

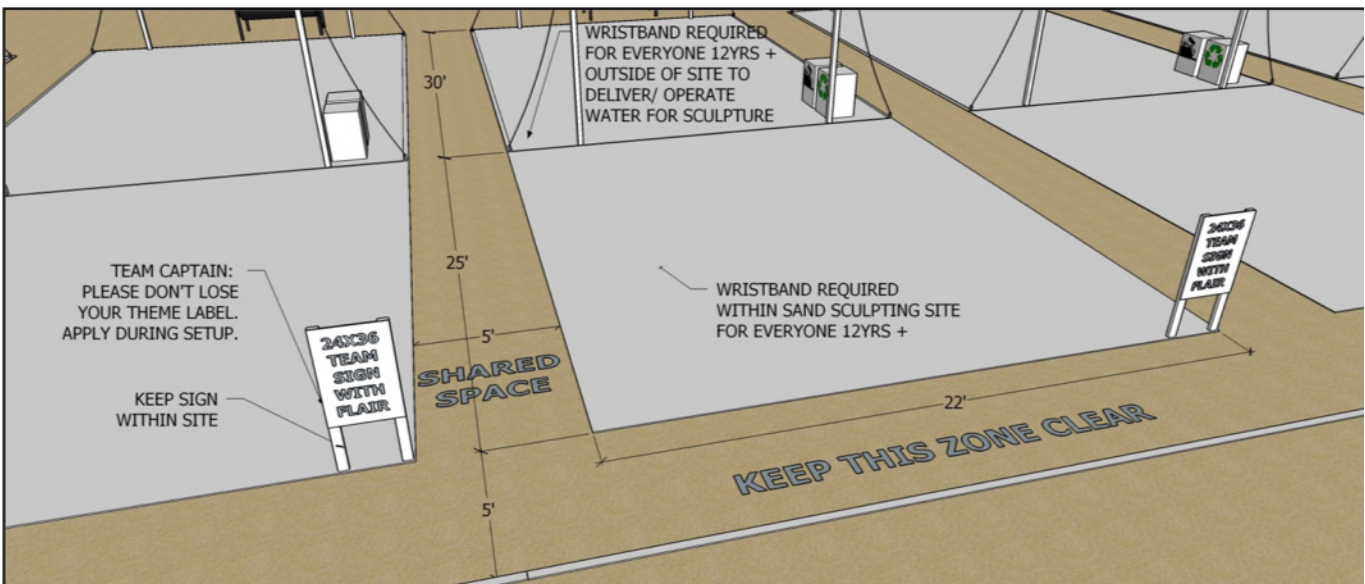
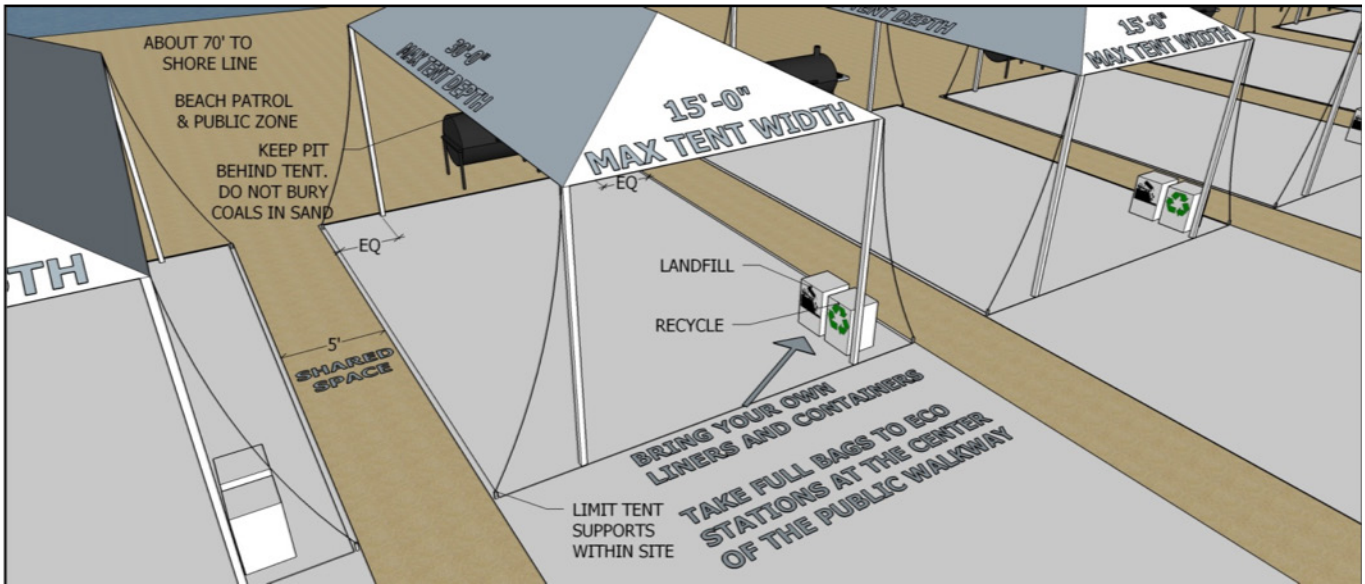


33rd Annual AIA Sandcastle Competition

COMPETITION RULES



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Competition Schedule

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| <p>6:30 AM – 9:00 AM</p> | <p>With official vehicle pass, beach front opens for delivery of equipment & supplies to SandCastle sites. No vehicles permitted on the beach before 6:30 AM or after 9:00 AM.</p> |
| <p>9:00 AM</p> | <p>Clear the beach of all vehicles unloading equipment and supplies.</p> |
| <p>10:00 AM – 3:00 PM</p> | <p>Sandcastle competition start time to end time.</p> |
| <p>1:00 PM</p> | <p>Public favorite ballots and clipboards are delivered to the team sites.</p> |
| <p>3:30 PM</p> | <p>DEADLINE: Teams to deliver their own clipboards and public favorite ballots to the AIA tent. No late entries accepted.</p> |
| <p>3:00 PM – 4:30 PM</p> | <p>Sandcastle Judging.</p> |
| <p>3:00 PM – Dusk</p> | <p>Photographs of all sandcastles and winning teams.</p> |
| <p>4:30 PM – 5:00 PM</p> | <p>Awards.</p> |
| <p>+ - 6:00 PM</p> | <p>Vehicle access to the beach/ shore line when the police and parks board determines safe access.</p> |

(DO NOT DESTROY YOUR SANDCASTLE OR SIGNAGE)



Competition Rules

SITE RULES

1. Each team is provided the following sites:

- Sand Sculpting Site: approx. 22'-0" Wide x 25'-0" Deep.
 - » Designated for sand sculpture with a shared 5'-0" walkway between the sites.
- Team Setup Site: approx. 22'-0" Wide x 30'-0" Deep.
 - » Designated for all tents, building materials, supplies, etc.

2. Teams may not combine sites.

3. An additional 5'-0" walkway will be fenced on the public side to protect the sand sculptures from the spectators and to be used by the Judges / Event Officials. This is not part of the team plot and should be kept clear at all times.

4. 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.

5. Teams are responsible for obtaining and installing a tent at their site. AIA Houston coordinates university student team tents.

- Maximum Team Tent size is 15' wide x 30' deep, installed at midpoint of the tent zone. Do not allow tent supports or ties to encroach upon the shared walkway.
- Team Tent shall be installed just behind the sand sculpting site.
- No shade canopies are allowed over the sand sculpting site.

6. Each team shall recycle plastic, aluminum, and cardboard within their own tent and is responsible for proper removal of all trash, equipment, formwork, etc. from the beach at the end of the event. Recycling and landfill boxes will be provided.

- Landfill and recycle responsibilities:
 - » Teams to sort out landfill items and recyclable items at their site.
 - » Volunteers will pick-up recycle bags from your site 3 times during the competition.
 - » Volunteers will not pick-up your landfill bags. Teams must take their full landfill bags to the Eco Stations located along the center of the main pedestrian walkway between the teams and sponsors.
 - » Waste will be collected by Galveston parks personnel during and after the event from the Eco Stations.
- Miscellaneous cardboard should be placed flat on the ground at the Eco Stations.
- Each team will be fined \$100 for anything other than the rental tent and sign left on their site after completion of the competition.
- Refer to section III, Paragraph 3 for more information about formwork.



Competition Rules

SITE RULES, CONTINUED

7. **Vehicle access to the beach at the end of the day around 6:00 PM is permitted after the police and Parks Board determines that the crowds have thinned sufficiently for safe access for removal of these items.**
8. **Sites may be accessed by vehicles with Shore Line access pass for unloading from 6:30 AM until 9:00 AM.**
 - No vehicles will be permitted on the beach, other than described above.
 - Galveston P.D. will control access and give permission to drive on the beach/ shore line area, but will not allow vehicle access outside of these times outlined above.
9. **One vehicle Shore Line access pass will be distributed to each team.**
 - Only one vehicle per team is allowed on the beach at a time.
 - A pass may be moved from vehicle to vehicle.
10. **Trailers for material storage or barbeque pits must be detached from the vehicle and parked behind the team plot in a manner that does not hinder or intrude upon adjacent sites.**
 - Take coals with you; do not bury them in the sand.
 - Propane is allowed for cooking only.
11. **ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) are not allowed during event hours.**

SANDCASTLE BUILDING MATERIALS

1. **Sculptures must be made of sand and water only. No other materials or additives are allowed in the sculpture.**
2. **Each Team will be provided approximately 10 cubic yards of sand inside their site area.**
 - Teams may gather additional sand from the extra shared sand piles at the official start time.
 - There is no guarantee of additional sand or the proximity of the extra sand to your site.
 - Extra shared sand piles are for all teams, regardless of their proximity to sites.
3. **Each Team is permitted to use formwork for building their sand sculptures provided they utilize sound judgment and do not endanger participants or spectators.**
 - Formwork can be placed within the plot before the start of the competition provided that NO sand is moved within the plot for its setup.
 - Formwork, rebar, etc. may not be incorporated into the sand sculpture.
 - With spray paint or marker, clearly label all panels of your formwork with your team number.
 - Formwork shall not be left behind in the shoreline, team, or event area. Formwork must be taken with you at the end of the event, the forms will not be recycled by the City of Galveston this year.



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SANDCASTLE BUILDING EQUIPMENT

1. No fossil fuel burning generators are allowed.
2. Each team must provide its own water carrying tools.
3. Water must be moved by human power or by machine that does not run on fossil fuels.
4. Heavy earth moving equipment is not allowed on the beach for any use.

TEAM IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE

1. Teams must provide a minimum of a 24"x36" sign with supports to be installed within the team site. Teams may attach decorative flair to their sign(s). The entire sign and anything attached will be considered in judging.
 - Team sign should include a 2" tall white stripe across the bottom for the Theme Label.
 - You may attach decorative supports or additional "flair" to your sign.
 - No additional signage is allowed
 - Once erected at the team site your sign and its mounting posts become the property of the Galveston Parks Board. Do not remove or destroy your sign.
2. Your team captain is responsible for attaching the Theme Label to the 2" tall white stripe across the bottom of team sign. The Theme Label is inside of your beach packet.
 - Attach your Theme Label as soon as possible before it is misplaced.
 - No extra Theme Labels will be available on the beach.
 - Your team will not be entered in a Theme category if your Theme Label is not attached.
3. Signage must list the Team name or the name of the Primary Firm entering the competition.
4. Team sub-sponsors and partners other than the primary firm entering may be recognized on the team identification sign and the team t-shirt.
 - Only the primary firm registering the team may hang a tent banner or company signage.
 - No company signage or give-aways are allowed from the partners or sub-sponsors.
5. United States and the state of Texas flags are not considered signage.
 - Other flags are considered signage.
6. The Official Site Map will list teams by company name. Up to two company names may be listed per team.



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TEAM MEMBERS AND BEHAVIOR

1. Architecture, Design, and Engineering firms must either be an AIA Member/ Firm or an AIA Affiliate Member/ Firm in order to enter as a team. Accredited Architecture, Design, and Engineering Universities are allowed to participate in the competition. Only one student team per university is allowed.
 - Teams are not limited in size but each participant in the sandcastle building site must wear a Participant Event Wristband.
 - » Extra Participant Event Wristbands may be purchased at the AIA tent.
 - » Failure to wear Participant Event Wristbands while working in the sandcastle building plot or while operating water delivery systems will result in point deductions and/ or disqualification.
 - » Children under 12-years of age do not need a Participant Event Wristband to participate in the sandcastle building site.
 - A valid ID and SandCastle competition wristband are required to enter the beer tents.
2. Dangerous or reckless behavior will not be tolerated and may result in team disqualification and/or removal from the beach.
3. Teams are prohibited from giving away any alcoholic beverages to anyone not on their team.
4. Threatening and/or abusive behavior toward an event official or other participant will not be tolerate and may result in team disqualification and/or removal from the beach.
5. Team Captains will be responsible for policing the behavior of their team members.
6. 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.
7. No professional sand sculptors will be allowed to participate on the day of the event.
8. DO NOT DESTROY YOUR SCULPTURE OR SIGNAGE AFTER THE EVENT. Official photos of all entries will be taken after the event for PR purposes. Sunday viewing of all sculptures is enjoyed by the public.
9. Cheating will not be tolerated. Any team caught cheating will be disqualified from the ENTIRE competition. NO EXCEPTIONS.



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JUDGING

13. Each team is required to submit the Theme Name & Category Form by the required deadline.

14. Failure to indicate a category and have the Theme Label posted on your sign will result in your team not being entered in a theme category.

15. Public Favorite Ballots

- Public Favorite Ballots and clipboards will be delivered to the teams at 1:00 PM.
- Additional Public Favorite Ballots are available at the AIA tent.
- Teams will deliver their own Public Favorite Ballot and clipboards to the AIA tent by the 3:30 PM deadline.
- Nothing accepted after 3:30 PM
- Only signatures in numbered lines are counted.
- Fill out team info on all submitted Public Favorite Ballots.

16. Team T-shirt judging will be done on stage.

- Each Team is permitted to have up to TWO participants "model" their Team t-shirt on stage for judging.



Judging



RETURNING OVERALL CATEGORIES

(These Awards have not changed)

Each team is automatically entered in each of the Overall Categories listed below:

- **Gold Bucket** (1st Place)
- **Silver Shovel** (2nd Place)
- **Bronze Shovel** (3rd Place)
- **AIA College Challenge** (awarded only to university student teams)
- **Team Signage**
- **Team T-Shirt**
- **Costume**
- **Public Favorite**

THREE ADDITIONAL COMPETITION AWARDS

Each team is automatically eligible to win the awards listed below:

- **Tallest Standing Structure**
- **Greatest Feat of Structural Ingenuity**
- **Most Sustainable Team**
(All teams will receive a sustainable rating from a team of judges rating everything from water delivery systems to recycling efforts and formwork. The team with the highest score will receive an award. Stay tuned for more details.)

NEW THEME BASED CATEGORIES

Each Team is permitted to enter only ONE of the Theme Based Categories listed below.

- **Architectural**
- **Traditional Castle**
- **Kidtastic! - Fables & Folklore**
- **Houston-centric**
- **Geometric**
- **Pop Culture: Decades (50s, 60s, 70s, etc.)**
- **Marine Life**