

Competition Rules for Sandcastle Build

ASCE Region 6 Student Symposium

2024

1. Site Rules

- a) Each team will be allowed a 4' by 4' building area. Teams will choose their own sites, and sites are first come, first served.
 - i) Please be aware that canoes will likely be carried/moved along the shoreline. Pick an area that will be out of the way of most foot traffic.
 - ii) These dimensions will be checked during judging
- b) Teams may not move any sand prior to the start of the competition but may set up their area and remove any seaweed that has accumulated. Formwork may be assembled as long as sand is not moved.
- c) Each team is responsible for proper removal of all trash, equipment, formwork, etc. from the beach at the end of the event.

2. Sandcastle Building Materials

- a) Sculptures must be made of sand and water only. No other materials or additives are allowed in the sculpture.
 - i) Exception for small rocks, shells, etc. found on the beach the day of the contest and used as decorations only.
- b) Teams may gather sand from surrounding beach area at the official start time.
- c) There is no guarantee of additional sand in the proximity of your chosen site.
- d) Each Team is permitted to use formwork for building their sand sculptures provided they utilize sound judgment and do not endanger participants or spectators.
- e) Formwork can be placed within the building area before the start of the competition provided that NO sand is moved within the building area for its setup.
- f) Formwork, rebar, etc. may not be incorporated into the sand sculpture.
- g) Formwork shall not be left behind in the event area. Formwork must be taken with you at the end of the event.

3. Sandcastle Building Equipment

- a) No generators are allowed.
- b) No pumps are allowed.
- c) Each team must provide its own tools:
 - i) Shovels, buckets, building forms, etc.
- d) Water and sand must be moved by human power.

4. Team Identification Signage

- a) Teams must provide a minimum of 8.5"x11" sign with supports to be installed within the build site.
 - i) Teams may attach decorative flair to their sign. The entire sign and anything attached will be considered in judging.
 - ii) You may attach decorative supports or additional "flair" to your sign.
 - iii) No additional signage is allowed.
- b) Signage must list the Team name.

5. Team Members and Behavior

- a) Teams are not limited in size.
- b) No professional sand sculptors will be allowed to participate on the day of the event.
- c) Ethics, professionalism, civility, and respect are the cornerstone of every successful competition, and ASCE expects professional conduct from all participants. ASCE enforces high standards to preserve the quality of this competition and improve the quality of future competitions.
- d) The judges may take disciplinary action, including warnings, point deductions, or disqualification of a team or entry for inappropriate use of materials, language, alcohol, uncooperativeness, general unprofessional or unethical behavior, dangerous or reckless behavior, threatening and/or abusive behavior toward an event official or other participant, of team members or persons associated with a team.
- e) Team Captains will be responsible for policing the behavior of their team members.
- f) Each team must respect the space of the sites around them. A team that damages a competitor's site will be required to assist in repairing the damage.
- g) Cheating will not be tolerated. Any team caught cheating will be disqualified from the competition. NO EXCEPTIONS.

6. Judging

- a) Judging will be based on the following:
 - i) Structural Integrity – 30%
 - ii) Technical Difficulty – 50%
 - iii) Aesthetics – 20%