

# SkillsUSA Oklahoma

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## **Operations Policies**

### **Current:**

We will operate contests for any competitor that registers for SLSC contest, as long as they meet qualifying requirements (regionals/districts).

### **Proposed:**

Oklahoma SkillsUSA will operate Skilled Trades contests as long as there are an appropriate amount of competitors as based on the number of programs within the state. Contests will have a 3 year probation cycle, and on the fourth year of low or no contestant registration the contest will not run again.

### **Revision:**

To ensure that SkillsUSA SLSC competitions maintain relevance, engaging, and use efficient resource allocation, this proposal establishes a three-year review and registration cycle for contests with consistently low participation.

### **Reasoning:**

To be able to better plan/organize, be fiscally responsible with association funds and continue to send highly qualified competitors to NLSC.

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#### **• Minimum Participation Threshold**

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- A contest must have a minimum of registered competitors each year to remain active.
  - Number may vary by contest type and will be established by the SkillsUSA State Advisor and T&I Staff based on resources, industry support, and historical averages.
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#### **• Three-Year Cycle Monitoring**

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- 1st year registration does not meet requirement by SLSC registration deadline: Contest is notified of possible closure.

- 2nd year registration does not meet requirement by SLSC registration deadline: Contest is put on probation.
  - 3rd year registration does not meet requirement by SLSC registration deadline contest will be cancelled for that year.
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- **Closure of Contest**

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- On 3rd year contest will be removed from the active contest list.
  - Resources, judges, venues, and materials for the contest will be reallocated.
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**Notification Timeline**

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- Association will be notified of at-risk contests after second consecutive low-participation year.
  - Final closure decisions will be communicated no later than 6 months prior to the next competition cycle.
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**Review & Reinstatement Process**

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- Closed contests may be reconsidered for future inclusion by submitting a formal petition.
  - The petition must demonstrate:
    - Renewed contestant interest
    - Verified industry & advisor support
    - Justification for the contest's relevance to trade and industry education pathways.
  - State Advisor and T&I staff will review petitions and make decision.
  - Renewed contests become active 1 full year after they are reinstated; to give time for planning, new funding and industry partnerships to be built.
  - Renewed contests that fail to meet registration minimum the year they are reinstate by the SLSC registration deadline will be cancelled and will have to go through the reinstatement process in the future.
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**Proposed language** by committee consisting of the District Directors and Missy Kaiser, committee met upon conclusion of Executive Council meeting November 14, 2025.

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