



PREPARED AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE PERFORMANCE (STATE ONLY CONTEST)



PURPOSE

To evaluate each contestant's ability to prepare and interpret an ASL performance clearly and accurately.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT

Class E: Competition Specific — Business Casual

- A solid interpreting business appropriate shirt or blouse in a color contrasting contestant's skin for maximum visibility; black dress slacks or a knee length plain black skirt; black sheer or skin-tone seamless hose, or black socks and black dress shoes.
- Additionally, all contestants must remove distracting jewelry, bright colored nail polish, or otherwise distracting articles of clothing for the competition, as they impede judging ability and detract from the performance. Contestants' hair must be pulled back in a professional manner. Headwear that obstructs the contestant's facial expression must also be removed.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to active SkillsUSA members.

OBAWEVER RULES

Observers will be allowed to view the performances in the presentation room provided space is available. No talking or gesturing will be permitted. No observers will be allowed in the assembly area. No member of the audience will be permitted to enter or leave the demonstration room while a contestant is signing. No member of the audience will be permitted to use cameras, video recorders or tape recorders.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Supplied by the technical committee:

1. Stopwatch
2. b. Time cards

Supplied by the contestant:

1. All contestants must provide a copy of the English translation for their story. Failure to do so will result in a -5 point penalty.

Resume Requirement

All competitors must create a one-page résumé and submit a hard copy to the technical committee chair at orientation. Failure to do so will result in a -5 point penalty

PROHIBITED DEVICES

Cellphones, electronic watches and/or other electronic devices not approved by a competition's technical committee are NOT allowed in the competition area. Please follow the guidelines in each technical standard for approved exceptions. Technical committee members may also approve exceptions onsite during the SkillsUSA Championships if deemed appropriate.

Penalties for Prohibited Devices

If a competitor's electronic device makes noise or if the competitor is seen using it at any time during the competition, the competitor's scores may be removed.

SCOPE OF THE COMPETITION

KNOWLEDGE PERFORMANCE

A selection of related questions will be provided prior to both state and regional contests. The contestant will be required to prepare answers for all questions prior to the contest date. On the contest date the contestants will be required to answer (Regional) 2 questions and (State) 5 questions in ASL.

SKILL PERFORMANCE

This contest assesses production and reception of American Sign Language skills.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. ARRANGEMENT OF ROOMS
 - a. Presentation room: A room will be furnished with two tables, each with chairs for judges and a timekeeper/room monitor.
2. The topic for the prepared performance may be selected by the contestant and must be suitable material. The introduction may also include the contestant's number.
3. Material must include an original story.
 - a. Regional competition will include: The performance will be two to two and a half minutes in length. Penalty: Five points will be deducted for every 30 seconds under two minutes, or for every 30 seconds over two and a half minutes.
 - b. State competition will include: The performance will be three to three and a half minutes in length. Penalty: Five points will be deducted for every 30 seconds under two minutes, or for every 30 seconds over two and a half minutes.
4. Material will also include a provided story interpretation at the state level. A preselected story will be provided from which the contestant will select their performance to meet the requirements.
 - a. The performance will be two to two and a half minutes in length. Penalty: Five points will be deducted for every 30 seconds under two minutes, or for every 30 seconds over two and a half minutes.
 - b. Plagiarism will result in a disqualification.
5. Time limit: Time will be started when the performance begins. The contestant will be permitted to use a watch or clock.
6. No visual aids, props, notes and/or note cards will be permitted.
7. Contestants will not mention their name, school, city, or state. A five-point penalty will be assessed for each occurrence.
8. Contestants may choose to submit one typewritten translated copy of the performance to the technical committee prior to the debriefing meeting.
9. The following judging criteria will be used:
 - a. Sign Accuracy:
 1. Conceptual Accuracy
 2. Sign Production
 3. Facial Expression
 4. Fingerspelling Numbers Accuracy
 5. Storyline (Beginning, Middle, End)
 6. Use of ASL Grammar (Ex: Classifier)
 - b. Performance Ability:
 1. Appropriate Tone
 2. Memorization and Preparedness
 3. Creation of Mood/Character
 4. Focus and Poise
 - c. Professionalism:
 1. Topic Suitability
 2. Contestant Respectfulness
 3. Awareness of Audience

- d. Sign Clarity:
 - 1. Modifying Tempo/Speed
 - 2. Use of Space
 - 3. Visibility and Clarity
 - 4. Regional Clarification

Standards and Competencies

PS 1.0 — Design and create an effective presentation based upon the designed theme

- 1.1 Prepare a presentation for a specific time
- 1.2 Show memorization and preparedness
- 1.3 Select appropriate material

PS 2.0 — Deliver the presentation in a professional manner

- 2.1 Demonstrate an effective and pleasing delivery style
- 2.2 Effectively use a variety of signs
- 2.3 Make a formal and effective introduction of material
- 2.4 Use a variety of techniques including: contrasting structure, adherence to parameters, varied facials, modifying tempo and enthusiasm
- 2.5 Demonstrate poise and self-control while presenting
- 2.6 Demonstrate good platform development and personal confidence
- 2.7 Communicate the presentation in a compact and accurately conveyed manner
- 2.8 Complete the performance within the time limits set by contest requirements

PS 3.0 — Wear appropriate clothing for the contest

- 3.1 Display clothing that meets standards for competition
- 3.2 Demonstrate good grooming in dress and personal hygiene