

Dear SkillsUSA Advisors and National Conference Attendees, (2023-2024 SkillsUSA Maryland Update #29)

Item #1: Atlanta Marriott Marquis – Monday (6/24) Check-in Instructions

We hope you and your students are excited and ready to participate in next week's SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference!

- Upon Monday (6/24) arrival at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Main Lobby, take the escalators (or elevators) down two levels to the **International Level, Meeting Room C**, to pick up Maryland delegation sleeping room keys, **10 a.m. – 7 p.m.** If you have not paid the hotel for your sleeping rooms be prepared to make payment at this time.
- **Note:** if sleeping rooms are not ready when you arrive the hotel has designated a waiting/sitting area for students on the **International Level, Rooms 1-3**. You may want to assign most of your group to wait there while a few members help you collect conference registration materials.

Next, proceed back up one floor to the **Marquis Level, Ballroom C** to receive all **Maryland delegation conference materials** including name badges, badge holders, t-shirts, trading pins, etc. Maryland board members will be onsite and assisting you in Ballroom C.

REMINDER! Monday evening (6/24), all registered Maryland students and adults will be returning to the **Marquis Level, Ballroom C at 7 p.m.** for the **Maryland Delegation Orientation Dinner Meeting**. Don't miss this important meeting...and come hungry!

Item #2: ACTION ITEM! Last-Minute Competitor Substitutions!

If any of your students are competing in team events and you discover that a team member is unable to attend the conference, another paid student member from your chapter can serve as a substitute.

Team member substitutes must still meet the eligibility requirements outlined by both the general regulations and the competition specific technical standards and are required to take any applicable online test(s) in a designated testing room at the GWCC. Substitute competitors will receive testing credentials when they check-in to the testing site on Tuesday, June 25 or Wednesday, June 26.

Substitutes must provide their own laptop, tablet or cellphone that is fully charged and ready to connect to an Internet web browser. Cellphones are allowed — but not recommended — due to the smaller screen. Test takers are responsible for bringing headphones for their testing if text-to-speech technology is used.

IMPORTANT! The **deadline** to notify the State Director of any last-minute substitutions is **Sunday, June 23, 2024, noon (12 pm)**. No exceptions to this deadline!

On behalf of the State Officer Team and Board of Directors, wishing everyone safe travels to Atlanta, GA.

Go SkillsUSA Maryland!



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