

Dear SkillsUSA Advisor, (SkillsUSA 2023-2024 #10)

### Item #1: Regional Competitions

It's time to begin selecting and registering students for SkillsUSA regional competitions. Regional host chapters were identified at the Back-to-School advisor meeting in September. See the 2024 regional conference calendar to confirm regional conference dates/locations. Here's a link to the "Regionals" webpage: <https://www.new.mdskillsusa.org/regionals/>

For advisors new to competitions, SkillsUSA offers a wide variety of CTE program-aligned and leadership-related competitive events available to students at the local (i.e., classroom), regional (6 regions in MD), state and national levels. While local and regional contests may be open to all interested students, participation in the majority of state competitions is determined by regional competition ranking - only the top three finishers in select regional events advance to respective state-level competitions. All other competitions allow students to register and participate directly in state-level competitions.

Review this document for a complete list of Maryland competitions: [2024 Regional and "Straight to States" Contest List.12.1.23](#)

Don't hesitate to contact the State Director with questions or if you need any clarification. Best of luck to all competing students!

### Item #2: SkillsUSA Competition Score Cards

As you prepare your students for competitions be sure to provide the most up-to-date contest technical standards, available online to all paid professional members (i.e., advisors).

In addition, provide business and industry partners facilitating regional competitions with 2024 contest technical standards and 2023 national competition score cards. These score cards provide industry volunteers with the most recent SkillsUSA national contest components, allowing them to align 2024 regional contests accordingly. Score cards can be edited (i.e., shortened) as regional contest time and available resources allow.

Here's the link: [2023 National Contest Score Cards](#)



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