



Video News Production

To evaluate each contestant's preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding teams for excellence and professionalism in the fields of broadcast news production, news anchoring, directing, technical directing and floor directing.

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 ● A220, A221, & A222
Early/Normal Start Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Normal Start Time ● Registration will open at 8:00am. Please report to B-Hall Show Office for Registration. Competition will begin at 10:00am.
Contest Open/Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Closed ● This contest is closed to observers, instructors, and advisors.
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 A or Class F</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"> ● One hard copy of a 1-page typed personal resume. ● Emergency Medical Authorization required. ● Teams will not be able to check in without all team members EMAs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams will incur a point penalty (approximately 1% of the total contest points available) for each member that arrives at the orientation without a resume. • Stopwatch (optional) • Pens/pencils • Notepaper
<p>Contest Notes, Themes, & Deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News writing, news producing, news anchoring, directing, technical directing and floor directing. • Teams compete sequentially during this contest, so a competition start time will be assigned to each team during the orientation session. • Each competing team will first work together as a group to read, script and pre-plan their news production in the “newsroom” space provided and will then move together into the “control room” space and “studio” space to execute their planned news production as a team. One student from each team (the Technical Director) will be stationed in the control room space during production and will be expected to operate a basic production switcher with three cameras and other sources available during their team’s production session and will need to verbally “call the show” by providing verbal camera cues, production cues, timing cues and other directions to the student staffing the “floor director” position on the team via a linked headset communication system. • The floor director will be expected to receive those verbal calls from the technical director and then provide appropriate hand signals and other direction to the two student news anchors sitting at the news desk and in front of the 3 cameras. • The two news anchors will be expected to present the news together while seated on the news set. • Teleprompters will be provided to assist news anchors with their on-camera presentation. • Content formatted for display on the teleprompters will be authored/typed by each team for themselves in the newsroom during pre-production. • NOTE: Anchor Person wears Class A and the Team Member wears Class F.
<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 style="text-align: center;">Contestants <i>MUST HAVE A COPY OF THEIR EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM IN THEIR NAME BADGE AT ALL TIMES</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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.