

## CANSTRUCTION® RULES & REGULATIONS

- *Awards Categories*
  - Best Meal
  - Best Use of Labels
  - Structural Ingenuity
  - Jurors' Favorite
  - 2 Honorable Mentions

Local winners go on to compete internationally through submission of slide photography to a panel of jurors convened at the SDA/AIA Annual Convention in the spring of each year. The local competition may give additional unofficial awards, however those winners do not proceed to the international competition.

- *Structure size*
  - 10'x10'w by 8'h - maximum
- *Team size*
  - Five (5) people plus one (1) person to assist in unpacking. Any number of people can assist in the design and planning of the structure. Only 5 people will be permitted to build at one time. That includes those who are organizing cans, cutting foam-core and other materials. Teams may swap out members and are allowed a maximum of 15 minutes for transition.
- *Food Products*
  - Aluminum food cans of all sizes may be used. Some food manufacturers are switching to plastic. If using plastic containers make sure they stack and can take the pressure of cans from above bearing down.
  - No glass containers
  - No pet food
  - No alcoholic beverages
  - Soda and junk food strongly discouraged. Depending on the composition of the jury, your entry could loose for using non-nutritional items. Food banks need nutritional food, not junk food. Make every effort in designing a structure that uses edible, nutritious foods.
  - Canned food must be full and unopened, no exposed food. (attracts vermin)
  - Labels must be intact and legible. Labels cannot be covered over, stripped off or altered in any way.
  - Boxes and bags – *strongly* discouraged. The name of the competition is Canstruction. Jurors prefer to follow the name of the competition and in recent years many structures with boxes and bags did not make it through the elimination process for that reason.
  - Props – *strongly* discouraged. Jurors prefer pure food structures. Solve all design challenges with food items. All things equal, a structure with props will lose when judged against a structure with no props. (Example: a structure that has eyes. One structure uses black cans to make eyes; another structure has black circles made of paper and pasted on top of the cans for eyes. Once the jury sees that eyes can be made from cans or a food product, any entry that used paper cutouts is in disfavor.)
- *Adjunct Building Materials* - Structures ***MUST*** be structurally self-supporting.
  - Permissible materials:
    - One-quarter inch thick foam-core, cardboard, masonite, plywood, plexi-glass – for the purpose of leveling or balancing materials and not as load bearing. A structure where ¼" leveling material is not visible is judged superior to a structure where it is in plain view.
    - Cardboard tubes used as guides must also be limited to one-quarter inch thick.
    - Velcro
    - Tape, clear and double-faced
    - High-tension rubber bands
    - Nylon string
    - Wire
    - Tie-backs
    - Plywood/masonite template for even flooring – essential if building on a carpeted surface or uneven flooring.
  - Not Permissible
    - 2x4's

- half-inch plywood
- half-inch thick tubing
- sheet metal
- permanent adhesives.

### ACQUISITION OF CANNED GOODS

- The local competition may not be a 501(c)3 not-for profit charity. Unless your local food bank or other organizing entity can provide its taxpayer I.D. to food donors to use as a charitable tax deduction, instruct donors to take the contribution as a marketing/public relations business expense. Naming the contributors on your sign next to your structure will give them their marketing/pr exposure.
- Participating firms are responsible for obtaining their own supply of canned goods.
- Firms may solicit canned goods and/or financial donations from food manufacturers, grocery stores, business consultants, contractors, vendors, and employee/student food drives.
- Cans should be packed in sturdy cartons and labeled with your team/ firm name and the location name/number at the site.
- If arranging for canned goods from an out of town supplier, they must be delivered to the location designated by your host site. No sidewalk deliveries. The mover/delivery service must provide a Certificate of Insurance to the loading dock manager in order to enter a building to deliver the food. All the same labeling requirements are necessary. Cans are to be delivered to the site only on dates determined by local host.
- A team member should visit the site after delivery of cans to make sure all cans have been delivered. If anything is missing you will have that day to find it and/or get it delivered.
- Save all packing boxes. Boxes must be used to repack cans at the end of the competition. Bring additional packing boxes to the site for de-construction.

### BUILD-OUT

- Try to do as much prefabrication of any templates, foam-core or other special materials you require prior to the day of the build out.
- If you have a chance to do a practice build in your office take that opportunity to lessen surprises at the site.
- Bring plenty of extra supplies (tape, scissors, foam-core, cardboard) – over estimate.
- Bring a ladder if you are building tall or to position spotlights.
- Bring plenty of food and beverages for the team if not supplied by organizers/host.
- Boxes must be saved for repackaging at the end of the event.
- Make sure your structure is standing the next morning. Tell host to call you if structure looks like it is structurally unsound, sagging, slipping, etc. Be prepared to go over and fix immediately. If rebuilding is impossible box up cans.

### JUDGING

- Judging is done anonymously – no firm/team names visible at the structure or used in the mission statements.
- Be prepared to go to the site and rebuild anything that may have fallen.
- Team members cannot be on location at the time of judging.
- Hosts should maintain a respectful distance while the jury views and discusses the structure. In other words, no eavesdropping.
- No signage displayed until the jury has left.

### DECONSTRUCTION

- Get date and time from local organizers
- Each entry must be taken down and packed in boxes for pickup. You should allow ample time.