**Barbering Contest Standards**

*(Please note major changes highlighted in yellow, to conform to National competition.)*

**PURPOSE**

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

**ELIGIBILITY**

Open to active SkillsUSA members enrolled in programs with barbering and cosmetology as the occupational objective.

**CLOTHING**

* White Polo shirt or White Dress shirt
* Black Dress Slacks (no jeggings, leggings, spandex, yoga pants, skin-tight pants or denim)
* Black belt with no ornamentation (if slacks have belt loops)
* Black dress socks or black or skin-tone hose is allowed under slacks
* Black leather work shoes (closed toe).
* Jewelry is allowable, as long as it conforms to professional attire and is not a safety issue.

*If students show up in attire that is unprofessional, they are not allowed to compete.*

**EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS**

**Supplied by the Technical Committee:**

* Tables
* Timer / time-keeper
* Electrical outlet
  + First Aid kit and Blood Spill kit
* Contestant's diagram/picture of haircuts
* Any and all pictures or literature of styles, haircuts and technical

**Supplied by the contestant:**

* MR.SAM SHOULDER MANIKIN WITH BEARD #SAM-9 - as delivered - no precutting. *Note: To purchase manikins, call Burmax 1-800-645-5118 Service Dept - Ask for a SkillsUSA discount*
* Manikin Stand/Holder or Tripod
* Small broom and dust pan
* Pencil/pen
* Note Pad (for Oral Communications Segment)
* Power strip with Surge Protector
* 1 Large trash bag for soiled linens/towels and such, no labelling needed
* Disinfectant spray
* Resume
* **Typed description** of the inspiration and method used to create the creative design. Must be at least ½ page. Competitors must create a drawing of their creative design with color application and beard design with color application. Be sure to use colored pencils to show the color applications. Competitors will need two copies of their design theme. Design themes must be hand drawn and no bigger than an 8x10 drawing.
* Optional Suggested Items: Mirrors
* *\* GUARDS ARE NOT ALLOWED.*
* **BARBERING KIT –**
  + Cutting shears
  + Thinning shears
  + Razor and spare blade
  + Clippers (Detachable metal blades are to be used unless otherwise noted)
  + Trimmers
  + Blow dryer
  + Styling products of choice
  + Finishing spray
  + Combs of choice
  + Brushes
  + Spray bottle (filled with water)
  + Towels
  + Sectioning Clips
* Sanex Neck strips
* All-Purpose Cape

**GENERAL CONTEST INFORMATION**

* **Working Portfolio –** (see Portfolio information below)

* **Talking –** No talking to other contestants, instructors, or audience members during the competition is allowed. Doing so may result in disqualification. If you have a question, raise your hand and a sage or the competition chairperson will see to your needs.
* **Cell phones or other electronic devices** are ***NOT*** allowed in the competition area.
* **Breaks –** Breaks will be given during competition. Contestants are not allowed to leave the area except with a chaperone for restroom visits or emergencies. If contestant gets sick during the competition and need to leave the contest area, no extra time will be allotted.
* **Work Time** **–** You can begin the contest when the chairperson signals so and you must stop when time is called. Continuing to work will result in point deductions. All contestants must participate in all phases of the competition, including written (if applicable) and Oral Communications.
* Upon completion of the competition – **DO NOT Remove Manikins** from the competition area until instructed to do by the contest chairperson.
* **Sanitation** – Contestant must disinfect and clean-up their work station/area, which includes a total breakdown of their work station/area. 1 Trash Bag is required, no labeling needed. ***THIS IS NOT STATE BOARD SANITATION*** *– Just what we are requiring for this competition.* Sanitation for this contest includes –
* Sanitizing the workspace at the beginning,
* Sanitizing the workspace at the end,
* Items are not thrown on the floor throughout the competition, and
* All used items go in the trash bag*.*
* Secondary contestants will compete against secondary and postsecondary will only compete against postsecondary.
* JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL

# SCOPE OF THE CONTEST / STANDARDS AND COMPETENCIES

*The competition is defined by industry standards as identified by the SkillsUSA National Technical Committee which includes The Burmax Company, WAHL, Pivot Point, & the National Barber Association.*

Segment 1 Duplicate a haircut and style that has been selected by the SkillsUSA Technical Committee.

* **45 minutes**
* Duplicate the haircut using shears, thinning shears, texturizing shears, razor, trimmers and/or clippers.
* Demonstrate blending, sectioning, lining and finishing.
* Duplicate the length, design line and textured look of the selected cut.
* Duplicate the finished design using blow dryer or thermal tools such as curling iron, flat iron, etc., as needed.
* Use appropriate styling products to duplicate the selected haircut.
* Duplicate the balance of form, control of texture and the control of the hair direction.
* Follow all safety and sanitation procedures and always maintain a clean area.

Segment 2 Create a Creative Freestyle Design: Including a Cut and Beard Design with hair color for both.

* **1 hour, 30 minutes**
* Competitors will be given a theme of the creative freestyle design cut and beard design including hair color on paper and turn in hard copy to the technical committee chairperson at orientation. A second copy of the freestyle design should be with the competitor during the skill portion of the competition.
* Demonstrate fading, blending, sectioning, lining and finishing.
* Create a creative freestyle design cut and beard design including hair and beard color. Any type of temporary hair color can be used. The haircut and beard should flow together for an all-over look.
* Hair color of your choice can be used. Color should enhance the look, not deter from it.
* Use appropriate styling products to duplicate the selected hair design.
* Demonstrate balance, proportion and form in the finished creative cut and beard design.
* Show control of texture and control of hair direction in the finished design.
* Incorporate current trends in both haircut, hair color and beard design.
* Follow all safety and sanitation procedures and always maintain a clean area.
* Competitor will give a **5-to-10-minute** speech on their design to the judge.

Segment 3 Working Portfolio – no larger than a standard binder holding 8.5x11 sheets

* Table of contents
* Career and professional development goals, and a biography
* Work philosophy statement, personal mission statement
* List of areas of expertise
* Works in progress (activities and projects)
* Samples of your best work from academic, employment and internship settings
* Resume, references, transcripts, letters of recommendation
* Certificates, diplomas, licenses, awards, letters of appreciation you received
* Records of community service/volunteer work
* Professional memberships and service activities
* Photographs of competitor in a professional setting
* Certificates of attendance from seminars or workshops
* Documentation of leadership experience

Segment 4 Interview and Communication Skills: Follow oral and written instructions, respond to oral questions, and demonstrate skill and career readiness by participation in a 15-minute mock interview

* Complete employment application
* Complete mini resume
* Use a pleasant voice
* Properly introduce yourself
* Respond to oral questions
* Verify resume information
* Demonstrate critical thinking skills

**SCORING INFORMATION**

* Haircut #1 – 200 points
* Haircut #2 (Beard Design) – 350 points
* Haircut #3 (Flat Top) – 200 points
* Working Portfolio – 150 points
* Interview & Communication Skills – 100 points
* Point Penalty Categories:
* Incorrect Manikin – 200 point deduction
* Late Arrival penalty – 200 point deduction
* Sanitation / Clean-up – up to 100 point deduction
* Kit Check – up to 30 point deduction
* Clothing penalty – up to 10 point deduction
* Resume penalty – 10 point deduction