in a contest drops below five entrants (Secondary + Post-Secondary entries combined) at the state level the contest will be eliminated the following third year. A new contest must have three teams registered its first year of operation and five teams afterward.
15. Electronic devices or tools not necessary for the event will not be permitted during a competition. Violators will be disqualified.
16. Following the state contest, all teams and individuals will receive team placings and individual scores for instructional purposes. All results will be sent to the teachers.
17. Only the top three competitors/teams will be announce at the awards ceremony.
18. A member may only enter events that are related to the CTE courses in which they are enrolled.
19. Observers are welcome at events as long as there is room and they do not influence teams or cause a disturbance. The Contest Committee will make the decision.
20. Observers will be required to register and wear eye protection during events.
21. When the regional host is unable to accommodate a particular contest, the contestants will be given a written assessment.
22. If there are three or fewer contestants/teams register for a contest (Secondary + Post-Secondary), there is an option to use a written assessment.
23. Prior to attending an event, the local advisor is responsible for completing the liability release form for each attendee. At the event the advisor will be required to sign a form stating that he/she has in their possession to forms of all members, advisors and guests attending.
24. All competing members will be dressed as outlined in the technical standards.
25. Responsibility for member behavior and conduct rests with the Local Education Agency (LEA) and its representatives in attendance at the student organization events. The LEA's student advisors and teachers chaperoning conferences and their other activities are responsible for the behavior and conduct for students under their supervision. State-level personnel (coordinators, directors) are not responsible for the behavior and conduct of students in attendance at gatherings, nor for the disciplinary action that might result from poor behavior and conduct of the part of students in attendance at events.

26. Approved Competitions

In 2017-18 these events will be added to State Level Competition (CNC Technician, Engineering Technology/Design, Nursing Assistant, Basic Health Care Skills, Practical Nursing and Firefighting).

“ “ indicates number of team members required

*Displays or Notebooks. These require an interview member be selected in advance of competition

Regional Competitions

Leadership Development

Chapter Business Procedure “6”

Extemporaneous Speaking

Opening and Closing Ceremonies “7”	Job Interview
Prepared Speech	Job Skill Demonstration A
Job Skill Demonstration Open	Quiz Bowl “5”

Skills Competitions

Architectural Drafting	Automotive Service Technology
Cabinetmaking	Carpentry
Masonry	Electrical Construction Wiring
Sheet Metal	Electronics Technology
Technical Drafting	Welding
Welding Fabrication “3”	

State Level Competitions

Leadership Development

*Occ. Health and Safety (Multiple) “1-3”	*Occ. Health and Safety Single) “1-3”
Action Skills	Chapter Display “1-3”
Chapter Business Procedure “6”	Extemporaneous Speaking
Opening and Closing Ceremonies “7”	Job Interview
Prepared Speech	Job Skill Demonstration A
Job Skill Demonstration Open	Quiz Bowl “5”
*Promotional Bulletin Board “1-3”	

Skills Competitions

Advertising Design	HVAC and Refrigeration
Information Technology Services	Major Appliance and Refrigeration Tech
Architectural Drafting	Automotive Service Technology
Cabinetmaking	Carpentry
Marine Service Technology	CNC Milling Technology
CNC Turing Technology	Medical Terminology
Collision Repair Technology	Motorcycle Service Technology
Commercial Baking	Nail Care
Cosmetology	Plumbing
Crime Scene Investigation	Power Equipment Tech (small engines)
Criminal Justice	Related Technical Math
Culinary Arts	Diesel Equipment Technology
Restaurant Service	Early Childhood Education
Team Works “4”	Esthetics
Technical Computer Applications	First Aid/CPR
Graphic Communications	Web Design “2”
Industrial Motor Control	Welding Sculpture
Masonry	Residential Wiring
Sheet Metal	Electronics Technology
Technical Drafting	Welding

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- Welding Fabrication “3”
27. Each Secondary and Post-Secondary chapter may enter one competitor/team per contest at the state events which do not require Regional qualification.
 28. Exception to 27. Graphic Communications, HVAC, Web Design chapters are allowed to enter 2 competitors/teams per chapter.
 29. Exception to 27. Masonry and Carpentry are both allowed one helper (Helper is not allowed at National), register the helper in each contest as an Observer.
 30. The State SkillsUSA Advisor is approved to pay from the treasury such amounts as necessary for the operation of the association without additional approval of the Board. Examples of approved expenses are, but not limited to; office supplies, conference speakers and their expenses, State Fair booth, items for state officers, national conference expenses, expenses relating to the state conference, food for the judge/facilitator meeting awards, audio/visual equipment and travel reimbursement for the board of directors.
 31. Substitutions for team members may be made as seen necessary by the chapter advisor. The host of the event and the contest judges must be informed by the local advisor as soon as possible.
 32. Neither SkillsUSA Mississippi nor the National SkillsUSA organization discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age or handicap.
 33. Chapters are limited to two Observers per registered team.

Secondary Only

34. First and second place individuals or teams from each of the regional competitions will advance to state competition. The third place from a region may be allowed to state competition if their score is equal to or greater than 80% of the score of the first place team.
35. Each Secondary chapter may enter three competitors/teams in the Leadership Competitions at the Regional Level.
36. Each Secondary chapter may enter one competitor/team in the Skills Competition at the Regional Level.

Post-Secondary Only

37. A community college/junior college is eligible to send one contestant/team to compete in Welding and one contestant/team to compete in Welding Fabrication per institution, not one entry per branch.