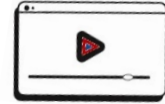




## **2021 HYBRID STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS** **Contest Format Guidelines for**



### **LIVE IN-SCHOOL JUDGED**

#### **2021 SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships COVID-19 Disclaimer:**

*SkillsUSA Ohio recommends following all safety and health precautions dictated by CDC guidelines, the State of Ohio, individual school districts, and (when applicable) each contest's respective host site/location. All guidelines should be followed in their entirety while competing in or participating at any event.*

#### **2021 HYBRID CONTEST FORMAT & DATE INFORMATION**

- There are four main formats for contests being held in our hybrid format this year:
  - 1) Live Off-Site Contest
  - 2) Live In-School Judged Contest
  - 3) In-School Proctored Contest
  - 4) Virtual Contest (Zoom/Dropbox/JotForm/Classmarker)

#### **2021 HYBRID REQUIREMENT LIST FOR ALL CONTESTS (to be provided by the contestant)**

- Access to contestant email account/address that was used during the registration process
- Device with internet, video, and audio capabilities (and corresponding power cables)
  - Cell phone cameras often have the best resolution are permitted to be used this year to transmit video/audio footage only
  - In some contests, multiple cameras/devices may be required
  - Contestants are not permitted to wear/have a smartwatch in the contest area; contestants may be asked to show they are not wearing one
- Pre-downloaded and updated Zoom software on device(s) that will be used by contestant
- Access to Dropbox and JotForm file sharing platforms and ability to transfer required documents
- Access to Classmarker and ability to complete online tests through that platform
- Ability to receive emails from @ohioskillsusa.org, @skillsusaohio.org, and @education.ohio.gov
- Completion of SkillsUSA Ohio's COVID-19 waiver form (found at <https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/state-championship>) and submission of said form to the designated Dropbox (found at <https://www.dropbox.com/request/otCWzViGM9l89cian7Lg?oref=e>)
  - This is required prior to participation in the contest
  - All files submitted to Dropbox must be labeled with the participant's last name, first initial, and name of document/contest

- Completion of SkillsUSA Ohio's technology waiver form (found at <https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/state-championship>) and submission of said form to the designated Dropbox (found at <https://www.dropbox.com/request/xteTLPUguCFbynV5C0m4?oref=e>)
  - This is required prior to participation in the contest
  - All files submitted to Dropbox must be labeled with the participant's last name, first initial, and name of document/contest
- Basic interview skills/materials, including digitized resume and writing utensil

### **2021 LIVE IN-SCHOOL JUDGED CONTEST ORIENTATION/SCHEDULE**

- The specific date(s) upon which each particular contest will be held will be included on each contest's Materials List and will be listed on SkillsUSA Ohio's website page for State Championships (<https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/state-championship>)
- This contest will be held in-person (individually and independently per contestant) with social distancing measures in place at the contestant's own career-technical school.
  - A pre-assigned contest judge will be physically visiting the competitor's own career-technical school; please ensure he/she has access to enter the facility.
- Contest orientation will be held in-person on this contest's unique date at a designated time at the competitor's career-technical school; details will be arranged independently by the contest coordinator for each individual competitor.
  - The contestant's advisor/instructor will need to be prepared to communicate with the contest coordinator so contest details can be confirmed.

### **2021 LIVE IN-SCHOOL JUDGED CONTEST RULES/INFORMATION**

- Regarding COVID-19 safety restrictions:
  - The following safety precautions/exceptions to the contest should be taken and the contestants will not be penalized:
    - Space requirements for contest will not be graded; competitors should remain 6 feet apart from others throughout the contest.
    - Masks/facial coverings must be worn at all times while competing/participating.
- Regarding the contest format/platform:
  - This contest may be conducted in-part via Dropbox (online file submission platform).
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    - The submission link will be included on the contest's Materials list.
    - All files submitted to Dropbox/JotForm must be labeled in the following manner: contest name, competitor's last name, competitor's first initial, description of document.
    - Submissions will automatically be timestamped by the platform; entries timestamped after the deadline may be disqualified.
  - This contest may be conducted in-part via Classmarker (online testing platform).

- The testing link will be included on the contest's Materials list.
  - Testing will automatically be timestamped by the platform; tests timestamped after the deadline may be disqualified.
- Regarding the preparation/use of the contest space:
  - Contestants must compete in the physical space of their career-technical school's property, in the environment that best suits their competition and the tools/equipment required to compete – i.e. career-technical labs, auditoriums, classrooms, libraries, etc.
  - This contest will be judged (at least in part) in-person by one or more of our industry partners who have no personal investment in the outcome of the contest and aim to be as unbiased as possible; these proctors will be pre-assigned by the contest coordinators and their technical committees.
    - The contestant's advisor will need to be prepared to communicate with the contest coordinator to inform them of the name/address of the physical location of where the contestant will compete so that a judge(s) may be sent to the correct location.
  - Instructors are required to be present during technical contests and an adult school representative must be present during leadership contests. This is to ensure that safety and health guidelines are followed; the adult must be on-camera (in the background, out of the line of sight of their competitor) with their hands visible.
    - In contests where no video/audio footage is being transmitted (such as a digital submission in Dropbox and/or JotForm or taking a test on Classmarker), an adult school representative must be present to proctor/supervise that process.
  - No spectators are permitted this year. (If the student is competing, for instance, in a school lab during regular school hours where it cannot be avoided that classmates are present, best efforts should be taken to isolate the competitor from the rest of the student body; classmates are expected to respect the contest environment and not interfere with the competition process.)
- Regarding integrity and ethics:
  - All participants and supporters are expected to honor the SkillsUSA Creed, which includes the tenants of fair play and adhering to high moral standards.

### **SPECIAL INFORMATION**

- Beginning in 2020, all SkillsUSA Ohio State Championship contests may include a short interview component; students should be prepared with basic job interview skills and a resume.
- Beginning in 2021, all SkillsUSA Ohio State Championship contestants may be required to complete a written employability test. The 2021 employability test would be administered online; instructions on how to access and take the test would be sent directly to the contestant's email that was used for registration. (This is to help students better prepare for the National contests.)

**SCOPE OF THE CONTEST**

The contest will be judged based on the criteria established in the current year's National Technical Standards, which are updated annually. National Technical Standards are accessed through your Professional SkillsUSA Membership benefits by logging on to your SkillsUSA account at <https://www.skillsusa-register.org/Login.aspx>.