

Date: 01/19/2017  
To: All High School Electrical Instructors  
From: Bryan Upton, Cluster Specialist  
RE: District Conference and Electrical Construction Wiring Competition

Advisors,

We have been busy pulling together plans for District Conference. Please read this information carefully for SkillsUSA District Conferences. It is a great opportunity for your students to visit a local college. Be sure to let your administrators know that Alabama Colleges will have recruiting representatives present to provide the latest in enrollment information.

Bringing SkillsUSA closer to home provides you the opportunity to invite friends, family, industry partners, and administrators from your school systems. This is a public relations and advocacy event you. We urge you to explore <http://capwiz.com/skillsusa/dbq/media/> and use it to reach out to local media. Under your guidance this can be a great assignment for your officers to promote SkillsUSA activities.

### **District Contest Registration**

The program must be "In Good Standing" in order to participate in the **District Conference**. **To register**, go to <http://alskillsusa.org/> then "Click Here to Login to National Membership Page:" to get the National SkillsUSA Membership, Conference and Alumni Login page. Login and register contestants in your conference and competition.

**District registration must be completed by January 27th however you will be able to make substitutions up one week prior to contest day.**

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- **Program "In Good Standing"**
  - Membership paid and submitted
  - Professional dues paid
  - Program fee paid
- **State Membership Policy:**
  - Advisors **MUST** be paid Professional Members before students will be eligible to compete. (1) *Instructor per program area.*
- **State Eligibility Policy:**
  - **High School** program areas must have a minimum of (12) student members to be eligible to send competitors to the District or State Level. 1 contestant per contest **See \*Example**
- **State Eligibility Policy:**
  - **High School** programs that have (12 to 19) student members, may send (1) contestant per contest
  - **High School** programs that have (20 to 29) student members, may send (2) contestants per contest.
  - **High School** programs (30 or more) student members, instructors may send (3) contestants per contest.
  - *NO additional contestants for Co-op students will be allowed!*

**\*Example:** A welding program with 22 members may send 2 competitors in Welding, 2 in Job Skills Demonstration, 2 in Prepared Speech, 2 in Job Interview. In his example 8 students are competing and representing that welding program at the District Conference.

District Contests will be held at each of the 5 District Conferences. Instructors need to check the list of Districts and the locations to determine where you will be attending. Go to <http://alskillsusa.org/> if you are not sure.

### **Contest Host**

The contest host is generally the College instructor in charge of that specific department. He or she are encouraged to recruit the assistance of their counterpart from neighboring colleges. Hosts are encouraged to use this event as a way to directly involve their advisory committee members in their programs.

- Prepare and secure an appropriate contest area
- Furnish agreed upon consumables and equipment
- Recruit industry judges

- Give instructions and conduct the contest.
- Provide judges with any information they may need.
- Follow the “**Contest Guidelines**” provided in the SkillsUSA Technical Standards.

## **Judges**

Every effort will be made to recruit all judges from industry. Judges are to conduct all evaluations in a manner that is professional and beyond question. There should be no comments made to contestants or bystanders during the competition. All results must be held in strict confidence. See “**Contest Guidelines**”.

If judges or contest host needs to clarify or answer questions for a contestant they must **make that information available to all** contestants by bringing all contestants together and providing the information.

If time permits, judges may provide a general debriefing as long as it is done in a manner that does not disparage or give false hope to any contestants.

## **Education Chair**

Some of you have been asked to chair specific contests. We appreciate your service. For everyone’s benefit we have that list of responsibilities shown below.

### **Education Chair responsibilities include:**

- Maintaining communication with all advisors in their respective districts
- Distributing information in a timely manner
- Assist host in securing qualified judge.
- Assist judges in flagging off area to keep advisors and spectators from approaching contestants.
- Capturing and recording the names and contact information of all judges and industry supporters.
- Documenting district contest results and forwarding that information to Chris Kennedy by the **Monday following the event.**

Teachers and Chairmen are **not to:**

- Judge any portion of the contest – **In other words, if you are a teacher you cannot participate in any manner that could raise questions of contest integrity by anyone.**
- Score or help tally any portion of the contest
- Be in possession of, copy, or transport completed score or tally sheets.
- Assist students in any manner once the contest begins
- Comment or attempt to influence judges or site host

## **Contest Area**

All persons must be escorted into and out of the contest area. Only contest host, judges and contestants are permitted in the contest area. The site host may be permitted inside of area to service machines, etc.

## **Contest Dress**

For District and State Conference, contest dress is based on SkillsUSA Technical Standards with the **official logo optional**. Each contestant is required to wear official dress for their respective competition.

This includes khaki pants, khaki shirt and leather work boots. Small logos on the chest pocket will be acceptable. Official logo optional. Students are to provide their own PPE and tools

## **Contest Problem**

All contest problems are based on the criteria found in the official SkillsUSA Technical Standards. District projects will take 2 to 2.5 hours. More specific information is included in this correspondence but suffice it to say that students prepared using the SkillsUSA Technical Standards will do fine. The true value of SkillsUSA is in the preparation of all students.

## **District Prizes**

None

**Resume'**

Not required at District but foolish to not have one in case an industry guest asks.

**Written Testing**

There will be a written test developed by the contest chair.

**Electrical Construction Wiring Competition  
2017**

**Industry Chair:** Districts - Matt Dudley  
State – Matt Dudley

**Education Chair:** State – Larry Harris, 256 441-0127

**Hosts:** Northeast District – Gadsden State CC  
Northwest District – Northwest Shoals CC  
Central District – Lawson State  
Southeast District – Wallace State Dothan  
Southwest District – Bishop CC

**Education Chair:** Northeast District – TBD  
Northwest District – TBD  
Central District – TBD  
Southeast District – TBD  
Southwest District - TBD

**Tools Furnished by Student:**

Tool Belt  
Safety Glasses  
2014 NEC Book (no handbooks or other aids)  
Hammer  
Measuring Tape  
Pencils  
Utility Knife  
Screwdrivers  
Speed Square  
Lineman Pliers  
Chanel-Lock Pliers  
Hack Saw  
Conduit Reamer  
Wire Strippers  
Diagonal Pliers  
Tin Snips  
½” EMT Bender (may have factory aid on handle)  
Cordless Driver Drill (¾” – 1” Drill Bits)  
Needle Nose Pliers  
Torpedo Level  
Jab saw

**Tools/Equipment Furnished by Contest:**

Equipment needed to power and evaluate contest project

**Material Furnished by Contest:**

All consumables and wall panels.

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to opening session. Contestants may drop off tools.

**Material** Furnished by Student:

None

**Technical Standards:**

See attached                      Note: This update is for district contests. Technical Standards are written for National contests. The Technical Standards are included as a guide to help prepare students for SkillsUSA contests. Students will need to bring tools to the Alabama SkillsUSA **DISTRICT** contests. Please see “**Tools Furnished by Student**” listed with this update.