



CONTEST SCOPE

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Contest:

Prepared Speech

Purpose:

To evaluate each contestant's ability to prepare and present clearly and effectively a series of thoughts relating to a central theme.

Clothing:

Contest appropriate clothing. Students will not be penalized for clothing unless it is a safety violation.

Equipment and Material:

Equipment/Tools/Materials Provided by Host School:

Stopwatch
Time cards
Pencils

Equipment/Tools/Materials Provided by the Contestant:

Scope of Contest

Knowledge Performance

There is no written knowledge test required for this contest.

Contestants' knowledge will be demonstrated through performance demonstration.

Skill Performance

This contest assesses public speaking skills through delivery of a five-to-seven-minute speech.

Contest Guidelines

The topic for the prepared speech will be established by SkillsUSA as the Theme.

SkillsUSA: No Limits

The speech will be five to seven minutes in length. Penalty: Five points will be deducted for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof under five minutes, or for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof over seven minutes.

Time limit: Time will be started when the speech begins. The timer will signal the speaker at five minutes and at seven minutes. The contestant will be permitted to use a watch or clock.

No visual aids, props, notes and/or notecards will be permitted.

Contestants will not mention their name, school, city or state. A five-point penalty will be assessed for each occurrence.

The following judging criteria will be used:

- a. Opening – Has a strong, clear opening
- b. Voice – Voice is well modulated and controlled, and carries the rhythm of the speech
- c. Platform deportment – Speaker is poised and demonstrates good control of movement
- d. Organization – Speech is well organized, and the organization can be easily followed
- e. Mechanics – Proper grammar is used and diction is clear
- f. Closing – Closing provides a clear and solid conclusion and summary of the speech
- g. Effectiveness – Assigned topic is covered, and the purpose of the speech is clear and achieved
- h. Timing – Speech falls within the five to seven-minute contest requirement