

SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

1. Contestants in the SkillsUSA Championships must wear the approved SkillsUSA Championships clothing or work uniform specified for their particular contests during competition or be subject to a penalty of up to 5 percent of the total points available. The clothing items referred to in these regulations are pictured and described at: www.skillsusastore.org. For questions regarding clothing or other logo items, call 800-401-1560 or 703-956-3723.
2. Contestants must wear their official contest clothing to the mandatory contestant meeting prior to the competition.
3. Participants must meet clothing requirements for the individual contests. For specific requirements, refer to the individual contest regulations.
 - a. Contestants who do not satisfy the clothing requirements may be penalized up to 5 percent of the total possible contest points.
 - b. All contestants are required to wear their official contest uniforms or official SkillsUSA attire to the Awards Ceremony, where the winners are announced and the industry awards are presented. Inappropriately dressed contestants will be denied access to the awards platform.

Note: Contestants with special needs regarding clothing requirements should contact the SkillsUSA Championships office.

The original official blazer, jacket, sweater or any other uniform with the old “SkillsUSA-VICA” or “VICA” emblem patch may still be worn in contests requiring official attire as the required clothing.

4. The clothing requirements apply only to the national contests. State associations may have different dress requirements for

their own SkillsUSA Championships program.

5. “SkillsUSA official attire” as indicated for specific contests refers to the following:
For men: Official blazer or jacket, black trousers with white dress shirt, plain black tie with no pattern (or official SkillsUSA black tie from: www.skillsusastore.org), black socks and black shoes.

For women: Official blazer or jacket, black slacks or knee-length skirt with businesslike white, collarless blouse or white blouse with small, plain collar that may not extend onto the lapels of the blazer, black sheer or skin-tone seamless hose and black dress shoes.

Note: T-shirt-style tops are not approved.

All personal jewelry should contribute to a businesslike appearance. Only official SkillsUSA jewelry is to be worn on a SkillsUSA blazer, jacket or sweater. Official jewelry is described as conference pin, SkillsUSA emblem, officer pin, President’s Volunteer Service Award pin, statesman pin (one only) and professional development (one only) pin.

6. No canvas, vinyl, plastic or leather athletic-type shoes, open-toe shoes or open-heel shoes are permitted in any SkillsUSA Championships event without penalty. Contestants may be disqualified where improper footwear constitutes a health or safety hazard. When work boots/shoes are required, they can be steel-, or non-steel-toed, tied or pull-on (Roper-type, no cowboy boots), with rubber or skid-resistant soles, and they must meet the specifications of The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) OSH Act of 1970; United States Code Title 29, Chapter 15, states:

The OSH Act was established to ensure safe and healthful working conditions for every working man and woman. Among the many provisions, the act requires the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) to reduce employee exposure to hazards

when engineering and administrative controls are not feasible or effective in reducing these exposures to acceptable levels. OSHA's personal protective equipment standard, 1910.132 (d)(1), requires that employers "assess the workplace to determine if hazards are present or are likely to be present, which necessitate the use of personal protective equipment."

OSHA 29 CFR 1910.136 incorporates the following industry standards by reference: the American Society for Testing and Materials — ASTM F2412-05 Standard Test Methods for Foot Protection, F2413-05 Standard Specification for Performance Requirements for Protective Footwear and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) American National Standard for Personal Protection — Protective Footwear (ANSI Z41-1999 and Z41-1991).

What to look for: Approved foot safety protection should be labeled as "Complies with (or Conforms to) ASTM F 2412-05 and F 2413-05" (which replaced the older label of the former ANSI Z41-1999 footwear standard in 2005). Work boots come in a wide range of styles. Some may look similar to athletic shoes but are regulation safety work boots/shoes and meet the ASTM standards. Checking work boots will require verifying compliance with the standards. One shoe of a pair must be clearly and legibly marked (stitched in, stamped on, pressure sensitive label, etc.) on either the surface of the tongue, gusset, shaft or quarter lining. Work boot identification marking must be enclosed in a rectangular border, and a four-line format is suggested.

7. Eye protection must meet ANSI Z87 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 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.
8. Contestants with long hair that poses a possible safety or sanitary hazard must wear hair containment devices (hair nets).
9. Contestants may be disqualified for lack of safety clothing or attire.
10. The wearing of accessory items (such as belts) is optional unless otherwise specified in the contest rules.
11. Only occupational or career patches, competitor patches and Professional Development Program (PDP) patches may be worn on the left shoulder or above the left pocket without penalty. However, they are not required.
12. No identification of the contestant, school or state is allowed on official clothing.
13. Check for specific clothing and safety requirements under the guidelines for each contest.
14. Clothing penalties in all skill contests will be assessed by the designated state director in cooperation with the contest chair. SkillsUSA Championships technical committees will assess clothing penalties for all leadership contests.