

Ohio SkillsUSA Code of Conduct/Media Release

This policy will apply to national, state and regional SkillsUSA officers and all conference participants. The term "conference participant" shall mean any SkillsUSA member, including adults, attending any SkillsUSA activity.

Ohio SkillsUSA Leadership Conferences are official educational functions and all activities should be conducted to meet that objective.

Ohio SkillsUSA wants each person to have an enjoyable experience with maximum attention to safe practices and the comfort of participants. Each person in attendance will be expected to maintain conduct in a manner best representing Ohio SkillsUSA.

To receive maximum benefits from participation in SkillsUSA activities, the Code of Conduct, as established by the Ohio SkillsUSA Board of Directors, must be followed at all times by all participants attending a SkillsUSA function.

Conference participants' conduct shall be the responsibility of the student's local advisor(s).

Rules for Conference Participants

1. Dress in accordance with your school's dress code, especially in relation to professional, clean, modest, and appropriate attire
2. Act in accordance with your school's behavior policies, especially in relation to professional, polite, dignified, and appropriate behavior
3. Pre-prepare an intentional space where you will attend the session, being mindful of your environment/surroundings, including checking for proper lighting and removing potential visual/audio distractions in advance
4. Pre-inform others in your physical meeting space that you will be on a "live call" online so they are aware of your need to focus, the expected duration of the session, and the possibility of their voice/image being heard/seen/recorded during the session
5. Be on-time, present, engaged, and respectful of the host/speaker and your fellow attendees throughout the session
6. Upon entering the session, verify your audio is muted when not speaking
7. Adhere to pre-determined guidelines established by the host/speaker of the session, especially in regards to submitting/answering questions, using chat/reaction features, participating in discussion/break-out rooms/polls, etc.
8. When speaking/chatting in a session, keep all comments professional and relevant to the topic while being mindful of proper punctuation and grammar
9. Conference participants shall be prompt and prepared for all activities.
10. Conference participants shall keep their local advisors/regional advisors informed as to what sessions were attended
11. Conference participants shall attend all general sessions and activities for which they are assigned and registered.
12. Participants will be professional with social media posts at all times.

Violations and Penalties (for officers)

- 1. Violation of any of the items above may be grounds for removal from office.

Violations and Penalties (for conference participants)

- 1. Conference participants violating any of these rules of conduct will subject their entire delegation to be removed from the conference and may cause their candidates or Skills Ohio Championships registrants to be disqualified.

Dress Code:

As this is a professional conference where students will be interacting with potential employers, we ask that students abide by one of the options listed below:

Official SkillsUSA Dress

- Women - Red SkillsUSA blazer, windbreaker or sweater; white collarless or small-collared blouse or white turtleneck, collar not to extend over the blazer lapel or the sweater or windbreaker; black dress skirt (knee-length) or black dress slacks; black sheer (not opaque) or skin-tone seamless hose; black dress shoes
- Men - Red SkillsUSA blazer, windbreaker or sweater; white dress shirt; plain, solid black tie, black dress slacks; plain black socks; black dress shoes

Official Business-like Attire

- Women - Suit; jacket and slacks; dress shirt and blouse; dress (street length/formal); hose and dress shoes.
- Men - Suit; sport coat and slacks; dress shirt and tie; dress shoes.

Business Casual Attire

- Women - Business casual attire can include polo shirts, dresses, skirts, slacks, jumpsuits, maxi dresses, boots, heels. No Jeans, t-shirts, or shorts.
- Men - Business casual attire is dress slacks or chinos, a button-down shirt, dark socks, and dress shoes. Polo shirts are also acceptable, do not wear jeans or shorts.

Media Release

I hereby grant Ohio SkillsUSA permission to make still or motion pictures and sound recordings, separately or in combination, and also give a production company approved by Ohio SkillsUSA permission to use the finished silent or sound pictures, and/or sound recordings as deemed proper.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date