



# **36th AIA Sandcastle Competition**

OFFICIAL COMPETITION RULES



# Introduction

All teams, sponsors, and individual participants are required to comply with all the provisions of the Official Competition Rules. By registering to compete, teams affirm that they have read the rules and agree to comply with all terms and regulations.

## Summary of Changes for 2023

### **SITE RULES**

- Rules have been clarified to identify whether it has an impact on potential disqualification, points deduction, or fine.
- Teams are required to provide one (1) 10lb ABC fire extinguisher at their site if their adjoining tents exceed 400 SF of covered area. This includes rental tents as well as pop-up tents.
- No tents or other team equipment will be allowed to interfere with any emergency vehicle or official access, including both the emergency lane designated by bollards or along the waterfront.
- Additional tents are allowed subject to approval from the Fire Marshal and beach officials. Any tent or setup deemed unsafe by the Fire Marshal or beach authorities is subject to removal.
- Shoreline passes can be shared between team vehicles, but only one vehicle is allowed to unload on the beachfront at a time. Please share the shoreline access pass after the previous vehicle has vacated the beach.
- Golf carts, ATVs, and riding coolers are considered vehicles and are not allowed on the beach.

### **SANDCASTLE BUILDING MATERIALS**

- Team should only use the sand provided to them at their specific team site.
- No coatings, paints or other products may be added to the inside of a team's forms.

### **JUDGING**

- Categories and evaluation criteria have been revised and clarified.

### **BEACH OFFICIALS**

- Designated Committee Members (DCMs) have been defined by their role in the rules.

### **AWARDS**

- 2023 Theme-based categories have been updated.
- Qualification for being awarded in each category and overall awards have been clarified and revised.



# Key Dates

July 10: Late Team Registration, Team Category Form, T-Shirt Orders, Ice Orders due by 5:00PM

July 11: Hotel Reservations Due for Hilton Galveston Island Resort AIA Sandcastle Rates

July 19: Team Sign Order Deadline

July 22: Beach Clean Up Day at East Beach

August 9: T-Shirt Distribution Party



# Competition Schedule

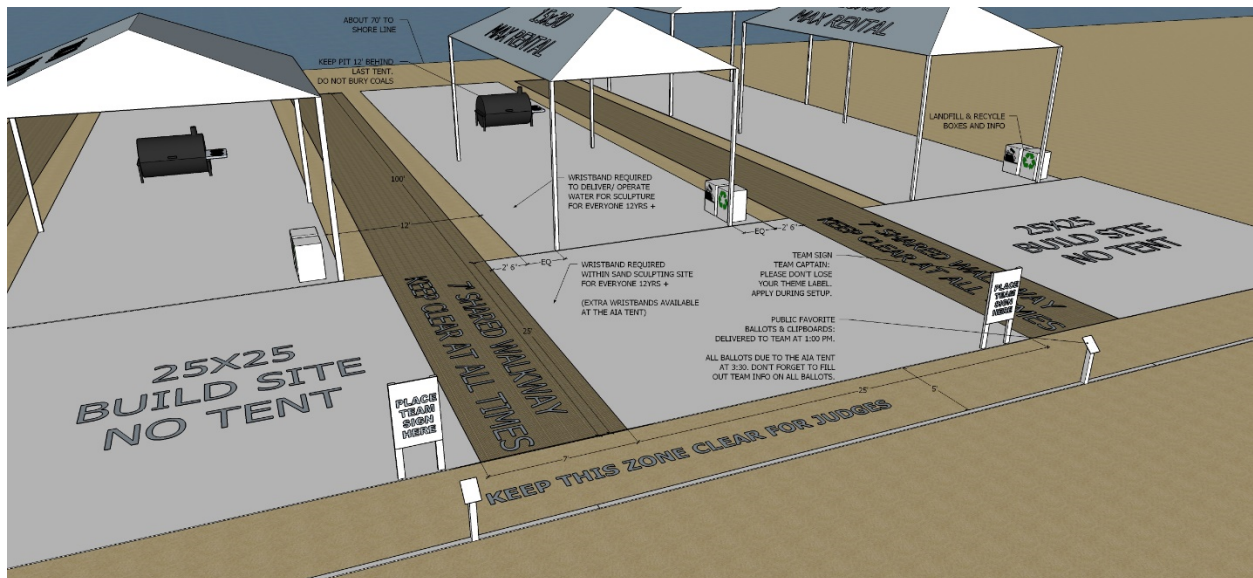
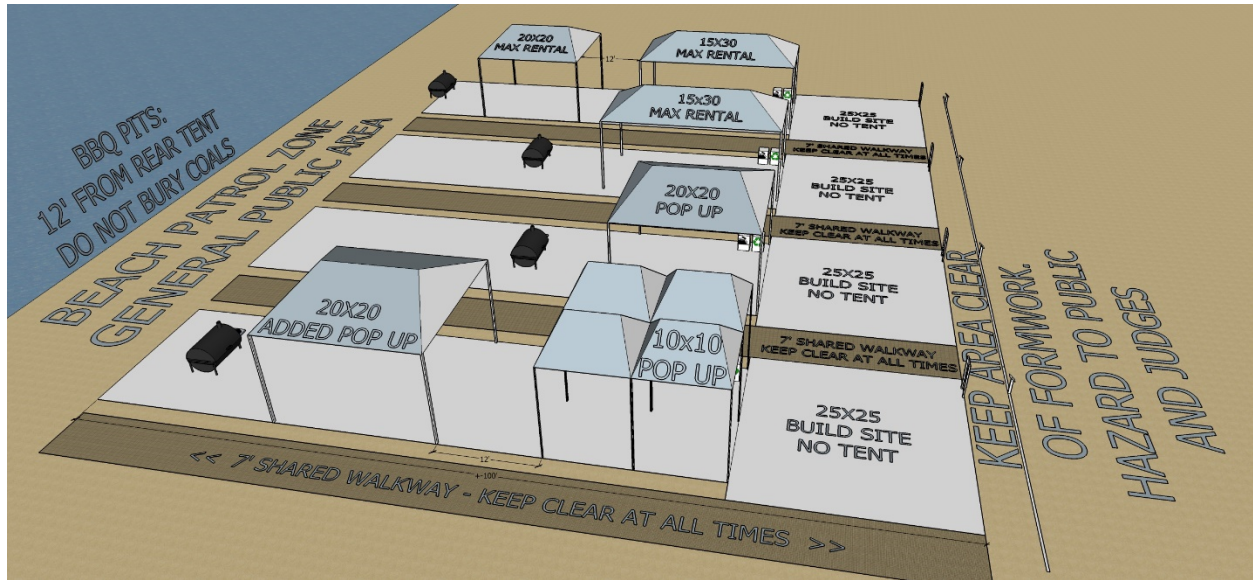
<b>6:30 AM - 9:00 AM</b>	With official vehicle pass, beach front opens for delivery of equipment and supplies to Sandcastle sites. No vehicles permitted on the beach before 6:30 AM or after 9:00 AM.
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Clear the beach of all vehicles unloading equipment and supplies. Sandcastle competition start time to end time.
<b>10:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b>	Sandcastle competition.
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Public favorite ballots and clipboards are delivered to the team sites.
<b>3:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b>	Sandcastle judging and score tallying.
<b>3:00 PM - Dusk</b>	Photographs of all sandcastles and winning teams.
<b>3:30 PM</b>	Public Favorite Ballot DEADLINE: Teams to deliver their own clipboards and public favorite ballots to the AIA tent. No late entries accepted.
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Awards ceremony at main stage.
<b>TBD</b>	Vehicle access to the beach and shoreline when the police and parks board determines safe access.

DO NOT DESTROY YOUR SANDCASTLE OR SIGNAGE



# Competition Rules

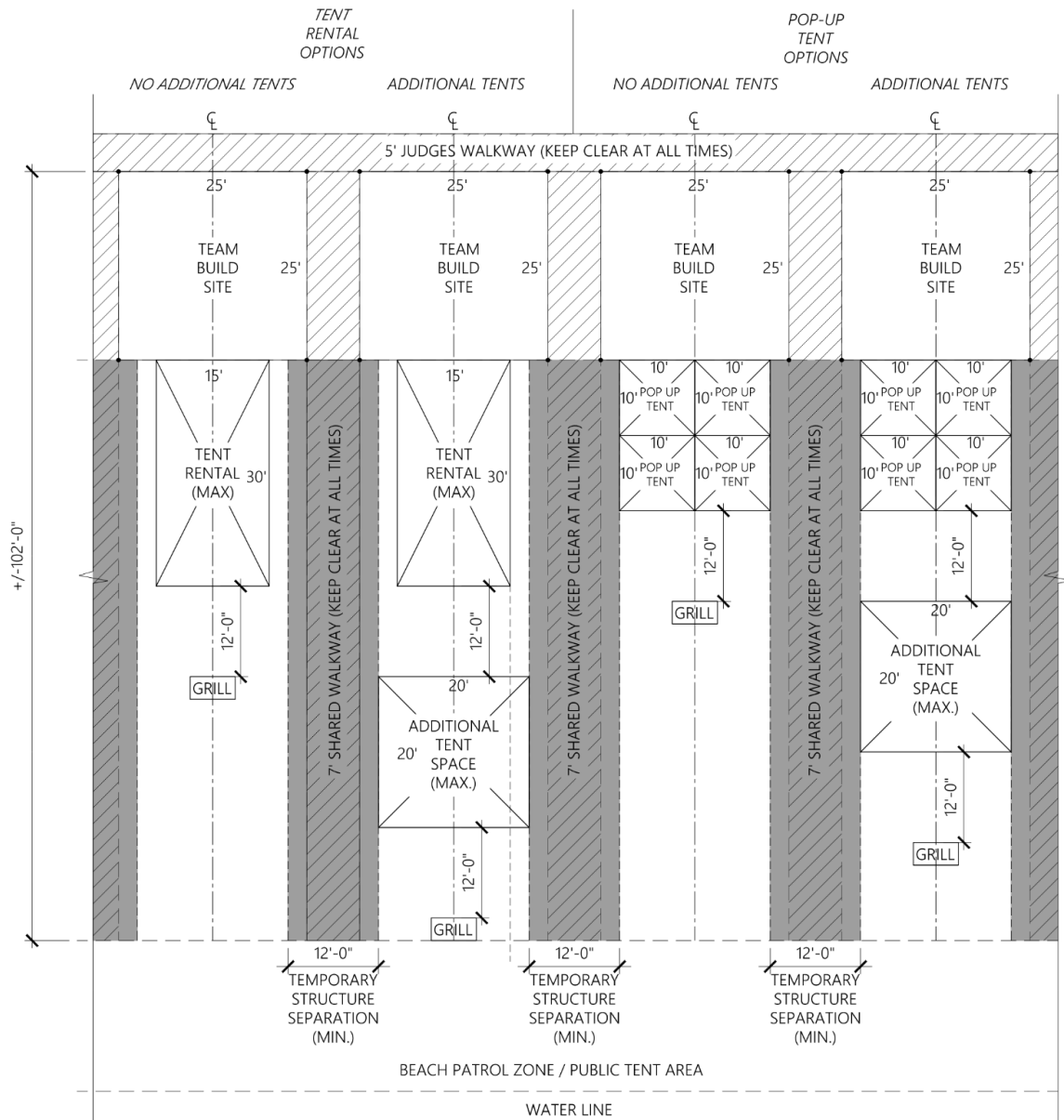
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# Competition Rules

## TENT LAYOUT OPTIONS





# 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" minimum walkway between the sites.
  - Team Setup Site: approx. 22'-0" Wide x 30'-0" Deep.
    - » Designated for all canopies, building materials, supplies, etc.
2. Teams may not combine sites.
3. An additional 5'-0" min. 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.
  - Any team found violating this rule will be subject to point deductions and/or be disqualified from the event.
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.
  - Any team found violating this rule will be subject to point deductions and/or be disqualified from the event.
5. Teams are responsible for obtaining and installing a canopy at their site from an approved tent vendor per AIA Houston. AIA Houston coordinates university student team canopies.
  - Maximum Team canopy size is 15' wide x 30' deep, installed at midpoint of the canopy zone. Do not allow canopy supports or ties to encroach upon the shared walkway.
  - Team canopy shall be installed just behind the sand sculpting site.
  - No shade canopies are allowed over the sand sculpting site.
  - Teams must provide one (1) 10lb. fire extinguisher for their tents if the area of the canopy exceeds 400 SQFT and allow review by DCM.
    - » This includes rental tents and pop-up personal tents.
  - No tents or other team equipment will be allowed to interfere with any emergency vehicle or official access, including both the emergency lane designated by bollards or along the waterfront.
  - Additional tents are allowed subject to approval from the Fire Marshal and beach officials. Any tent or setup deemed unsafe by the Fire Marshal or beach authorities is subject to removal.



## SITE RULES CONTINUED

6. Each team shall recycle plastic, aluminum, and cardboard within their own site 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 recycling bags from team sites approximately three (3) times during the competition.
    - » Volunteers will not pick up your landfill or waste bags. Teams must take their full landfill or waste bags to designated trash collection areas along the beach.
  - Miscellaneous cardboard should be placed flat on the ground at trash pick-up areas.
  - Each team will be fined \$100 for anything other than the rental canopy and sign left on their site after completion of the competition.
    - » Any team found violating this rule will be subject to point deductions and/or be disqualified from the event, as well as disqualification from next year's Site Selection Lottery.
  - Refer to SANDCASTLE BUILDING MATERIALS, Paragraph 3 for more information about formwork.
7. 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 and shoreline area but will not allow vehicle access outside of these times outlined above.
  - Any team found violating this rule will be subject to point deductions and/or be disqualified from the event.
8. 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 only after the previous vehicle accessing the beach on behalf of the team has vacated the beachfront.
  - Any team found violating this rule will be subject to point deductions and/or be disqualified from the event.





#### SITE RULES CONTINUED

9. 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 nor interfere with beachfront safety lane or access by safety vehicles.
  - Take coals with you; do not bury them in the sand.
  - Propane is allowed for cooking only.
  - Do not cook underneath tents. Cook in open air.
10. Golf Carts, riding coolers, and/or ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) are not allowed during event hours other than official vehicles.
  - These vehicles must be parked in designated parking lots, pay the required parking fee, and will be treated as regular vehicles.
11. Vehicle access to the beach at the end of the day is permitted after the Parks Board and police determine that the crowds have thinned sufficiently for safe access for removal of these items.
12. No fossil fuel burning generators are allowed.



# Competition Rules

## SANDCASTLE BUILDING MATERIALS

1. Sculptures must be made of sand and water only. No other materials or additives are allowed in the sculpture or on formwork.
2. Each Team will be provided approximately 15 cubic yards of sand inside their site area.
  - No additional sand will be provided.
  - Team should only use the sand provided to them at their specific team site.
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 final sand sculpture.
  - No coatings, paints or other products may be added to the inside of a team's forms.
  - With spray paint or marker, clearly label all panels of your formwork with your team Site 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. There will be a \$100 fine assessed for formwork left behind.
    - » Any team found violating this rule will be subject to disqualification from next year's site selection lottery event.

## 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 machines that do not run on fossil fuels.
4. Heavy earth moving equipment is not allowed on the beach for any use.



# Competition Rules

## TEAM IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE

1. Teams must provide a minimum of a 24"x36" sign with team-provided mounting posts 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 or unconnected signage is allowed. Multiple or separated signage will not be judged.
  - 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 canopy banner or company signage.
  - No company signage or giveaways 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.



# Competition Rules

## TEAM MEMBERS AND BEHAVIOR

1. Architecture, Design, and Engineering firms must either be an AIA Member/ Firm or an AIA Affiliate Member/ Firm 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 stations.
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 or other consumables to anyone not on their team.
  - Any team found violating this rule will be immediately disqualified from the event.
4. Threatening and/or abusive behavior toward an event official or other participant will not be tolerated 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.



#### TEAM MEMBERS AND BEHAVIOR CONTINUED

9. Cheating will not be tolerated. Any team caught cheating will be disqualified from the ENTIRE competition. NO EXCEPTIONS.
  - This includes but is not limited to falsifying records or documentation, attempting to bribe, threaten, or coerce event officials, team sabotage, unsanctioned activities as outlined in these rules, or altercations.



# Competition Rules

## JUDGING

1. Judging is conducted for the following categories at the event during walkthrough at each team site:
  - Golden Bucket
  - Theme & Category
  - Team Sign
  - Sustainability
  - Team T-Shirt
2. Judging for all competition sites is evaluated using the following guidelines:
  - Golden Bucket Judging: Originality of Theme, Artistic Execution of Concept, Technical Difficulty, Carving Technique, Utilization of Site
  - Category Judging: Relation to Category, Carving Technique, Utilization of Site
  - Team Sign Judging: Relation to Sculpture, Artistic Flair
  - Sustainability Judging: Water System, Form Work, Recycling on Site, Bonus
  - Team T-shirt Judging: Relation to Sculpture, Graphic Design
3. Each team is required to submit the Theme Name & Category Form by the required deadline.
  - 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.
  - Team Captains are responsible for ensuring registration is complete and categories have been assigned by the end of the T-Shirt Distribution Event held prior to the competition.
4. Public Favorite Ballots
  - Public Favorite Ballots and clipboards will be delivered to the teams at 1:00 PM.
  - No ballots will be accepted after 3:30pm.
  - Additional Public Favorite Ballots are available at the AIA canopy.
  - Teams will deliver their own Public Favorite Ballot and clipboards to the AIA canopy by the 3:30 PM deadline.
  - Only signatures in numbered lines are counted.
  - Only one signature per individual will be counted.
  - Fill out team information on each page of the Public Favorite Ballots before turning in.



#### JUDGING CONTINUED

5. Team T-shirt judging will be done on stage following site judging.
  - Each Team is permitted to have up to TWO participants “model” their Team t-shirt on stage for judging.

#### BEACH OFFICIALS

6. Designated Committee Members (DCM) are assigned on behalf of the AIA Houston Sandcastle Committee to all competing teams as beach officials. DCMs will enforce event rules and moderate any disputes as well as provide solutions to teams.
  - DCMs will communicate with Team Captains prior to the event with reminders and clarification and will provide contact information for any issues on site.
  - All teams will be visited by their assigned DCMs on site prior to the competition start time on the day of the event.
7. Team members will be required to follow any direction given by representatives of the Galveston Parks Board, Galveston Police Department, Galveston Fire Department, Emergency Responders, AIA Houston Staff, or any other direction given on the beach by a member of official organizations in the interest of safety.



# Categories and Awards

## AWARDS

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

- Golden Bucket (1st Place)
- Silver Shovel (2nd Place)
- Bronze Shovel (3rd Place)
- AIA College Challenge
- Team Signage
- Team T-Shirt
- Sydney Lenoir Public Favorite Award
- 811 Presents: Most Sustainable Team

Teams are ineligible for Theme Based Category awards if they receive the Golden Bucket, Silver Shovel, or Bronze Shovel. Teams may receive a maximum of three (3) awards they qualify to receive each year that they participate in the competition.

AIA College Challenge is awarded only to university student teams.

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.

## 2023 THEME BASED CATEGORIES

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

- Architectural Icon
- Traditional Castle
- Optical Illusions
- Texas Pride
- Pop Culture: Best of the 90's
- Kidtastic!: Toy Box