



# State Championships Clothing Policy

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## BACKGROUND

Behaving in alignment with workplace standards to display a positive image helps members develop and display their professionalism. SkillsUSA Illinois works with over 600 industry partners a year to put on the greatest showcase of career and technical education in Illinois; the SkillsUSA Illinois Championships. To display readiness to enter a field, members are expected to follow the clothing policy for career competitions.

## POLICY

The SkillsUSA Technical Standards outline clothing requirements for all career competitions. SkillsUSA Illinois does modify these requirements to provide increased opportunities and decrease additional costs for members. SkillsUSA Illinois allows competitors to wear similar or like clothing matching the requirements outlined in the Technical Standards.

SkillsUSA Illinois has created a guide for suggested dress for career competition competitors for the SkillsUSA Illinois State Leadership & Skills Conference. School, chapter, or personalized clothing that matches the standard/suggested clothing requirements is allowed; however, school names and/or competitors' names need to be covered if displayed.

Review the Illinois Championships Clothing Guide as well as share with members well before their competition. **Please note that sweatshirts, hoodies, Hawaiian t-shirts, and jeans (of any color) are not acceptable dress for competition; jeans are not considered slacks or work pants.**

## PENALTIES

The penalty for those who do not satisfy dress requirements will be up to 5% of the total possible competition points. Clothing penalties in all skill competitions will be assessed by the designated clothing assessor in cooperation with the competition chair. SkillsUSA Championships technical committees will assess clothing penalties for all leadership competitions.

All competitors are required to wear their official competition uniforms or official SkillsUSA attire to the Awards Session where the winners are announced and the industry awards are presented. Competitors not meeting these standards will be denied access to the awards platform.

## NATIONAL VS. STATE CLOTHING REQUIREMENT

The following chart outlines the national requirements of career competition clothing classifications and the acceptable clothing requirements for the SkillsUSA Illinois Championships.

	National Clothing Requirements	State Clothing Requirements
<b>Class A:</b> Official Attire	Official SkillsUSA red blazer or official SkillsUSA red jacket; button-up, collared, white dress shirt (accompanied by a plain, solid black tie or SkillsUSA black tie), white shirt (collarless or small-collared), or white turtleneck, with any collar not to extend into the lapel area of the blazer, sweater, windbreaker or jacket; Black dress slacks or black dress skirt (knee-length at minimum); Black dress shoes.	SkillsUSA Official Attire or Business Professional Attire.
<b>Class B:</b> Healthcare Attire	Official SkillsUSA blue scrubs. Scrubs should fit appropriately for all health competitions and should be properly hemmed and wrinkle free. Only plain, white, collarless T-shirts may be worn underneath the scrubs. Hair must be pinned up and off the collar. White socks or white seamless/nonpattern hose visible above the top of the shoe. Health professionals white or black leather work shoes. Shoes must be all-white or black leather (no canvas/mesh), completely enclosed (no open-toe or open-heel). Athletic-style shoes that meet the criteria are acceptable.	Scrubs should fit appropriately for all health competitions and should be properly hemmed and wrinkle free. Only plain, white, collarless T-shirts may be worn underneath the scrubs. Hair must be pinned up and off the collar. White socks or white seamless/nonpattern hose visible above the top of the shoe. Health professionals white or black leather work shoes. Shoes must be all-white or black leather (no canvas/mesh), completely enclosed (no open-toe or open-heel). Athletic-style shoes that meet the criteria are acceptable. Any embroidered names or school patches must be covered, if applicable.
<b>Class C:</b> Competition Specific: Manufacturing/Construction Khaki Attire	Official SkillsUSA khaki short-sleeve work shirt; Khaki pants; Black, brown, or tan leather work shoes.	Khaki short-sleeve work shirt; Work pants of any kind are acceptable dress (no jeans); Black, brown, or tan leather work shoes. Any embroidered names or school patches must be covered, if applicable.
<b>Class D:</b> Competition Specific: Blue Attire	Official SkillsUSA light blue work shirt; Navy pants; Black, brown, or tan leather work safety shoes (with protective toe cap).	Light blue work shirt; Work pants of any kind are acceptable dress (no jeans); Black, brown, or tan leather work safety shoes (with protective toe cap). Any embroidered names or school patches must be covered if applicable.

<b>Class E:</b> Competition Specific: Business Casual Attire	Official SkillsUSA white polo shirt; Black dress slacks or black dress skirt (knee-length minimum); Black, closed- toe dress shoes.	White polo shirt or button-down dress shirt (other colored polo/dress shirt will be subject to deductions); Black dress slacks or black dress skirt (knee- length minimum); Black, closed-toe dress shoes. Any embroidered names or school patches must be covered, if applicable.
<b>Class F:</b> Competition Specific: Barbering   Cosmetology   Esthetics   Nail Care	Official SkillsUSA white dress shirt or official white polo, Black dress slacks, Black leather work or dress shoes.	White dress shirt or white polo (other colored polo/dress shirt will be subject to deductions); Black dress slacks; Black leather work or dress shoes; Black, closed-toe dress shoes. Any embroidered names or school patches must be covered, if applicable.
<b>Class G:</b> Competition Specific: Culinary Arts   Baking and Pastry Arts	White chef's jacket; Black work pants or black-and-white checkered chef's pants; Black, non-slip, non-porous shoes; White apron; Hair restraint.	White chef's jacket; Black work pants or black-and-white checkered chef's pants; Black, non-slip, non-porous shoes; White apron; Hair restraint. Any embroidered names or school patches must be covered, if applicable.
<b>Class H:</b> Competition Specific: Restaurant Service	Official SkillsUSA white long-sleeved dress shirt or long- sleeved plain white collared shirt, Black dress slacks or black dress skirt (knee-length minimum), Plain black tie with no pattern or SkillsUSA black tie, Official SkillsUSA bistro apron, Shined black leather work shoes or black flat heels.	White long-sleeved dress shirt, Black dress slacks or black dress skirt (knee- length minimum), Plain black tie with no pattern, Shined black leather work shoes or black flat heels. Any embroidered names or school patches must be covered, if applicable.
<b>Class I:</b> Competition Specific: Welding   Welding Fabrication	Official SkillsUSA khaki long-sleeve work shirt (100% cotton as per OSHA regulations); Khaki pants (100% cotton as per OSHA regulations); Black, brown, or tan leather work shoes.	Khaki long-sleeve work shirt (100% cotton as per OSHA regulations); Khaki pants (100% cotton as per OSHA regulations); Black, brown, or tan leather work shoes. Any embroidered names or school patches must be covered, if applicable.