

23Welding & Welding Fabrication State Contest Information

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION

Skill Contest – The 2023 State SkillsUSA Welding Skill Championships will be held on Sunday, April 23rd, and Monday, April 24th at the Pipeliners Union Local 798 Training Facility (4823 S. 83rd E. Ave. Tulsa, OK 74145). Instructors need to arrive with their students at 11:30 a.m., sharp the morning of the 24th.

Parking and entrance will be on the EAST side of the facility (Down the hill and outback behind the facility). This is a two-day contest: Sunday afternoon and Monday. Instructors should check the OK SkillsUSA website for an update before the contest; a schedule identifying when students will compete (Sunday or Monday) will be provided. This will help arrange transportation and ensure students are onsite at the appropriate time.

The contestant meeting will be for all contestants whether they are competing on Sunday or Monday.

Contestant Resumes All contestants will be required to submit a typed resume. If any contestant does not submit a resume to the contest chair, penalty points will be assessed.

Testing - The Professional Development and written exams will be given online from March 2023.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the contest site must be provided by the instructor or other school officials. There **will not** be any shuttles provided at any time during this conference.

DINNER and LUNCH

At the time of the creation of this document, there are no current lunch sponsors. Students competing on Sunday 24th will need to eat a good lunch before the contest. Contestants competing on Monday the 25th will need to bring a lunch or have their instructors bring a lunch to them.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

As in the past, skill contestants will not be penalized for not adhering to national clothing requirements. Contestants should **not** wear clothing that has school identification visible to the judges. Any contestants wearing program uniforms will need to cover all identifying patches/labels/tags. **Safety equipment is mandatory. Clothing must be clean.**

SAFETY GLASSES MUST BE WORN BY ALL PERSONS IN THE CONTEST AREA – This is a requirement from the 798 Pipeliner's Union Safety Procedures.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Contest winners will be recognized during the Awards Assembly at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26th in the Tulsa Convention Center. Official SkillsUSA attire is required. According to the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards official clothing requirements are as follows: "*For men*: SkillsUSA official attire: Official red blazer or jacket, black trousers, white dress shirt, plain black tie with no pattern or official SkillsUSA tie from Midwest Trophy, black socks, and black shoes. *For women*: Official red blazer or jacket, black dress slacks or skirt, with a businesslike white, collarless blouse or white blouse with a small, plain collar that may not extend onto the lapels of the blazer, black sheer or skin-tone hose, and black dress shoes." Any contest winner who is not in official SkillsUSA attire will not be

permitted on stage. The student will be escorted behind the stage to receive his or her medallion and awards. The awards ceremony is the "**Showplace**" of our state conference, and many industry guests and VIPs are invited to present medallions and honor our students.

INDUSTRY AWARDS

Instructor assistance is needed to obtain industry awards for the welding contest winners. Industry awards should be labeled with the names and addresses of the award suppliers and taken to the **Industry Award Check-in area in the Arena at the Convention Center on Monday, April 24th, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Awards will be contingent on what instructors bring.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The winning contestant will represent Oklahoma at the United States Skill Championships. Therefore, the national rules, regulations, and contest content will be followed as closely as possible. The desire is to have the Oklahoma contestants prepared to compete at the national level.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE GEAR REQUIREMENTS, TOOLS, and MATERIALS LIST

Both the Welding and Welding Fab contests have specific tools and materials listed in the contest packets. If any updates are needed, instructors will be contacted directly.

State Welding Contest 2023

AGENDA

Pipeliners Union Local 798 Training Facility
4823 S. 83rd E. Ave
Tulsa, OK 74145

April 23rd - Sunday

12:00-12:30pm Registration- Orientation Meeting- Materials Checkout (All Contestants Attend)

12:30- 1:00 pm Project Tack-up

1:00 pm

Contest starts:

Contestants need to be wearing their registration numbers.

Contestants need to be ready to cut and weld at this time.

Contestants should not go to a booth or cutting area until they are instructed to do so by a judge or Planning Committee Member.

The required one-page resume is to be turned in at this meeting.

Welding Fab will have 4 hours to complete their project.

6:50 pm

Last Welding Station Complete

7:00 pm

Clean up and Finish for day 1

April 24th - Monday

**Contest continues: Pipeliners Union Local 798 Training Facility
4823 S. 83rd E. Ave
Tulsa, OK 74145**

7:30 am

Materials Checkout and Tack-Up

8:00 am

Contest starts:

Contestants need to be wearing their registration numbers.

Contestants need to be ready to cut and weld at this time.

Contestants should not go to a booth or cutting area until they are instructed to do so by a judge or Planning Committee Member.

Welding Fab will have 4 hours to complete their project.

1:50 pm

Last Welding Station Complete

2:00pm

Clean Up Facility – Contest Over

All contestants help clean up after the competition is completed.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BRING:

- Welding contestants - 3/32" tungsten prepped and ready to go for GTAW on aluminum. Contestants that do not bring tungsten prepped will have to use their contest time to grind. There will be a pedestal grinder available.
- Contestants will use their tungsten but need to leave all accessories (collets, collet bodies, nozzles, and blackcaps) in place at each torch.

NOTES & RULES:

- Contestants **will not** be allowed to have a **mobile phone** in their possession during the contest. Contestants should leave them with the instructor
- Only authorized personnel are allowed in the contest area before and during the contest. Instructors are prohibited from all designated contest areas and are not allowed to provide any type of assistance to contestants during the contest.
- Instructors will be required to stay in the downstairs breakroom or the parking lot around their vehicle. Instructors in the breakroom should not communicate with the students through the glass.
- Instructors will not be permitted to go around the back of the training facility and wait near the doors or within earshot of the contestants.
- Welding contestants will be allowed to have a power grinder with a wire brush for cleaning in their tool inventory, but **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** to have grinding discs.
- Welding Fab contestants will be allowed to have grinders but will follow project guidelines for permitted applications.
- It is very important to weld out the project according to welding procedures. Contestants that do not weld the project according to the procedure will not receive points for that weld.
- Proctors will be inspecting your weld positions/procedures as you go and judges will be judging the outcomes.