

CHAIR: Give a copy of these instructions to each judge. DO NOT CHANGE THE CONTESTANT'S NUMBERS.

1. Judges should rate contestants on the basis of entry-level job skills.
2. The judges must receive: a copy of the problem that will be assigned to the contestants, judges rating sheet(s), and complete instructions from Technical Committee Chair at the judges meeting.
3. The Technical Chair will verify that all teams (in team contests) have the correct number of team members. If a team has a deficient number, they will be disqualified. Technical Chairs must see the counsel of the State Director (Scott Soldat), the Facilities Manager (Harry Scott) or the Leadership Manager (Maureen Laupp) prior to disqualifying a student.
4. Inter-rater Reliability: Careful attention must be given to each rule. Each contestant or entry must be judged exactly in the same manner and under the same conditions as every other contest or entry. Post-secondary members are to be judged and scored separately from secondary members. Technology division (Level 1) and Level 2 contestants are to be judged and scored separately from secondary and post-secondary members.
5. Use only the rating sheets provided. Please note the weights assigned to each area.
6. The judges will be present throughout the entire competition.
7. **IMPORTANT!** The judges will know contestants by number only! Judges will not know a contestant's name or school.
8. You have been asked to judge and are asked to follow official SkillsUSA rules. Do not judge students on aspects of personal grooming, such as length of hair, length of dress, style of shoe, etc., unless specifically covered in the contest rules.
9. In no instance are the judges or contest chair authorized to change the contest rules. If an interpretation is required contact Maureen Laupp, Leadership Manager, Harry Scott, Facility Manager (show halls), Scott Soldat, SkillsUSA--Arizona Director or go to Room 21 in the South Building or the Information Area in the West Building.
10. Safety Requirements: Contestants not meeting the requirements of safety clothing, and devices may be disqualified if, in the opinion of the judges, safety of the contestant or those around him/her is endangered.
11. Judges should rate each contestant independent of other judges and not compare rating sheets. If more than one judge is utilized at a station, the scoring is done separately and then averaged.
12. After the judging is completed, the judges should total their own rating, sheets and return them to the contest Technical Chair.
13. The judges and the technical committee shall keep all information **CONFIDENTIAL** until the general announcement of the winner(s) is made.