

23rd Annual AIA SandCastle Competition Rules – June 6, 2009

I Site & Site Access

1. Each team is provided an approximately 22'-0" Wide x 25'-0" Deep plot with a shared 3'-0" walkway between the plots.
2. An additional 5'-0" walkway will be fenced on the public side to protect the sand sculptures from the spectators and utilized by the Judges / Event Officials during judging.
3. The plots will be approximately 100-feet from the high tide line. Unfortunately, sometimes the high tide brings in seaweed the evening / early morning before the event.
 - a. Each team is permitted to remove seaweed before the competition begins provided that no sand is moved within the plot.
4. Each team is responsible for obtaining and installing a shade canopy at their site (if desired by the team).
5. *Each team shall recycle plastic and aluminum 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.*
 - a. Leave only bagged recycled items at your site for pickup by waste management.
 - b. Each team will be fined \$100 for anything other than the rental tent and bagged recycled items left on their site after completion of the competition.
6. *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 down for safe access for removal of these items.*
7. All teams must sign-in before they are permitted access to the beach, no exceptions.
 - a. Sign-in will begin at 6:30 AM at the East Beach Pavilion for team package pickup.
8. Sites may be accessed by motorized vehicles for unloading from 7:00 AM until 8:30 AM.
 - a. No motorized vehicles are permitted on the beach before 7:00 AM, or after 9:00 AM.
 - b. A motorized vehicle must have a vehicle access pass in order to enter the beach area.
 - c. Competitors must report to the Main East Beach Entrance for permission to drive on the beach.
 - d. Teams with motorized vehicles on the beach before the official open time as indicated on the schedule may be disqualified from winning.

- e. All motorized vehicles must be off the beach by the time indicated on the schedule or a point reduction in your final scoring for the competition will result.
 - f. Motorized vehicles arriving after the scheduled deadline will have to park out in the lot and carry supplies out to the site.
9. One motorized vehicle access permit will be distributed to each team at SIGN-IN.
- a. Each team is permitted only one pass and therefore only one motorized vehicle per team is permitted on the beach at one time.
 - b. A pass may move to another motorized vehicle once that vehicle has unloaded and is off of the beach.
10. Trailers that are used for material storage or barbeque pits must be detached from their motorized vehicle and parked behind the team plot in a manner that does not hinder or intrude upon adjacent sites.

11. ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) are not allowed during event hours.

II SandCastle Building Materials

1. Each Team will be provided approximately 10 cubic yards of sand inside their site area.
 - a. NO additional sand may be requested.
 - b. Each Team may gather sand behind, or in the front, its site provided that it does not occur within the 5'-0" Judge / Event Official walkway at the front of each Team's site or impedes traffic flow along the beach. (Do not move any sand until scheduled start time)
 - c. NO additional sand can be placed within your plot until the time indicated on the schedule.
2. Each Team is permitted to use formwork for building their sand sculptures provided they utilize sound judgment and do not endanger participants or spectators.
 - a. 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.
3. Formwork, rebar, adhesives, etc. cannot be incorporated into the sand sculpture.
 - a. Decorative materials are NOT permitted.
 - b. Addition of color, in any fashion, is not permitted.
 - c. All sculptures must be SAND ONLY.

III SandCastle Building Equipment

1. Attention competition participants: [No Generators allowed] We are increasing our effort in being environmentally responsible by not allowing the use of generators. The concern is not only accidental spills along the edge of the beach and in the surf, but also noise and potential burns.
2. Each team must provide its own water carrying tools, large plastic trash cans, buckets are suggested. Wind, solar, tide or human power is encouraged.
3. Farm animals or beast of burdon are not allowed on the beach for any use.
4. Heavy earth moving equipment is not allowed on the beach for any use.
5. At no point are hoses and miscellaneous equipment allowed to encroach on another team's site.
 - a. All equipment must stay within the defined team boundaries.

IV Team Identification Signage

1. Each team must provide one Team Identification Sign and mounting posts.
 - a. Maximum permitted Team Identification Sign size is 24"x36" which includes a 2" tall white zone all the way across the bottom.
 - b. No additional signage is allowed.
 - c. Once erected at the team site your sign and its mounting posts become the property of the Galveston Parks Board.
2. Your team is responsible for attaching the Theme Label to the 2" white zone at the bottom of your sign.
 - a. Your team's Theme Label is inside of your beach packet that you should have picked up during check in at the East Beach Pavilion (Refer to the attached schedule below).
3. Attach your Theme Label as soon as possible before it is misplaced.
 - i. There will be no extra Theme Labels available.
 - ii. Judges will disqualify your entry in the Theme based category if your Theme Label is not attached.
 - iii. Failure to provide the Theme Label will also result in a one point reduction in the Signage Competition.
4. Signage must list the Team name or the name of the Primary Firm entering the competition.
5. Team sponsors who are not Event Sponsors shall NOT be recognized on the team identification signage, tent or on the beach.
 - a. Team sponsors who are not Event Sponsors shall not have any signage banners or giveaways on the beach.
 - b. This is a fund raising event for the AIA Houston Chapter, only Event Sponsors and Firms who register may advertise on the beach.

c. To become an Event Sponsor please go online to <http://www.aiasandcastle.com/> and fill out the Sponsor Commitment Form at the appropriate level.

6. Judging will be based upon the 24" x 36" image area of the sign and any other decorative supports or additions.
7. For national and state pride, the United States and Texas flags are not considered signage.
 - a. ALL other flags are considered signage and count against your allowed number of signs.
8. You must leave your sign in place after the event, per the Galveston Parks Board.

V Team Members and Behavior

1. Dangerous or reckless behavior will not be tolerated.
 - a. Such behavior could result in the disqualification of your team and possible removal from the beach.
 - b. Please remember that this is a family event and that you are representing your company and a professional organization.
2. Any team with a member that threatens and/or uses abusive behavior towards an event official or other participant will be required to leave the beach and will result in the disqualification of your team.
3. Team Captains will be responsible for policing the behavior of their team members.
4. Each Team must respect the space of the sites around them.
 - a. A Team that damages a competitor's site will be required to assist in repairing their site.
 - b. A deduction of points in final scoring will be determined based on the infraction.
5. Only AIA Member Firms and AIA Affiliate Member Firms are permitted to enter a team.
 - a. Families and friends of professionals are allowed to participate with your team.
 - b. If you are interested in creating your own team at least one person on your team must be an AIA Member or an AIA Affiliate Member
 - c. Teams are not limited in size but each participant in the sandcastle site must wear a Participant Event Wristband.
 - i. Extra Participant Event Wristbands may be purchased at the AIA tent (sorry, no credit cards)
 - ii. Participant Event Wristbands must be worn for participation within the sandcastle plot and for access to sponsor tents, no exceptions.
 - iii. Failure to wear Participant Event Wristbands while working in the sandcastle plot will result in point deductions and/ or disqualification.
 - iv. Children under 12-years of age do not need a Participant Event Wristband to participate in the sandcastle building plots.
 - d. Teams cannot combine sites.

- e. No professional sand sculptors will be allowed to participate on the day of the event, doing otherwise will be grounds for disqualification.
- 6. Great expense and effort is being made to protect the sandcastles, signs, etc. for viewing, official photographs and related activities immediately after the event and public viewing on Sunday.
- 7. DO NOT DESTROY YOUR SANDCASTLE OR SIGNAGE AFTER THE EVENT.
 - a. If you see any of the sightseers climbing on or destroying any of the sand sculptures please remind them not to do so.

VI Judging

- 8. Overall Categories: Each team is automatically entered in each of the Overall Categories listed below except for the Annual College Challenge which is limited to college teams. The Overall Categories are as follows:
 - a. The Golden Bucket (1st Place)
 - b. The Silver Shovel (2nd Place)
 - c. The Bronze Shovel (3rd Place)
 - d. Honorable Mention (4th, 5th and 6th Place)
 - e. Annual AIA College Challenge (only College Teams eligible to compete)
 - f. Best Team Signage
 - g. Best Team T-Shirt
 - h. Best Costume
 - i. Public Favorite
- 9. Theme Based Categories: Each Team is permitted to enter only ONE of the Theme Based Categories listed below. The Theme Based Categories for your Theme Label are as follows:
 - a. That's Entertainment (Best theme associated with movies, TV, commercials, etc.)
 - b. Let the Games Begin (Best theme associated with a sport or sporting event)
 - c. Stars and Stripes (Most Patriotic theme)
 - d. Most Complex (Most attention to detail and artistry)
 - e. Best Traditional (The most traditional sandcastle)
 - f. Best Architectural (Best sculpture relating to architecture)
 - g. Most Hilarious (The funniest, most comical)
 - h. Most Lifelike / Realistic (Most realistic rendition of a person, plant, animal, mineral, or object)
- 10. A Team is permitted to win a maximum of three awards (for example, a Team could possibly win The Silver Shovel, Best Traditional, and Best Team Signage).
- 11. Each team is required to submit the Theme name & Category Form by the required deadline.

12. Failure to indicate a category and have the Theme Label posted on your sign will result in your team not being entered. (You will get a Theme Label sticker in your beach packet at sign-in on the beach the morning of the event)

13. Teams to deliver their own public favorites sheets and clip boards to the stage at the scheduled time.

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

- a. Do NOT turn your team t-shirt in to the AIA tent.
- b. Each Team is permitted to have up to TWO participants “model” their Team’s t-shirt on stage during Judging.
- c. Lewd behavior will result in disqualification.

15. Each team is responsible for keeping the 5’-0” walkway in front of their site clear and spectator/participant free while Judging is occurring.

- a. Keep the 5’-0” walkway clear to assist in speeding up the Judging process.
- b. Bribing officials with ice cold beverages is not discouraged.

VII Competition schedule

6:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Team Check-In. (Pick up beach packet which contains the vehicle pass and Theme Label)
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Beach opens for access to sites. No vehicles permitted on the beach after 8:30 AM.
7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Rules Review at East Beach Pavilion.
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Clear the beach of all motorized vehicles unloading equipment and supplies.
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Sandcastle competition start. Teams allowed to move extra sand at start of competition.
2:30 PM – 3:00PM	Teams to deliver their own public favorites sheets and clip boards to the stage.
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Sandcastle Judging.
3:00 PM – Dusk	Photographs of all sandcastles and winning teams.
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Awards Ceremony at the stage and public giveaways.
+ - 6:00 PM	Vehicle access to the beach after the police and parks board determines safe access.

(DO NOT DESTROY YOUR SANDCASTLE OR SIGNAGE)