



**STATE
SKILL
PERFORMANCE
PROJECT**




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Disclaimer

To ensure the availability of the materials used in this competition project, the State Competition Technical Committee should study this project plan in advance and make modifications to the materials and/or dimensions as necessary. In order to account for these necessary changes in the competition's contents and scope, the instructions to competitors may also need to be modified.

The SkillsUSA State Skill Performance Project is intended to supplement the guidance of the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards. The Technical Standards are the official competition guide for the SkillsUSA Championships and contain rules for all national events.

While most state competitive events are modeled after the national Technical Standards, rules for state events may vary from the national guidelines. It is crucial that all student competitors understand the difference between the State Championships State Skill Performance Project, which is used to prepare for state-level competitions, and the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards, which is used to prepare for national-level competitions.

SkillsUSA Framework

The connection between the SkillsUSA Framework and SkillsUSA State Championships is imperative. The SkillsUSA Framework is used to pinpoint the Essential Elements found in Personal Skills, Workplace Skills, and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics. Students will be expected to display or explain how they used some of these Essential Elements. For more information, please visit www.skillsusa.org/about/skillsusa-framework/.



Competition Overview

Competition Name:

Barbering

Competition Description:

The competition is defined by industry standards as identified by the SkillsUSA Barbering technical committee and the National Barbering Association. The competition is divided into four separate skill performance tasks including haircutting, hair styling, hair color, beard design and coloring. Creativity is assessed in the creative cut and beard design, while haircutting is evaluated in the recreation of men's haircuts from a photograph. The competition will include an interview which consists of creating a mini resume with completion of a job application and actual interview.

Number of Competitors (team or individual):

Individual

Competition Level:

State Championship

Competition Length:

4-6 Hours

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 SkillsUSA Championships and are revised annually. The Technical Standards are embedded with important academic standards as well as SkillsUSA Framework standards. The SkillsUSA Framework actualizes what opportunities need to be created for students to enact the SkillsUSA mission. These Framework skills define the mission and enable the organization to develop competitions, programming, and assessments that build skills in students that prepare them for life.

The scope for state competitions is determined by the technical standards and due to limitations may not encompass all of the competencies (e.g. length of time available for conducting the skill performance).

Competition Clothing:

SkillsUSA Championships clothing requirements included:

- White dress shirt or white polo
- Black dress slacks
- Black leather work or dress shoes

Note: Wearing socks or hose is no longer required. If worn, socks must be black dress socks and hose must be either black or skin-tone and seamless/non-pattern.

Note: Smock or apron can be worn with the white dress shirt.

Competition Materials List

Materials (and quantity):

Judges will need:

- Paper and pencils
- Timer/Clock

Tools:

- Brooms
- Dustpans
- Trashcans

Equipment (and quantity):

- For every competitor provide a workspace
- Table per 2 Judges

Electrical needs (voltage & amperage):

- Three (3) 20 amp outlets per competitor station.
- These outlets should be located at each station so the tools are plugged in directly to each outlet in order to provide the required electrical load for blow dryers and hot tools.
- The hot tools must be plugged into an outlet to reach and maintain the necessary temperature for the competition.

Items Brought by Competitors (per the Technical Standards)

Please review the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards to review the list of items required for your competitor to bring to competition.

These items should be listed as a Competition Update Cutting shears

- Cutting Shears
 - Thinning shears
 - Razor and spare blade
 - Clipper
 - Trimmer
 - Blow dryer
 - Combs
 - Brushes
 - Spray bottle filled with water
 - Hair color of choice (professional temporary: examples are pencils, chalks, spray or hair paint. Any type of temporary color not requiring water to rinse is acceptable)
 - Towels (minimum of 6)
 - Neck strips
 - Clippies or hair clips
 - Labeled spray hospital-grade disinfectant
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Protective cape (any style)
 - Tripod
 - One roll of tape
 - One roll of paper towels
 - First aid kit and Blood spill kit
 - Typed description of the inspiration and method used to create the creative design. Must be at least 1/2 page.
 - Competitors must create a drawing of their creative design with color application and beard design with color application. Be sure to use colored pencils to show the color applications.
- Competitors will need two copies of their design theme. Design themes must be hand drawn and no bigger than an 8x10 drawing. **Note:** One copy will be turned in at contest check in
- All competitors must create a one-page resume. See “Resume Requirement” below for guidelines.
- Note:** Resume will be turned in at contest check in

Competition Update

Definition:

A competition update is anything that is not listed in the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards and that a competitor and/or advisor needs to be aware of and bring for the competition.

Competition Schedule

The Barber competition has the SkillsUSA framework test, barber knowledge test will be given.

Please note that the test will be done prior to the competition online.

Competition Project

Regular Mannequin: (this can be a man or woman manikin) Haircuts will be given at competition time.

Flat Top Cut: Execute a haircut that has been selected by the SkillsUSA National Technical Committee within a *45-minute* time

Duplicate Haircut: Haircut and style that has been selected by the SkillsUSA National Technical Committee within a *45-minute* time

BEARDED Mannequin: Create a Creative Freestyle Design: Including a Cut and Beard Design with hair color for both. Hair color of your choice can be used. Must be completed within *1 hour, 30 mins*.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

1. Supplied by the technical committee:
 - a. Mirror and table
 - b. Blood spill kit
 - c. Manikins are provided during the national competition only.
 - 1). If this changes in any given year, competitors will be responsible for supplying their own manikins.
 - d. All pictures or literature of haircuts and creative instructions. There will be preselected haircuts at the SkillsUSA Championships (national competition).
 - 1). Will be given to the competitor at the time of the competition – they will not be published anywhere prior to the national competition.
 - 2). Competitor will replicate steps a barber will take after an effective client consultation. Competitor will be expected to duplicate a clients desired length and shape within a hair design.
 - 3). Photos and competition instructions given at the regional or state competition are specific to that competition only.

2. Supplied by the competitor (checked during kit check):
 - a. Cutting shears
 - b. Thinning shears
 - c. Razor and spare blade
 - d. Clipper
 - e. Trimmer
 - f. Blow dryer
 - g. Combs
 - h. Brushes
 - i. Spray bottle filled with water
 - j. Hair color of choice (professional temporary: examples are pencils, chalks, spray or hair paint. Any type of temporary color not requiring water to rinse is acceptable)
 - k. Towels (minimum of 6)
 - l. Neck strips
 - m. Clippies or hair clips
 - n. Labeled spray hospital-grade disinfectant
 - o. Hand sanitizer
 - p. Protective cape (any style)
 - q. Tripod
 - r. One roll of tape
 - s. One roll of paper towels
 - t. First aid kit
 - u. Blue or black pen
 - v. Typed description of the inspiration and method used to create the creative design. Must be at least ½ page.
 - w. Competitors must create a drawing of their creative design with color application and beard design with color application. Be sure to use colored pencils to show the color applications.

- 1). Competitors will need two copies of their design theme. Design themes must be hand drawn and no bigger than an 8x10 drawing.
- 2). All competitors must create a one-page resume. See “Resume Requirement” below for guidelines.

RESUME REQUIREMENT

Competitors must create a one-page resume to submit online. SkillsUSA national competitors should submit their resume by June 1. The link for resume submission will be published on <http://updates.skillsusa.org> on May 1. Failure to submit a resume will result in a 10-point penalty.

Your resume must be saved as a PDF file type using file name format of “Last Name_First Name.” For example, “Amanda Smith” would save her resume as **Smith_Amanda**. If you need assistance with saving your file as a PDF, visit [the Adobe website](#) for more information.

Note: Check the Competition Guidelines and/or the updates page on the SkillsUSA website at <http://updates.skillsusa.org>.

PROHIBITED DEVICES

Cell phones or other electronic devices not approved by a competition’s national technical committee are **NOT** allowed in the competition area. Please follow the guidelines in each technical standard for approved exceptions. Technical committee members may also approve exceptions onsite during the SkillsUSA Championships if deemed appropriate.

Penalties for Prohibited Devices

If a competitor’s electronic device makes noise or if the competitor is seen using it at any time during the competition, an official report will be documented for review by the SkillsUSA Championships director. If confirmed that the competitor used the device in a manner which compromised the integrity of the competition, the competitor’s scores may be canceled.

SCOPE OF THE COMPETITION

The competition is defined by industry standards as identified by SkillsUSA National Technical Committee, which includes The Burmax Company, WAHL, Pivot Point, and National Barber Association.

KNOWLEDGE PERFORMANCE

The contest will include a written exam assessing general knowledge of barbering. Competitors are also required to take the SkillsUSA professional development test.

SKILL PERFORMANCE

The four separate skill performance tasks include haircutting, hair styling, hair color, beard design and coloring. An oral communication (Interview and Creative Design). Creativity is assessed in the creative cut and beard design, while haircutting is evaluated in the recreation of men's haircuts from a photograph. The competition will include an interview which consist of creating a mini resume with completion of a job application and actual interview. Time frame for interview: 15 minutes.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. All competitors must keep their working area clean and organized throughout the competition.
2. All competitors must follow sanitation and safety procedures throughout the competition.
3. A professional attitude and communication are expected throughout the competition.
4. Once time is called, the competitor must stop working. Touching the hair of the manikin after time is called will result in 10 penalty points.
5. Cell phones are not allowed during the competition at any time. They must stay in bag, turned off and out of sight. See "Prohibited Devices" section above.
6. Additional items that are needed to complete any portion of haircut, flat-top cut and creative design cut may be added to kit. They will not be part of the kit check.
 - a. Extra blades for clippers (if needed)
 - b. Attachments for blow dryer (if needed)
 - c. Styling products of choice
 - d. Headlamp is allowed (if needed)
7. Items that are **not** allowed during the competition for any cut/style: stencils, ornaments, hairpieces, leveling devices, guards, additional free-standing lighting, neck dusters, or additional extension cords.
8. **No** alterations to clippers or trimmers are allowed. Failure to abide by this guideline could be a cause for dismissal from the competition. This is a safety and sanitation issue.
9. Competitors should not wear any jewelry that could interfere with services.
10. Be aware of your personal hygiene and wearing strong perfumes or colognes could affect others with allergies.
11. Instructors talking/signaling to judges or competitors once the competition has started could cause their student to be dismissed from the competition.
12. The competitor must clean their station completely at the end of the competition as part of the sanitation grade.
13. Make sure to check www.updates.skillsusa.org and the [SkillsUSA Barbering Page on Facebook](#) for any updates prior to the competition.

STANDARDS AND COMPETENCIES

BA 1.0 — Interview and Communication Skills: Follow oral and written instructions, respond to oral questions, and demonstrate skill and career readiness by participation in a 15-minute mock interview

- 1.1. Complete employment application
- 1.2. Complete mini resume
- 1.3. Use a pleasant voice

- 1.4. Properly introduce yourself
- 1.5. Respond to oral questions
- 1.6. Verify resume information
- 1.7. Demonstrate critical thinking skills

BA 2.0 —Duplicate a haircut and style that has been selected by the SkillsUSA National Technical Committee within a 45-minute time

- 2.1. Duplicate the haircut using shears, thinning shears, texturizing shears, razor, trimmers and/or clippers.
- 2.2. Demonstrate blending, sectioning, lining and finishing.
- 2.3. Duplicate the length, design line and textured look of the selected cut.
- 2.4. Duplicate the finished design using blow dryer or thermal tools such as curling iron, flat iron, etc., as needed.
- 2.5. Use appropriate styling products to duplicate the selected haircut.
- 2.6. Duplicate the balance of form, control of texture and the control of the hair direction.
- 2.7. Follow all safety and sanitation procedures and always maintain a clean area.

BA 3.0 — Flat Top Cut: Execute a haircut that has been selected by the SkillsUSA National Technical Committee within a 45-minute time

- 3.1. Execute the haircut using shears, thinning shears, texturizing shears, razor and/or clipper and trimmers as needed.
- 3.2. Demonstrate the correct techniques for cutting a flat top.
- 3.3. Demonstrate fading, blending, sectioning, lining and finishing.
- 3.4. If needed, competitor may apply a styling aid to help fine-tune the flat top.
- 3.5. Style to enhance the look.
- 3.6. Follow all safety and sanitation procedures and always maintain a clean area.

BA 4.0 — Create a Creative Freestyle Design: Including a Cut and Beard Design with hair color for both. Hair color of your choice can be used. Must be completed within 1 hour, 30 mins. When completed, a 5-to-10-minute oral presentation of the Creative Design will be completed with the judge.

- 4.1. Identify the theme of the creative freestyle design cut and beard design including hair color on paper and turn in hard copy to the technical committee chairperson at orientation. A second copy of the freestyle design should be with the competitor during the skill portion of the competition.
- 4.2. Demonstrate fading, blending, sectioning, lining and finishing.
- 4.3. Create a creative freestyle design cut and beard design including hair and beard color. Any type of temporary hair color can be used. The haircut and beard should flow together for an all-over look.
- 4.4. Use appropriate styling products to duplicate the selected hair design.
- 4.5. Demonstrate balance, proportion and form in the finished creative cut and beard design.
- 4.6. Show control of texture and control of hair direction in the finished design.
- 4.7. Incorporate current trends in both haircut, hair color and beard design.
- 4.8. Follow all safety and sanitation procedures and always maintain a clean area.
- 4.9. Competitor will give a 5-to-10-minute speech on their design to the judge.