

**SkillsUSA Maryland State Championship**  
**2023 State Championship**  
**Collision Repair Technology State Contest Update**

- The students need to bring their tools to the competition on Friday that they will be using. The consumables will be provided – the student needs to bring what they need tool wise.
- They are expected to bring any tools that they may need to complete the rotations in the competition to include any air tools like a DA that they may need.
- Hook-it sandpaper will be provided and there will be some stick it in case they do not have the set-up for hook it.
- The students will need to bring the PPE for Welding as well as the other rotations. In past years, students have not had a welding helmet that is auto-darkening. I always have mine there in case they need it.
- Each student should also bring their welding jacket, gloves etc. – they should also have a pair of mechanics type gloves.
- Each student should also have a particulate respirator with a minimum of an N95 rating AND a NIOSH approved respirator for organic vapors.
- If your students find themselves at the competition and have forgotten anything – please tell them to ask me for assistance. I want them to be able to compete and will try to do whatever I can to make sure they can.
- We will go over the competition rotations on Friday night with a step-by-step walk through and they will have the chance to ask questions. Please encourage them to ask any questions they may have.
- Please make sure that they are dressed properly – it is outlined on page 1 of the SkillsUSA Technical Standards 2023 listed online. They need to be dressed properly both days.
- Please also remind them to get a good night's sleep and be ready and prepared for the competition.
- They will not need their phones or any electronic device during the competition. Contestants should leave cell phone with their teacher or parent.
- They can bring a calculator for the estimating portion if they would like – but it cannot be the calculator on a cell phone – it must be stand alone.

- At the end of the competition, they will have the opportunity to ask questions about the industry, what a career as a collision tech is like, what to expect etc. If they have any questions ahead of time – because I know they will be mentally exhausted by the time we get to the end – you can send them to me ahead of time. This will be likely be the only opportunity they will have this much experience in front of them willing to and having the time to answer whatever is on their mind.

Agenda overview:

- **Friday, April 1, 2022, 3-6 pm (CATN)**
- Estimating portion
- Walk through/prep/questions
- **Saturday, April 2, 8am – 2pm (CATN)**
- Rotations
- Please make sure they are in the contest area ready to start at 3pm on Friday and 8am on Saturday. They are both full days and I don't want them to be behind.
- If something happens and you will not be there on time, please text or call me at 443-618-1785.
- Lastly – encourage them to relax, do their best and enjoy the competition. As a parent of a student who has competed – I know it is very stressful, but I also know it will be a very memorable experience! All of the contest judges and other volunteers behind the scenes have worked very hard to make this a very awesome experience – as close to the National competition experience as possible.

Thank-you for supporting your students!!

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