

Alabama SkillsUSA
Natural Hair Design
Hair Braiding-Fantasy 2023

PURPOSE

To evaluate each contestant's preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in the field of Hair Braiding.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to any registered member of SkillsUSA who is in a program in which Hair Braiding is a career choice.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

Class E: Business Casual:

Official SkillsUSA white polo shirt.

Black dress slacks (accompanied by black dress socks or black or skin-tone seamless hose) or black dress skirt (Knee-length, accompanied by black or skin-tone seamless hose). Hose are optional whereas socks must be seen above shoes. Black leather closed-toe dress shoes.

Note: Contestants may wear a smock or cape, but it may not have anything identifying them or their school visible.

These regulations refer to clothing items that are pictured and described on the state website and on www.skillsusastore.org.

OBSERVER RULE

Observers will be allowed to watch the contest from areas outside of the competitor area. No talking or gesturing will be permitted. The event chair or moderator may remove observers.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

1. Supplied by the technical committee:

a. All tables, chairs, and power cords necessary for competition.

2. Supplied by the contestants:

a. All necessary items needed to complete their braided and fantasy project. This includes, but is not limited to:

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| *combs | * hair clips |
| *brushes | * hair ornaments (yarn or pre braided hair) |
| *Hair pins | * hand sanitizer |
| * drapes | * spray bottle filled with water |
| * towels | * gel, mousse |
| * Rubber bands | * First aid kit, blood spill kit |
| *Neck strips | * hospital grade disinfectant (labeled) |
| * Styling product*(hair spray, sheen) | |

b. All competitors must create a one-page resume according to the below resume requirement.

RESUME REQUIREMENT

Competitors must create a one-page resume to be turned in at orientation prior to contest. Alabama SkillsUSA competitors should submit their resume by the state provided deadline. Failure to submit a resume in the proper manner will result in a 10-point penalty.

PROHIBITED DEVICES

Cell phones or other electronic devices not approved by a competition's 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, the judges and/or technical chair/committee will determine if the noise or use was in violation and may deduct points or even disqualify the competitor.

SCOPE OF THE COMPETITION

KNOWLEDGE PERFORMANCE

All contestants will complete a written test to assess the contestant's knowledge of hair braiding. In addition to the contest test, they will complete the SkillsUSA Knowledge Test.

SKILL PERFORMANCE

Contestants will demonstrate their job-specific skills in hair braiding, and creative hair design by using weaved in yarn in a creative style as well as, their problem solving, time-management, safety, and health skills.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Once competition begins, competitors work alone. Advisors, and observers may not address, gesture, or attempt to communicate with the competitors (or models). Any violations may result in the removal of the violator and/or disqualification of the competitor. It is the responsibility of the advisor and competitor to notify any personal observers, family, or friends of these rules.
2. Should any competitor need to leave their respective workstation, they must first gain approval from a judge or the technical chair. Any violation of this will result in their work being declared "complete" and no further work will be allowed on the project. No additional time will be allotted to complete the project.
3. Contestants will be allotted a specific time, during or following pre-contest orientation, for set up and preparation.
4. Any competitors not in their workstation when the contest begins may result in penalty points. That decision will rest with the judges and/or technical chair. Tardy contestants must also seek permission from a judge and/or technical chair to begin their work. Disqualification is a possible penalty if the tardiness is deemed excessive.
5. Competitors shall remain at their workstations or the floor adjacent to their workstation, even upon completion of their project, until they are released by a judge or technical chair.
6. Competitors and/or models who do not meet the safety and attire will be penalized and/or disqualified.
7. Competitors must make every effort to uphold the standards of this competition and are fully responsible for their personal contents, their workstation, and tools. Should the competitor have problems with their workstation, interference from others, power problems, etc., they should immediately summon a judge or the technical chair to provide a solution. In a competitor's ability to complete their project due to an unforeseen delay, the technical chair may allow the contestant additional time to complete their work without penalty.
8. Watches, rings, bracelets, and other jewelry should be kept to an absolute minimum. Should a judge determine a safety issue exists relative to a competitor's attire and/or jewelry, they may be penalized at the judge's discretion.
9. No food or beverage is allowed within the contest area except for a water bottle that has a sealable / closable top.

10. Workstations will be assigned at the pre-competition orientation by the technical chair and/or judges.
11. Any special advisor or contestant needs must be addressed at the pre-contest orientation or before with the technical chair and State Education Specialist.
12. Contestants may not have anything visible that would make their name **or** school known. This includes, but is not limited to logos, labels, name tags, etc. Contestants will always wear their provided conference lanyard and badge/tag unless instructed to remove by a judge or technical chair (usually for safety purposes). Each tag may have a reverse side with a name and school on it, be sure to keep this part hidden. Contestants may use tape or a similar item to cover any potential violations.
13. Contestants must follow all appropriate personal and public protection and infection control procedures during all phases of the contest to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all present. In the event of a blood spill, contestants will be expected to follow the NIC Health and Safety Standards. Failure to do so will result in penalties.
14. In the case of any safety violations, a judge and/or technical chair may penalize or disqualify a contestant.
15. In the case of any disqualification, a contestant's project will be deemed "complete" and no further work will be allowed on the project.
16. Contestants are required to clean their workstation and any other used area upon completion of judging. Contestants will be advised and given directions for disposal and removal of materials. Failure to completely clean the workstation and any other used area will result in penalties and/or disqualification.

Tiebreakers

In the event of a tie between any number of competitors within the top three positions, the following order of tiebreakers will be used to determine a proper order between the tied contestants:

1. The highest written test score.
2. If the tie is not broken, the individual with the least number deductions due to penalties.
3. If the tie is not broken, a judge or technical chair will conduct a tiebreaker round consisting of questions from the SkillsUSA Membership Handbook. The format of this tiebreaker will be provided to the technical chair and revealed only as necessary.
4. If the tie is not broken, a judge or technical chair will conduct a tiebreaker round consisting of questions that fall within the standards and competencies. The format of this tiebreaker will be revealed only as necessary. This round will continue until there is only a single contestant left for each of the top three positions.

STANDARDS AND COMPETENCIES

1.0 - Demonstrate knowledge of general safety, hygiene, and good grooming practices.

1.1 Prepare to respond to a variety of questions

1.2 Demonstrate good grooming in dress and personal hygiene

1.3 Prepare to demonstrate or respond to questions from sources related to required certifications or state curriculum

1.4 Demonstrate proper safety and health practices

2.0 - Demonstrate professional ethics, ethical conduct, and attitude.

2.1 Prepare to demonstrate or respond to questions from sources related to required certification or state curriculum

3.0 - Demonstrate proper hair braiding techniques.

3.1 Prepare to demonstrate or respond to questions from sources related to required certification or state curriculum.

3.2 Demonstrate appropriate preparation, sanitation, appearance, time-management skills, job-specific skills, creativity, and overall quality of projects.

4.0-SkillsUSA Framework

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. Please reference the graphic above, as you may be scored on specific elements applied to your www.skillsusa.org/about/skillsusa-framework/