

Introduction

Thank you for your dedication to ensuring student growth and achievement through the management of this SkillsUSA state competition event. The SkillsUSA state director and the national SkillsUSA organization appreciate your commitment to preparing America's future workforce. The purpose of this document is to equip you with the necessary competition specifications that will allow you to host a successful state competition.

Competition Technical Standards

The state director will provide the state technical committee with a copy of the current SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards. The Technical Standards are the official competition guide/rules for the national SkillsUSA Championships. SkillsUSA Championships clothing requirements included in the technical standards have been established for the National Leadership and Skills Conference.

Disclaimer

The state project information is confidential. To ensure fairness and integrity in all competitive events, please do not share this packet with teachers or students. The following suggested SkillsUSA State Skill Performance Project is intended as a supplement to the guidance found in the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards. While most state competitive events are modeled after the national Technical Standards, rules for state events may vary from the national guidelines based on the time and/or equipment available at the state level. It is crucial that all student competitors understand any state specific requirements which should be communicated as state competition updates.

State Competition Update - Optional

Definition: A competition update is anything that is not already listed in the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards that a competitor and/or advisor need to be aware of and/or bring for the upcoming state competition.

State specific competition updates may include a list of materials the competitor must bring, state specific scorecard, and/or clothing allowances. Please be sure to check the “Supplied by the Technical Committee and Competitor(s)” section in the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards and adjust these requirements as necessary. The state technical committee, working with the state director, should establish any additional requirements needed to successfully complete the state-level competition.

Visit [Competition Updates](#) for the latest information:

The technical committee has released the following update for NLSC 2026:

Mannequin Information for National Competition

The technical committee provides mannequins for use during the national competition.

*If this requirement changes, competitors will be responsible for supplying their own mannequins. Please note that the **specific type or brand of mannequin will not be disclosed in advance** unless competitors are required to bring their own.*

DRAFT: State Specific Competition Update

1. Supplied by the State Technical Committee:
 - a. Publish the **manikin type/brand** competitors must bring
 - b. Photos and/or the “cut/style technicals” for long and short design haircuts
2. Supplied by the Competitors:
 - a. In addition to the items listed as supplied by competitors in the technical standards, three (3) mannequins (1 - long hair mannequin, 1 - female mannequin, 1- male mannequin) are required.
 - b. A digital copy of the competitor’s completed sketch head sheet.

Competition Site Logistics

Supplied by the State:

Judges will need:

- Paper and pencils
- 1 - Timer/Clock
- 1 - Blood Spill Kit

- Mirror per competitor
- Print each competitor's number to place on the display/judging table to designate competitors completed work for judging.

Each competitor and each judge will need:

- One printed copy of all literature, photos and/or the “cut/style technical” for the long and short haircuts. *(Design photos will be given to the competitor at the time of the competition. These should not be published anywhere prior to the state competition.)*

Tools (and quantity):

- 1 - Broom, dustpan, trashcans

Equipment (and quantity):

- For every competitor, provide a 3' x 2' flat workspace (table)
- One chair per competitor
- One chair per judge
- One scoring table per 2 judges
- One display/judging table per 4 competitors

Electrical needs (voltage & amperage):

- Three (3) 110 Volt 20 amp outlets per competitor station.

These outlets should be located at each station, so the tools are plugged in directly to each outlet to provide the required electrical load for blow dryers and hot tools.

Hot tools must be plugged into an outlet to reach and maintain the necessary temperature for the competition.

Consult your facility's utility provider, as most standard extension cords and/or providing one outlet and using a surge protector will NOT carry the required electrical load for hot tools and this action will result in tripped breakers.

Competition utility requirements (water, plumbing, etc.): N/A

Estimated overall cost per competitor: N/A

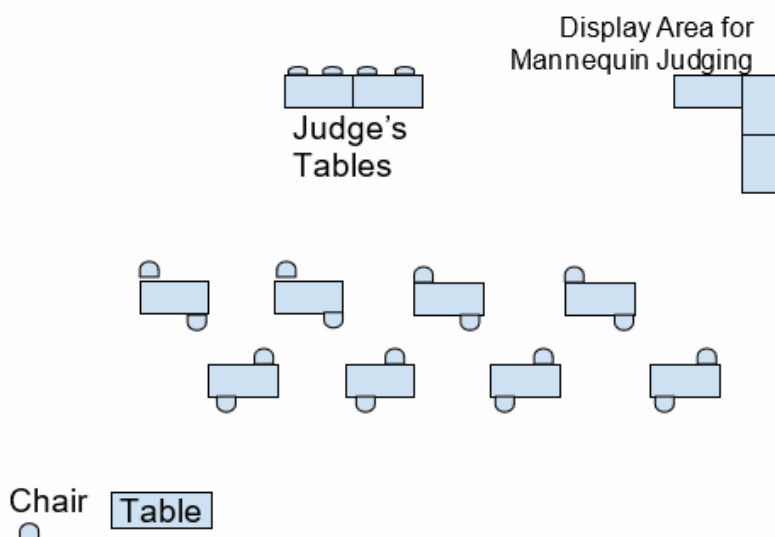
Sample State Competition Schedule

Time	Item	Item Description
8:00 a.m.	Welcome/Orientation Briefing	Welcome competitors to the competition and go through a brief review of the competition and times. Sample script in SLSC Competition Planning Guides folder.
8:05 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set-up (15 minutes) Collect All Resumes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check competitors' official competition clothing and station set-up. Competitors may place their tripod next to their chair and use the workspace to hold all supplies and equipment. Competitors may prep station for the long design haircut.
8:20 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.	Oral Assessment - (2 minutes per competitor)	
9:10 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Long Hair Cut and Style (45 minutes) Competitors are judged on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight is balanced Cut blends were intended Reflects photo (front and back) Reflects photo (sides) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete haircut using shears, razors, thinning shears and/or clippers as needed to duplicate photos provided by technical committee and style using brushes, blow dryer and hot tools as necessary to duplicate style. Place long design haircut mannequins at the display table for judging once time is called. Clean up the workstation and sweep up hair clippings.
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long Hair Design (one hour) Competitors are judged on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance of Form Control of Texture Control of Direction Creativity Hair color Compliments Design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a long hair design. For the long hair design station, no ornaments or hairpieces are allowed. No eyelashes are allowed.
11:00 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors move long hair design mannequin to display table for judging. Pick up long haircut mannequin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete judging. Competitors cleanup workstation, and prep long haircut mannequin for uniform layer haircut.
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Perform uniform layer haircut (90 Degree) and blow dry style	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observe cutting techniques throughout cutting and blow dry styling.

	hair with hair dryer and fingers only. (45 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The competitors must perform the cut step by step according to the standards.
12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch and Restroom Break	
12:35 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform short design haircut and style (45 minutes) Competitors are judged on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight is balanced Cut blends were intended Reflects photo (front and back) Reflects photo (sides) 	Complete haircut using shears, razor thinning shears and/or clippers as needed to duplicate photo provided by technical committee and style using brushes, blow dryer and hot tools as necessary to duplicate style.
1:25 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.	Clean-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean work area and pack all supplies. Complete overall judging.
1:35 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Parade Finale	Closing remarks, judges give feedback to competitors.
TBD	Competition-Specific Written Test	State will determine when the test will be given pre-conference or onsite
Competition Ends	Debrief	Sample script in SLSC Competition Planning Guides folder.

Competition Layout

Approximately one table for two competitors. Place the chairs on opposite sides of the table at opposite ends providing a 3' x 2' workspace per competitor.



Competition Project

Oral Assessment:

The competitor will roleplay a mock haircut appointment booking. A new customer called the salon for a haircut appointment. The competitor will answer the mock phone call and simulate booking an appointment over the phone. The call should be two minutes or less. Judges will score the following criteria. If they demonstrate the skill, they will get the full amount. If they do not, they get a zero.

- Identify the salon by name
- Introduce yourself to client
- Ask for clients first and last name
- Use client's name during call
- Ask for client's phone number
- Offer additional salon services or special services
- Ask client if they need directions to the salon
- Verify date and time of haircut appointment
- Ask client if they have any questions
- Thank the client for calling
- Use a pleasant voice; be friendly, helpful and sincere

Skill Performance

- **Long Hair Design** – competitor creates
- **Uniform Layered Haircut (90 Degree)**
- **Long Layered** – state technical committee provides a cut/style photo
- **Short Haircut** – state technical committee provides a cut/style photo

Competition Modification Suggestions

Modification #1: Long Hair Design mannequins may be colored and trimmed prior to the state competition.

Modification #2:

Shorten the 90 Degree haircut to 30 minutes without Blow Dry Style.

Modification #3:

Remove the Long or Short Haircut.