

SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards 2008
Summary of Revisions

Listed below is a summary of revisions that will be effective at the 2008 SkillsUSA Championships. All changes that have been posted in the “Contest Updates” for the past three years have now been incorporated into the revised technical standards and are not necessarily included in this summary. Maximum points possible for all contests are 1,000 points. The standards and competencies are stated more clearly, and there is an academic crosswalk in every skill area. There are other minor changes, corrections of errors and details/clarifications to the general section and to the contest guidelines that are not listed. To assure you and your students are prepared for the 2008 competitions, discard your old technical standards and obtain a copy of the latest edition. You may order online by going to <http://www.skillsusa.org/store/> or you may call toll-free and place your order. The telephone number is 1-800-321-8422.

Please also check the “Contest Updates” periodically for additional information provided by the national technical committees.

Table of Contents	Page 3	Updated to include official contests not included in 2005-2007 tech. standards.
		Health contests now included under Skilled and Technical Sciences.
	Page 4 – 5	Contests listed by Career Cluster.
SkillsUSA Work Force Ready System	Page 6	Overview
General Regulations	Page 10	All contestants are required to bring a one-page, typewritten résumé including Action Skills and Building Maintenance.
	Page 10	Only TQM will be judged to a standard. Community Service and Tech Prep teams will be awarded 1 st -, 2 nd - and 3 rd - place medals like all other contests. All Community Service teams scoring at least 800 points in the state competition are eligible to enter the national contest.
How to Register	Page 11	Guidelines for

		changes/substitutions added.
Action Skills	Page 21	Contestants must bring a résumé.
American Spirit	Page 25	Each state may register one high school and one college/postsecondary entry.
		Additional information provided for submission of photos.
Chapter Business Procedure	Page 30	Teams will be given list of business items to insert.... sixty minutes prior to the team's demonstration before the judges.
Chapter Display	Page 35	Error: maximum size of display is "feet," not inches.
	Page 36	Penalty points included for exceeding number of pages.
Community Service	Page 41	Number of team members is now three.
	Page 42	Error: Live Team Presentation should state "a team of three," not two.
		Added "Introduction" to notebook requirements.
Job Interview	Page 49	Six copies of the résumé are now required.
		References are required and must be submitted on a separate page.
Job Skill Demonstration "Open"	Page 57	Formerly Job Skill Demo "B"
		Contestants may demonstrate any technical skill and are not required to be enrolled in a related training program.
Occupational Health and Safety	Page 61	Contestants must distinguish the category for each of their projects.
	Page 62	Number of pages allowed is now 75 for both single and multi entries.
Opening and Closing Ceremonies	Page 68	"Optional Officer" has been

		eliminated. Team must include their Historian.
Outstanding Chapter	Page 74	Chapter Membership: TPP membership statement included.
	Page 77	Community Activities: Restriction regarding no activities allowed on school campuses has been eliminated.
Prepared Speech	Page 81	Note cards will not be allowed.
Promotional Bulletin Board	Page 86	Width of frame may be up to 2 ½”.
		Résumés will be judged
		Additional information provided throughout to better prepare for the competition.
Quiz Bowl	Page 91	Teams may register and compete with two alternates. At each break, substitutions of alternates may be made. Alternates will be required to take the written test. The scores of the alternates will be included in the total team score.
	Page 92	The apparatus time-readout will face the operator and will not be visible to the teams.
	Page 93	Updated list of sources for the Professional Development questions is included.
Entrepreneurship	Page 103	Only six copies of a team's project are required to be mailed for qualifying for the national competition.
First Aid/CPR	Page 107	Contestants will select either the American Red Cross or American Heart Association guidelines for their written test.

Principles of Technology	Page 111	Eligibility clarified.
Related Technical Math	Page 117	Clothing requirements changed.
Total Quality Management	Page 119	Only six copies of a team's project are required to be mailed for qualifying for the national competition.
3-D Visualization and Animation	Page 127	Résumé requirement was erroneously omitted. Contestants must bring a résumé.
Architectural Drafting	Page 135	Items supplied by the contestant have changed.
Audio Production	Page 139	Formerly "Radio (Audio) Production"
Automotive Refinishing Technology	Page 147	Painting portion of old Collision Repair Technology contest—now two separate contests.
Broadcast News Production	Page 175	Contest name change. Formerly "TV News Anchor"
		Teams must be comprised of four members.
		TelePrompTers will not be used.
Basic Health Care Skills	Page 169	PowerPoint presentations are allowed—equipment will be supplied by the technical committee.
Building Maintenance	Page 179	Contestants must bring a résumé.
Cabinetmaking	Page 183	Error: Safety Requirement—#1. RouterRadial should be #1. Router, 2. Radial Arm Saw“
Cosmetology	Page 224	Contestants may apply makeup to mannequins.
Culinary Arts	Page 235	Changes to items supplied by the contestant.
Nail Care	Page 339	Changes and more detail provided for items supplied by the contestant.
Photography	Page 349	All reference to 35mm film has been deleted.

Sheet Metal	Page 393	Contestants are required to bring a hand-held calculator.
Technical Drafting	Page 413	New computer/software requirements.