



Skillbuild NI College Inter Campus Competitions Competition Rules

General

- No competitor will have any advance knowledge of the Skillbuild final test project except under conditions authorized by Skillbuild N.I Ltd.
- Competitors will draw lots for the competition work area they will use.
- Only Area Managers/Technical Experts/ Judges, officials and Skillbuild organisers are permitted to enter competition areas.
- The use of mobile telephones is not permitted during competition working time.
- Skillbuild organisers reserve the right to remove from the competition site any person/persons who attempt to give advice or guidance to any individual competitor.
- Officials in charge of individual craft competitions will keep strictly to the timings laid down in the official Skillbuild programme. Meal breaks will be taken at such time or times as the craft organisers shall determine.
- It is a condition of Skillbuild that all Competitors must be attired in the appropriate clothing, with particular emphasis on safety footwear and on eye/ear protection. Skillbuild reserve the right to stop any competitor from taking part who does not have the appropriate safety clothing.
- Skillbuild reserves the right to disqualify from the competition any individual who seeks to gain an unfair advantage over his/her Competitors or who acts in such a way as to cause a safety hazard or, in the view of the organisers, is not acting within the spirit of Skillbuild.
- Any competitor whose competence is deemed to be impaired by alcohol will be immediately disqualified and sent home.
- Use of any illegal substance is prohibited. Any competitor found using and/or is deemed to be suffering from the effects of illegal substances will be immediately disqualified and sent home.
- No results will be made available in advance of the official announcement of the winners.
- Craft judges will mark each competition piece in accordance with marking criteria set down. The judge's decision is final and binding. No correspondence in this context will be entered into by the Skillbuild Judges or Area Managers.
- Feedback will be available if required by competitors and their Lecturers for a short period of time immediately after the results. The purpose of this is to encourage competitors and lecturers to learn from the experience, build on their strengths and identify any areas requiring further development for subsequent competitions. Each feedback session should last no longer than 5 minutes.
- Skillbuild NI relies heavily on and is very grateful for the voluntary support of our Area Managers/Judges. Please respect their valuable time and work in this regard.



Skillbuild NI College Inter Campus Competitions Health And Safety Rules

Health and safety forms an important part of all skills competitions. Colleges and Skillbuild must ensure a safe working environment and safe systems of working for all those involved in the competition. Competitors also have a responsibility to ensure that they do not misuse any equipment/materials, do not endanger any other competitor and provide and use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Any competitor, who fails to use PPE, misuses equipment or materials or acts in such a manner as to endanger other people will be removed from the competition and returned to his/her college.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

The following sets out the Personal Protective Equipment that each competitor **MUST** provide. Failure to provide the equipment will result in the competitor not being allowed to commence working until the equipment is provided.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH COMPETITOR TO PROVIDE ALL PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT RELEVANT TO THEIR TRADE CRAFT.

ALL COMPETITORS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING

- Safety footwear
- Safety glasses/goggles
- Ear defenders/plugs
- Disposable face masks (dust)
- Any other item particular to their skill area.
- When using power tools/wood working machines long hair must be tied back, rings and jewellery removed.

HAND TOOLS

All hand tools brought to the competition by a competitor must:

- Be in a lockable toolbox, which clearly states competitors name, college and trade.
- All hand tools must be in a safe condition, and will be inspected before the competition begins.
- Any tool found not to be in a safe condition will be taken out of use by the competition Area Managers.

PORTABLE POWER TOOLS

- Power tools may only be brought to the competition if included in the tool listing.
- All hand operated power tools brought to the competition by competitors must have a current PAT test.
- Any power tool found not to be in a safe working condition will be taken out of use by the competition Area Managers.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment procedures are provided for all competitions. Competitors must comply with the Risk Assessments at all times.

ALL COMPETITORS HAVE A DUTY TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF A SKILLBUILD AREA MANAGER ANY ITEM OF EQUIPMENT, WHICH THEY CONSIDER TO BE DEFECTIVE.