

**“Friday Flash”
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
CONTEST UPDATES
for May 20, 2009**



Dear Student Competitors and Advisors from Minnesota;

The “Friday Flash” is being provided to you as a service to help you prepare for the upcoming National Leadership & Skills Conference in Kansas City, Mo. June 22–26, 2009.

All “Friday Flash” Contest Updates will come to in a PDF File format.

If your contest has additional information for you to download, please visit that website. You can also obtain additional information from the National Website or type in the web address provided to you. www.skillsusa.org

**Please make sure you are using the “NEW”
SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards 2009**

Make sure you have a copy of the *SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards 2009*. Either use the CD-ROM or Soft cover book. The 2005-2007 Edition is no longer being used. *ALL State Contest and National Contest will be following the new Technical Standards.* All general rules that affect all competitors—are on pages 9-12. Here are a few examples: All contestants (except Building Maintenance and Action Skills) are required to bring a one-page, typewritten résumé to their contestant meeting; failure to use the proper name of the national organization will result in penalty points being assessed.

CONTEST UPDATES FOR the NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Updates for students competitors attending the SkillsUSA National Conference!

Following are highlights of some of the more critical changes; however, there are other changes regarding equipment and materials provided by the technical committees and by the competitors, as well as changes to the competency sections, details/clarifications to the general section and to the contest guidelines that are not specifically listed.

Please also be sure and check the "**Contest Updates**" periodically for additional information provided by the national technical committees now through June 2009. [This information will be posted on the Minnesota Website under "Friday Flash" Contest Updates for the National Conference.](#)

The revised standards include detailed rating sheets to help better prepare students for the competitions. These rating sheets are intended to give contestants and advisors a basic understanding of the evaluation criteria and serve as a guide as they prepare for national competition. The exact number and identification of tasks and points assigned is subject to change as determined by the national technical committees.

All Contestants

Use of cell phones during the contestant orientation, familiarization, competition and debriefing is prohibited. That means no conversing, no photographing and no text messaging. They also are not allowed to be used as calculators. If your contest requires a calculator, and it is not provided, you must bring your own.

All competitors must bring a one-page, typewritten résumé and submit it to the national technical committee at the contestant orientation meeting. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of 5% of the maximum points possible.

All competitors (except Action Skills, Building Maintenance and Quiz Bowl) must take a written professional development test.

All competitors in technical skill areas (except Building Maintenance) must take a skill-related, written test. The number of points allowed will not exceed 15% of the maximum points possible.

All contests will include an oral professional assessment. The number of points allowed will not exceed 10% of the maximum points possible.

All Contests will follow the 2009 Technical Standards Contest Guidelines.

All Contests Requiring Competitors to Wear Safety Glasses

Eye protection must meet ANSI 87 requirements. Prescription and non-prescription safety glasses must include side shields designed for the safety glasses by the manufacturer of the eye protection. An imprint with the mark "Z87" will appear on the frame and/or lens to identify the safety glasses as meeting ANSI Z87 requirements. Approved safety goggles may also be worn to meet these eye protection requirements.

New Official Contests

Six demonstration contests were approved as official contests. They are Engineering Technology, Esthetics, Medical Math, Screen Printing, Video Product Development and Welding Fabrication. [To view contest guidelines, visit:](#)
www.skillsusa.org/compete/contests.shtml

Automated Manufacturing Technology

Safety glasses must have clear lenses

Auto Refinishing Technology

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Instructions: for Auto Refinishing Technology

Go to the following link:

<http://www.techniciantestprep.com>

Click on register in the upper right hand corner of the Webpage

Create your profile & your login information

Click submit

In the Learning Code box enter the learner code supplied by your instructor

Under ecourses, choose "Online ASE Technician Test Preparation (TTP)"

Follow the instructions on the screen

Auto Service Technology

For a list of the station tasks and equipment, click here.

<http://www.skillsusa.org/downloads/PDF/contests/autostations.pdf>

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Basic Health Care Skills

Note cards are allowed to be used in the presentation.

Chapter Display

The scorecard in the technical standards is missing one line item, "Layout and Design: Eye Flow" for 75 points.

Collision Repair Technology

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Commercial Baking

Click here for the 2009 formulas and other information.

Collision Repair

Under Standards and Competencies, CRT 19.2, change "Determine the different types of misalignments that the vehicles' structure has sustained by using a mechanical measuring system."

Community Service

Only the first-place high school and/or college postsecondary winning team(s) may be entered in national competition.

Cosmetology

Pivot Point International has posted national competition information, including the types of mannequins that will be used and the hairstyles on their Web page. Please click on the link: <http://www.pivot-point.com/community-relations-a-events/competitions/134.html>

The national technical committee will again send out long-hair mannequins to all competitors for the color segment prior to the contest. Once the national office receives the state registrations, the contestants' mailing information will be sent to Marianna. They will mail the mannequins along with instructions direct to the competitor.

For the long hair design, no ornaments (jewelry, scarves, etc.) or hairpieces are allowed. Additionally, contestants may not apply make-up (no special effects make-up or paint) or eyelashes to the mannequin.

Culinary Arts

Advisors will be allowed to accompany the student to orientation session, however all questions and comments must be generated by the competitors only.

The advisors are asked to remain as observers at orientation sessions, throughout the competition and during the debriefing.

Click on link for preparation help.

<http://www.skillsusa.org/downloads/PDF/contests/culinary09.pdf>

Diesel Equipment Technology

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Instructions: For Diesel Equipment Technology

Go to the following link:

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Click on register in the upper right hand corner of the Webpage

Create your profile & your login information

Click submit

In the Learning Code box enter the learner code supplied by your instructor

Under ecourses, choose "Online ASE Technician Test Preparation (TTP)"

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Employment Application Process

Students may bring notes on a 3x5 card for use during the completion of the job application form.

Esthetics

The fantasy segment of the competition is open-ended and contestants may choose any style they prefer—theatrical, showgirl, etc. They could even do a half and half face covering before and after looks. The judging will look at the student description of what they are going to do, creativity, application, safety, sanitation, and if they meet their objective stated. Students are asked to use 14-point typeface for the description and limit it to one page.

Firefighting

Changes in clothing requirements, equipment and materials and #2 under "contest guidelines." The scorecard printed in the standards is incorrect. Task and points assigned are as follows:

Donning Structural PPE Ensemble 25

Ropes and Knots 50

Stairmaster 85

Hose Drag 85

Equipment Carry 85

Ladder Raise 85

Forcible Entry 85

Search 85

Rescue 85

Breach and Pull 85

CPAT Time 70

Written Test 150

Oral Assessment 25

Firefighting

Below is the breakdown for times/points for this year's timed CPAT portion of the Fire Fighting Competition:

00:00 - 10:20	70 pts
10:21 - 10:40	65 pts
10:41 - 11:00	60 pts
11:01 - 11:20	55 pts
11:21 - 11:40	50 pts
11:41 - 12:00	45 pts
12:01 - 13:00	40 pts
13:01 - 14:00	35 pts
14:01 - 15:00	30 pts
15:01 +	25 pts

First Aid/CPR

Contestants are required to provide approved certificates from the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety Institute or the National Safety Council for AED, CPR and First Aid—not all four certifying agencies.

First Aid/CPR

Competitors may bring their own facemask.
No textbooks will be allowed in the testing area.

Graphic Communications

The following equipment will be used in the competition:
For finishing: BaumCut 31.5 paper cutter and Baum 714XTL tabletop folder
For offset press operations: Heidelberg Printmaster 46 2 color

Internetworking

Check for updates and leave comments for the national contest on the **Facebook.com, " SkillsUSA Internetworking Competition Fan"** page.

Major Appliance

The contestants' orientation meeting will include new product seminars and other presentations of interest to the contestant's and their instructors or advisors. Lunch will be served. All contestants and their instructors and advisors are welcome to join us for lunch

Medical Math

Calculators brought by contestants are to be "basic" and not have fraction keys.

Motorcycle Service Technology

All contestants are asked to bring pen/pencil and paper or a laptop computer for the purpose of taking notes. Audio/Video recording devices will not be allowed unless by special permission from the Technical Committee Chair.

Nail Care

The national technical committee will **introduce pedicures this year**. Students will be judged, but their scores will not be included in the final scores of the contest. In addition to the items required for the nail care competition, **students will need to bring enough supplies to perform a pedicure on one foot of their model**.

Opening and Closing Ceremony

A number of changes regarding new/additional penalty points, restrictions as to the President's roles and placement of the emblem plastics and chairs in the presentation room. The new, detailed judges' scoring criteria is included.

Quiz Bowl

Team members may choose to wear either the official SkillsUSA red blazer and accompanying dress or the official white polo with black pants/skirt.

Residential Wiring

Contestants will need to bring a basic calculator (non-programmable) for the written test. Also, students are reminded they need to bring the latest edition of the National Electrical Code, not the handbook.

Telecommunications Cabling

In addition to the other items listed under "Supplied by the Contestants," competitors need to bring electrical tape and a cable tester.

Welding

The equipment to be used this year is as follows:

Miller Dynasty 200

Lincoln Power Mig 225 XT's

Smith Equipment Company SC 229 Cutting Torch

The skill-related written test will be administered on Tuesday. Following the written test, contestants will demonstrate their oral professional skills in a one-minute presentation by introducing themselves, identifying their schools, and state what his/her involvement in SkillsUSA has meant to him/her. Note cards will not be allowed. Scores will be based on staying within the one-minute timeframe and presentation skills and will be included in the total contest score. Contestants must wear their contest uniform.

The GMAW project will require contestants to make the welds with Short Circuiting GMAW. The SMAW project will require the use of E-6010 and E-7018 electrodes. The GTAW project will be aluminum. There will also be an FCAW project.

NOTE: Please keep checking both the State & National websites for additional updates.