



Culinary Arts

To evaluate each competitor's preparation for employment in the food service industry and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in culinary arts.

On-Site/Off-Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On-Site
Contest Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5/5/2026
Contest Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Convention Center ● B-Hall
Early/Normal Start Time	<p>Early Start Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registration will open at 8:00am. Please report to B-Hall Show Office for Registration. ● Drop off Equipment in your contest between 8am-9am. ● Orientation starts at 9:45am
Contest Open/Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open ● Exhibit Halls do not open to observers until 12:00pm.
Eligibility & Contest Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please refer to the Program Guidelines for eligibility- https://www.ohioskillsusa.org/resources/ ● Straight to State Contest (No Regional Qualifier)
Clothing	<p><u>For Competition Day the Dress Code is:</u> Class H</p> <p><u>For the Awards Ceremony the Dress Code is:</u> Class A or Class J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SkillsUSA Ohio Clothing Guide
Safety Equipment Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A
Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students should be prepared to take a written knowledge test.
Provided by Contestant (Tool List)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contestants need to bring all cookware/utensils (pots/pans, etc.) necessary to perform the recipes posted. ● All cookware and small wares necessary for food preparation ● Sanitation bucket and Cleaning Towels

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Towels for contest ● Cutting Boards and Supplies ● Knife Kit and Cook's Tools as desired from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - French Cook's Knife - Paring Knife - Vegetable Peeler Knife - Steel Boning Knife - Cook's Fork - Slicing Knife (meat) - Serrated Slicing Knife - Utility Knife - Fillet Knife - Offset Spatula - Cook's Tongs - Meat Thermometer - Rolling Pin - Piping Bags and Tips - Molds or Timbals - Silt Pats - Timer or Clock ● Professional Cook's Tool Kit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Citrus Zester - Channel Knife - Parisienne Scoop - Apple Corer - Turner - Knife - Canape or biscuit cutters - Plastic squeeze bottles - Two (2) No. 2 pencils - Small Notebook (if desired) ● All necessary plates and dishes for food presentations will be provided. ● Food handlers' gloves *Any other small tools must be approved at the competition by the technical committee chair and must be made available for all other contestants to use. ● Provided by Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contest Menus - Cost of Groceries - All Food Items - Seasonings, etc.
<p>Contest Notes, Themes, & Deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A
<p>WIFI Provided?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No

<p>Special Notes/Rules for All Contests</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting in 2024, all Skilled Trade State Contests (most leadership contests already use scenarios) will begin to add a scenario-based component. <u>Wi-Fi will NOT BE AVAILABLE unless listed above</u>. If you need WIFI access, please plan to bring a hotspot. All safety requirements will be heavily enforced. Competitors are to follow all safety standards and OSHA Regulations. <p><i>Contestants MUST HAVE A COPY OF THEIR EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM IN THEIR NAME BADGE AT ALL TIMES</i></p> <p><u>THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED; VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MAY RESULT IN COMPETITOR DISQUALIFICATION:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact with Contest Coordinators is prohibited. Contact with Contest Coordinators outside of the SkillsUSA Ohio is strictly prohibited. Possession of smart watches and/or phones during the contest and/or in contest. Contact with anyone outside of the contest area once the contest begins. Inappropriate communication between contestants such as verbally degrading another contest. Cheating on any portion of the contest such as informing another contestant of the skills/test prior to competing. Lack of Copy Emergency Medical Form in Name Badge.
<p>National Technical Standards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to the 2024-2026 National Technical Standards for all contests. All standards included may be tested in any competition. In conjunction with National Standards, lack of understanding of State Level competition standards (this document) may result in student loss of contest.
<p>Resume/Interview Requirement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All SkillsUSA Ohio State Championship Contests will require a short interview component. Students should be prepared with basic job interview skills. All contestants <u>must have a hard copy</u> of a one (1) page personal resume.



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MENU

Chicken Stock Soup Course

Salad with Emulsified Dressing

Sauteed Chicken Breast with Pan Sauce

Zucchini and Carrots

Grains



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High School Judging Categories

A. Sanitation & Mise en Place

There will be four floor judges that will judge

- Sanitation procedures
- Basic organization / cleanliness / attitude
- Safety

B. Skills Components:

1. Vegetable Cuts - will show ALL of the following

- **Mince shallot** - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup or - $\frac{1}{2}$ onion
- **Batonnet** ($\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2")- Zucchini - 3oz prepared weight required
- **Oblique**- Carrot- used for entree
- **Concasse Tomato** - 1 tomato

Based upon the above section and criteria each contestant will present four (4) of the cuts that are chosen by the judges, presented at their stations, during their window of presentation.

2. Chicken Fabrication Skills Component: Each contestant will have (one) 1 chicken to fabricate. They should execute the following:

- a) Two breasts: The breasts should be skin off and boneless, except for the first bone of the wing which should be attached. The tender should be intact and attached to the breast.

NOTE: Flattening of the breast for sauteing is recommended but optional and does not have to be done during the fabrication portion of the contest.

- b) Two leg/thigh portions - the leg and thigh should be boneless and skinless.

- c) Leg meat, trim and bones are to be used for stock and/or Soup.

Leg and thigh meat are boneless and skinless, they are used to fortify the stock, which will be presented during the salad window, it may be strained, premade stock will also be available during the competition to fortify the stock once evaluated for the competition.

Leg and thigh meat as well as carcass are to be used to evaluate basic stock techniques.

3. Chicken Stock - students need to demonstrate that they know how to prepare a chicken stock using available ingredients. A fully developed chicken stock will be available for students to use for recipes during the contest.
4. Soup Course- Student may choose, CANNOT bring own product for competition
5. Handling / cleaning of salad greens
6. Emulsion Dressing
7. Main entree and sauce (recipe attached)
8. Vegetable Cookery- may include any of the following:
 - Boiling
 - Steaming
 - Glazing
 - Sauté
 - Roasting
 - Pan Frying
 - Braising
 - Stewing
9. Starch Cookery - Grains

C. Written Test: The test gives the students an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of culinary principles including but not limited to:

- Culinary Math
- Sanitation
- Safety
- Techniques
- Principles of Cooking

SkillsUSA Ohio Culinary Arts General Information

- During Orientation for the Contest, a member of the Technical Committee will review the contest packet with you.
- Before the Contest, carefully study the contest packet:
 - ✓ **Review** the list of available ingredients in contest packet.
 - ✓ **Write** a Food List and a Preparation and Cooking Schedule designed to be ready during the specific service times identified in your packet.
- Please use only as much of each ingredient as is necessary. Return unused portions to the supply tables.
- Contact a judge to look at your garbage before removing anything from your station.
- You may work on any component of your menu at any time. (i.e., you can begin working on your stock and/or salad during your knife cut time.)
- You will present one (1) tasting plate to the tasting judges and one (1) presentation plate for the public to see.
- Raise your hand and ask for assistance if there is anything that you do not understand. **There will be a period just before the start of the first session when all questions will be answered for all contestants to hear. Once the competition starts, any questions about technique or definitions, etc. will not be answered.** Questions about where to find ingredients and the like will be answered.
- Remember two things: This is about LEARNING, and it should be FUN. If at any time you feel overwhelmed and feel that you cannot continue, speak to a judge or member of the Technical committee. We are here for you!

Tentative Competition Schedule

8:00- 9:00am Drop off equipment

9:45am Coordinator will go over contest packet and answer questions. All questions will be answered. Everyone will be able to hear the questions and all the answers. If a contestant is late or misses this session, questions & answers will not be repeated.
Once competitors go into the competition area, no one other than the judges are permitted in the area until the completion of the competition for all competitors.

10:15 - 11:00 Written Test

11:00 - 11:30 Lunch

Approx. 11:30 Contestants meet in competition area & will have a fifteen-minute window in which to set up their respective station, then they will start according to their start time.

Competition starts: Competitors will start in groups of 3 staggered in 15 – (one) 1-minute intervals. The chart below shows an example competitor schedule.

Approx. 4:00 At the conclusion of the competition, there will be a critique for contestants. Contestants may ask questions during this time. Instructors and spectators ARE allowed to listen in on critique but are NOT allowed to ask questions during this time.

EXAMPLE JUDGING SCHEDULE

Contestant #	1-3	4-8	7-9	10-12	13-15	18-18
Judging Time						
Setup	11:30 AM	11:45 AM	12:00 PM	12:15 PM	12:30 PM	12:45 PM
Start	11:45 AM	12:00 PM	12:15 PM	12:30 PM	12:45 PM	1:00 PM
Meat Fabrication	12:15 PM	12:30 PM	12:45 PM	1:00 PM	1:15 PM	1:30 PM
Meat Fab (Window)	12:15-12:20 PM	12:30-12:35 PM	12:45-12:50 PM	1:00-1:15 PM	1:15-1:20 PM	1:30-1:35 PM
Knife Cuts	12:45 PM	1:00 PM	1:15 PM	1:30 PM	1:45 PM	2:00 PM
Knife cuts (window)	12:45-12:50 PM	1:00-1:05 PM	1:15-1:20 PM	1:30-1:35 PM	1:45-1:50 PM	2:00-2:05 PM
Salad	1:15 PM	1:30 PM	1:45 PM	2:00 PM	2:15 PM	2:30 PM

Soup, Salad & .STOCK (window)	1:15-1:20 PM	1:30-1:35 PM	1:45-1:50 PM	2:00-2:05 PM	2:15-2:20 PM	2:30-2:35 PM
Entrée with Starch & Veg.	2:15 PM	2:30 PM	2:45 PM	3:00 PM	3:15 PM	3:30 PM
Entree (window)	2:15-2:20 PM	2:30-2:35 PM	2:45-2:50 PM	3:00-3:05 PM	3:15-3:20 PM	3:30-3:35 PM
Clean-up station & complete	2:30 PM	2:45 PM	3:00 PM	3:15 PM	3:30 PM	3:45 PM

Contest Timeline

- Please be aware of the time frame for presentation of all items.
- The window for presenting is 5 minutes long.
 - For example; Contestant 1 will have between 12:45 PM and 12:50 PM to present their knife cuts without penalty.
- Students should NOT present early, if they do, the following apply:
 - 5-10 minutes early will result in a 25%-point loss for that item.
 - 10-15 minutes early will result in a 75%-point loss for that item.
- Students should NOT present late, if they do, the following apply:
 - Any items presented between 5-10 minutes late will result in a 25%-point loss for that item.
 - Any items presented between 10-15 minutes late will result in a 75%-point loss for that item.
 - ***Any items presented 15 minutes late will not be scored.***
- Chicken Fabrication and knife cuts will present at station.
- Soup will be in one (1) bowl to the judges, and one (1) bowl will go on the presentation table for the public to view.
- Salad will be on one (1) plate to the judges, and one (1) plate will go on the presentation table for the public to view.
- Entree will be on one (1) plate to the judges, and one (1) plate will go on the presentation table for the public to view.
- Chicken stock will be evaluated at the station.

After the Contest - Judges Critique in be in the competition area. Advisors and competitors should plan to attend the judges' critique. Contestants may ask questions during this time. Instructors, Advisors, and spectators ARE allowed to listen in on critique but are **NOT** allowed to ask questions during this time

INGREDIENTS LIST

PHASE I - Butchery & Knife Skills - Time allowed - 60 minutes including cleanup

Step 1; butchery of chicken into 8 standard parts for later use, bones for stock for later use. Items for skills will be used for later components of the competition, ie, salad, vegetable, starch etc.

Chicken	Onions	Radish	Carrots
Tomatoes (70 ct)	Cucumber	Zucchini	Potatoes

PHASE II- Garde Manger - 30 minutes- Time Allowed including cleanup

Two (2) soup portions with the ingredients from ALL phases, served with appropriate garnishing, two (2) two salads with the following ingredients, served with appropriate dressing items;

Romaine / Mixed	White Wine	Greens	Garlic	Olive Oil
Lemon	Anchovy	Eggs	White Wine Vinegar	
Balsamic Vinegar		Red Onions	Parmesan Dijon	

Any items from skills portion

PHASE III - Meal Preparation - Time allowed 60 minute including cleanup

Two (2) Entrees with airline chicken - mushroom pan sauce, Grains, zucchini & carrot for vegetable

Chicken stock	Arborio Rice	Parmesan Butter	Salt & pepper	Shallots	
Flour	Clarified butter	Heavy cream	Assorted oils	Mushrooms	Grain Rice(s)

Other items available from prior

Phases Herbs & spices	onion from skills portion	Chicken
Oils & vinegars	stock from skills portion	
Zucchini from skills portion	concasse tomato from skills portion	diced
Carrots from skills portion	Bread	

15 minutes setup & 10 minutes teardown to give the 3 hours that the contestants receive.

****Coordinator reserves the right to make a substitution/deletion based on product availability.**

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Skill component: Stock

Yield: 1 to 1-1/2 Qts

Ingredients:

Chicken bones, leg and thigh meat and trim from your fabricated chicken and other available ingredients from pantry area.

Directions:

Utilize chicken from your fabricated chicken and other available ingredients to prepare 1 to 1.5 quarts of chicken stock.

The chicken stock will be evaluated at your station from your stock pan. A fully developed stock will be available with the ingredients to prepare food items on the menu.

Soup Course

Skill Component: Soup creation

Yield: 2 servings

Guidelines for the Soup:

- **Soup choice is up to the student.**
- **Including but not limited to cream or clear soup, chowder**

Salad with Emulsion Dressing

Skill Component: Cleaning-handling of greens / Emulsion

Yield: 2 servings

Guidelines for the salad:

- An emulsion dressing is **required**.
- Properly cleaned lettuce or greens are **required**.
- A crisp component is **required**. Examples may include a crostini, potato crisp or cheese crisp.
- **In 2025, salad choice is up to the student.**

1. Sauteed Chicken Breast with Pan Sauce
Skill Component: Saute with pan sauce

The Basic 9 Steps for Saute of Chicken Breast:

1. Prepare Mise en place, (flattening chicken breast to even thickness recommended)
2. Heat Pan
3. Add small amount of fat (oil or clarified butter)
4. Add seasoned chicken breast (dredging optional based on fabrication)
5. Sear / turn once
6. Cook to desired doneness and golden-brown color
7. Remove from pan, keep warm
8. Prepare sauce utilizing deglazed fond:
 - a. Assess fat left in pan
 - b. Saute mushrooms (Optional if desired)
 - c. Add minced shallots or onion
 - d. Sprinkle with flour (singer)
 - e. Whisk in stock (student made stock is to be used)
 - f. Simmer to cook out flour
 - g. Finish with cream and/or whole butter, season to taste
9. Add chicken back to re-warm

Plate two (2) plates of entree with appropriate starch and vegetable accompaniment.

Starch Accompaniment for Sauteed Entree

Skill Component: Grain

Yield: Approximately 2 servings

- **Students will have their choice in what they use as a starch.**
- **Starch can be a simmered grain, pilaf, or risotto.**

Vegetable Accompaniments for Sauteed Entree

Skill Component: Vegetable Cookery

Yield: 2 servings

Ingredients:

Batonnet - Zucchini and Oblique Carrots- (6-8 oz.)

Seasonings - your selection from contest supplies (as desired)

Fresh herbs - your selection from contest supplies (as desired)

Instructions:

Using proper cooking technique for vegetables, prepare a sufficient amount for two (2) portions.

Students can bring a cooler with ice bags to keep at their stations.