

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (2023-2024 SkillsUSA Maryland Update #26)

Item#1: SkillsUSA Online Testing Follow-up Information

SkillsUSA national competitor emails were sent directly to students yesterday (5/21/24). All competitors including middle school division received a “*general competitor introductory communication*” for accessing their competitor portal.

Once logged into their dashboard competitors will have access to both their **national technical standards** and a link to the **competitions updates website** to help them prepare for nationals. While middle school competitors are exempt from both the resume and the SkillsUSA professional development test, their competition may have other pre-conference submission requirements.

Reminder: It is the responsibility of each competitor to review both the current edition of the “SkillsUSA Technical Standards” for their respective competition and the “Competition Updates” page of the SkillsUSA website to learn about national pre-conference online submissions/testing requirements. Competitors must complete all pre-conference requirements by **5 p.m. ET on Thursday, June 6, 2024**.

Please encourage your competitor(s) to complete their online requirements as soon as possible to ensure they meet the deadline. If your competitor(s) experiences technical difficulties and/or does not receive an email by today (5/22/24), the SkillsUSA Customer Care Team can assist them with gaining access to either the Competitor Portal or their online testing account. The Customer Care Team can be contacted by email at customercare@skillsusa.org or by phone at (844) 875-4557.

Competitor emails will include instructions, **competitor number**, **login credentials**, and a link to launch the **Competitor Portal**: www.skillsusa-competitor.org

From the landing page, students will need to select “SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference” event, then enter the email address and password provided in their May 21st email. The username email and password are the same for both the portal and to access their online testing.

The link to the required online test(s) will also be available from the Competitor Portal and the same email and password will be used to access applicable online test(s). Please review the [NLSC 2024 - Proctor Guide](#) for online testing. This document covers testing accommodations, sample proctor script, and provides screenshots of the competitor portal dashboard.

Competitors can verify their own online submissions using the Competitor Portal. The dashboard will display a list of all submitted files. Competitors can login after the deadline passes and use their dashboard report as “proof” of pre-conference submissions.

Best of luck to all competing students!



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