

## *Ohio SkillsUSA Code of Conduct/Media Release*

This policy will apply to national, state, and regional SkillsUSA officers and all conference participants. The term "conference participant" shall mean any SkillsUSA member, including adults, attending any SkillsUSA activity.

Ohio SkillsUSA Leadership Conferences are official educational functions, and all activities should be conducted to meet that objective.

Ohio SkillsUSA wants each person to have an enjoyable experience with maximum attention to safe practices and the comfort of participants. Each person in attendance will be expected to maintain conduct in a manner best representing Ohio SkillsUSA.

To receive maximum benefits from participation in SkillsUSA activities, the Code of Conduct, as established by the Ohio SkillsUSA Board of Directors, must be always followed by all participants attending a SkillsUSA function.

Conference participants' conduct shall be the responsibility of the student's local advisor(s).

### **Rules for Conference Participants**

1. Conference participants shall not deface public property. Any damages to property or furnishings in hotel rooms or buildings will be paid for by the individual or club responsible.
2. Conference participants from out of town shall spend the night or nights at assigned hotels, in assigned rooms.
3. Conference participants shall be in their respective rooms at 11:30 p.m. and quiet at 12:00 midnight (unless the time is altered by T&I State Staff Personnel).
4. Conference participants shall not be permitted in sleeping rooms with members of the opposite sex unless an adult advisor is present.
5. Conference participants shall be prohibited from having or consuming alcoholic beverages or drugs in any form. (Except prescribed drugs)
6. Conference participants shall not leave the hotel unless permission from the local advisors/regional advisors has been obtained.
7. Conference participants shall not throw objects out of hotel windows (an offence subject to criminal prosecution).
8. Conference participants shall not be permitted to smoke at SkillsUSA activities.
9. Conference participants shall be prompt and prepared for all activities.
10. Conference participants shall keep their local advisors/regional advisors always informed of their activities and whereabouts.
11. Conference participants shall always wear identification badges.
12. Conference participants shall attend all general sessions and activities for which they are assigned and registered.
13. Conference participants shall always adhere to the prescribed SkillsUSA dress code.

**Violations and Penalties (for officers)**

1. Violation of items 1 through 7 of the Ohio SkillsUSA Code of Conduct will be grounds for immediate removal from office.
2. Violations of items 8 through 13 may result in a reprimand, a suspension from office, or removal from office.

**Violations and Penalties (for conference participants)**

1. Conference participants violating any of these rules of conduct will subject their entire delegation to be unseated and may cause their candidates or Skills Ohio Championships entrants to be disqualified.
2. Conference participants may be sent home at their own expense for violating any of these rules of conduct.

**Hotel Courtesies**

Conference participants should tip hotel and restaurant personnel for special services, e.g., for hotel bellhop services, \$1.00 per bag; for hotel room service, 15% of purchase price; and for restaurant services, 15% of check total.

**Official SkillsUSA Dress**

- Red SkillsUSA blazer, red windbreaker, sweater, or black or red SkillsUSA jacket.
- Button-up, collared white dress shirt, with a solid black tie, or a collarless or small collared white blouse or turtleneck.
- Black dress slacks or knee length black dress skirt
- Black dress shoes
- Black dress socks or black or skin tone (seamless and non-patterned) hose  
\*Hose is no longer required

**Official Business-like Attire**

Women - Suit; jacket and slacks; dress shirt and blouse; dress (street length/formal); hose and dress shoes.

Men - Suit; sport coat and slacks; dress shirt and tie; dress shoes.

**Media Release**

I hereby grant Ohio SkillsUSA permission to make still or motion pictures and sound recordings, separately or in combination, and give a production company approved by Ohio SkillsUSA permission to use the finished silent or sound pictures, and/or sound recordings as deemed proper.

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Student's Signature

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Date

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Parent's Signature

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