



**2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium-T-Shirt Competition Rules**  
**March 6-8<sup>th</sup>, Richard A. Rula School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Mississippi State, Mississippi**

**1. Objective:** The objective of the T-Shirt Design Competition is to encourage and assess the creativity of student teams in designing a T-Shirt. The final artwork for the T-Shirt must be **original work** and adhere to the requirements for file format as described in Section 5.

**2. Theme:** The theme for the T-Shirt Competition will be “Show Off Your Own Starkvegas!”. You do not have to live in Starkvegas to live in the best city or town in the world. Instead, you can live in Oxvegas, Jackvegas, New Vegas, TuscVegas, etc. Your task is to design a T-Shirt that shows off what is great about the city/town that includes your university.

**3. Eligibility:** A T-Shirt Design Contest team will consist of no more than 2 official team members with one student recognized as the team captain; however, there is no limit for how many students participate in the T-Shirt Design. Students must be enrolled during the Spring 2025 semester as full-time civil engineering students and meet all other eligibility requirements to participate in an ASCE student symposium. Each university is allowed only 1 submission.

**4. Score Breakdown**

**Preliminary Submission (20% credit):** The participating teams are required to submit their preliminary design to [asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu](mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu) no later than midnight of **March 3, 2025**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Subject of the submission email should be “T-Shirt Competition + Institution”. In the submission email, the following items are required:

- Name of the institution.
- Names and emails of the team captain, additional team member and faculty advisor.
- Description of the design to explain its relationship with Civil Engineering and the built environment in gulf coast area, not to exceed 100 words in length.
- Images of the design should be attached to the email in PDF or JPEG format. The design can be slightly changed (< 10% by area) after the preliminary submission.

**Sample T-Shirt Judge Assessment (30% credit):** The level of appeal based on judge interpretation only when the T-Shirt is presented to the attendees.



**Sample T-Shirt Audience Assessment (20% credit):** The level of enthusiasm expressed by the attendees as determined by the judges when the T-Shirt is presented.

**Poster presentation (30% credit):** The participating teams are also required to explain their design to the judges at the symposium through poster presentation. The presentation will be limited to 5 min. The poster should have a dimension of 18 in. x 24 in and should be pasted onto an 18 in. x 24 in. cardboard.

**5. Requirements:** The T-Shirt Design is open to the imagination of the team members, but the statements listed below will be true for the winning design:

- The design is original.
- The design relates to any aspect of Civil Engineering and reflects the Theme of the competition.
- There are no profanity or offensive symbols.
- The design does not include logos, mascots, or color schemes of a particular university unless they are associated with the Theme of the competition.

Failure to follow the instructions listed above would result in disqualification for this competition.

**6. Judging:** Designs meeting the requirements outlined in Item 5 will be evaluated on the basis of their creativity, visual appeal, conveyed message, poster quality, presentation performance and audience response. In addition, judges will also take into consideration the description of the design as it relates to Civil Engineering. All rule interpretations, adjudications, and additions will be the sole responsibility of the Head Judge.

**7. Award:** The teams with the top three designs will receive awards during the Awards Banquet. In the event there is a tie, a coin flip or dice roll will be used to determine placing.

**8. Requests for Information:** Submit any RFI's via email to [asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu](mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu).