

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual AIA SandCastle Competition – June 6, 2009

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### Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Do all individuals within our SandCastle building site need a participant wristband?**
- A.** Yes, extra Participant Event Wristbands may be purchased at the AIA tent (sorry no credit cards).
- Q. Do the individuals assembling our formwork within our SandCastle building site need a participant wristband?**
- A.** Yes, extra Participant Event Wristbands may be purchased at the AIA tent (sorry no credit cards).
- Q. Do the individuals delivering water from the Gulf and/ or operating the pump that supplies water to our SandCastle Site need a Participant Event Wristband?**
- A.** Yes, event though they are not in the official SandCastle Building site, they are still participating in the creation of the sculpture.
- Q. Can we start staging water before the official start time?**
- A.** Yes, as long as no water or person enters the official SandCastle building site.
- Q. Do children need a Participant Event Wristband to work in the SandCastle building site?**
- A.** No, children under 12 do not need a Participant Event Wristband.
- Q. When can we start moving sand on the day of the event?**
- A.** 10:00 AM. This time applies to both on-site and off-site sand on the beach. Refer to paragraph II sections 1 and 2 in the rules.
- Q. What is the maximum size allowed for our sign?**
- A.** 24" x 36", which must include the 2" tall white zone all the way across the bottom. Refer to paragraph IV in the rules.
- Q. When do I get my Theme Label sticker to place on the 2" white zone my sign?**
- A.** The Theme Label sticker is in your beach packet which can be picked up at check in on the morning of the event. Refer to paragraph IV sections 2 & 3 in the rules on dealing with past problems.
- Q. Can we have team sponsors?**
- A.** Yes, but they can not be recognized or advertise on the beach unless they are also an official AIA SandCastle event sponsor at the appropriate level.
- Q. Can we give away trinkets to the spectators?**
- A.** Yes, your primary registered office can give named items of that office, but remember a team sponsor who is not an official event sponsor at the appropriate level can not.
- Q. How many signs are we allowed to have at our SandCastle site?**
- A.** The official sign is the only sign allowed, with naming restrictions. No other signage is allowed including printed tent, banners, flags, etc... though you are allowed to design and recognize team sponsors within your own team shirts.

**Q. Can we list our team sponsor(s) on the only sign that is allowed at the event?**

**A.** Team sponsors who are not event sponsors shall NOT be recognized on the team identification signage, tent or on the beach.  
Also, team sponsors who are not Event Sponsors shall not have any signage banners or named giveaways on the beach.

**Q. Why can't we list our team sponsors?**

**A.** The primary cause of the event is to raise money for the AIA Houston chapter which goes to the foundation, education and scholarships. This being a fund raising event we want to make sure that the official sponsors who have financially committed to the event do not feel short changed by having others advertise without becoming an official sponsor to the AIA SandCastle event. To become an official AIA SandCastle event sponsor please visit [sandcastle@aiahouston.org](mailto:sandcastle@aiahouston.org)

**Q. What are acceptable names for our sign?**

**A.** We often receive requests for combining several or a couple of companies on the Team Signage. A good example of where people get into trouble is when Architecture Firm X and Contractor Y get together with a sign that has both of their names on it or a blend of their names. We will only allow one of the names or a completely different team name without company names within it such as Sandcastle Warriors.

Acceptable examples:

1. Team Antelope
2. Up Late Architects
3. On Time Construction
4. Local University
5. Happy Engineers

UNACCEPTABLE examples:

1. Up Late Architects/On Time Construction
2. Team Antelope/Up Late Architects/Happy Engineers/On Time Construction
3. Happy Engineers and On Time Construction
4. Local University/On Time Construction
5. Team Antelope and Happy Engineers – The Master Builders

**Q. My company is a General Contracting and/or Engineering firm, can we enter as a team without an AIA member on our team?**

**A.** Yes, provided your firm is an Affiliate Member of the Houston AIA. Email Jill Sales at [sandcastle@aiahouston.org](mailto:sandcastle@aiahouston.org) to get information on how to become an Affiliate Member.

**Q. Is each team required to attend at least one rules meeting?**

**A.** Yes, you will have four opportunities to attend a rules meeting: 1. Site Selection party, 2. SandCastle Workshop, 3. T-Shirt Distribution Party 4. East Beach at 7:30 AM on the day of the event. The event poster has all information on time, date and location for these events.

**Q. How can I choose a plot for our SandCastle team site? Can I call in or e-mail a preference?**

**A.** Sorry, all teams must be present at the Cadillac Bar Site Selection Party to participate in the raffle. As each team is pulled from the basket they get to choose a site from the remaining plots. Any teams not present will be placed in the leftover spots.

**Q. When do I get my Vehicle Pass and what time can we drive on the beach?**

**A.** The Vehicle Pass is in your beach packet which can be picked up at check in on the morning of the event which allows access to the beach from 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM with restrictions. Refer to paragraph I sections 6 – 11 in the rules.

**Q. Can we use powered compactors or bobcats on the beach?**

**A.** No.

**Q. We want to win the Public Favorite category this year! Can we give alcohol to the spectators so that they will vote for our team? (Example: beer, jello shots, tequila shots etc...)**

**A.** NO!!!! You know better. Do not give alcohol to the spectators.

**Q. We are an AIA SandCastle sponsor this year; can we set up extra tents in our designated sponsorship area on the beach?**

**A.** Each Sponsor plot has a defined size according to their sponsorship level which must contain any tent(s) configuration.