



2026 ASCE Virginia Student Sandcastle Competition Rules

Theme - School Spirit – something that represents your school or student chapter

1. Site Rules

- a) Each team will be allowed a 5' by 5' building area. Teams will choose their own sites, and sites are first come, first served. i) Please be aware that canoes will likely be carried/moved along the shoreline. Areas will be staked prior to the start of the event.
- b) Teams may not move any sand prior to the start of the competition but may set up their area. Formwork may be assembled as long as sand is not moved.
- c) Each team is responsible for proper removal of all trash, equipment etc. from the beach at the end of judging. Any holes must be filled in. Please leave no tracks and leave your site in the condition your team found it.

2. Sandcastle Building Materials

- a) Sculptures must be made of sand and water only. No other materials or additives are allowed in the sculpture. i) Exception for small rocks, shells, etc. found on the beach the day of the contest and used as decorations only.
- b) Teams may gather sand from surrounding beach area at the official start time.
- c) There is no guarantee of additional sand in the proximity of your chosen site.
- d) Each Team is permitted to use formwork for building their sand sculptures provided they utilize sound judgment and do not endanger participants or spectators.
- e) Formwork can be placed within the building area before the start of the competition provided that NO sand is moved within the building area for its setup.
- f) Formwork, rebar, etc. may not be incorporated into the sand sculpture. g) Formwork shall not be left behind in the event area. Formwork must be taken with you at the end of the event.



3. Sandcastle Building Equipment

- a) No generators are allowed.
- b) No pumps are allowed.
- c) Each team must provide its own tools: Shovels, buckets, forms, etc. Hand tools are allowed. No large equipment is allowed.
- d) Water and sand must be moved by human power.

4. Team Identification Signage

- a) Teams must provide a minimum of 8.5"x11" sign to be installed within the build site. Teams may attach decorative flair to their sign. The entire sign and anything attached will be considered in judging.
 - ii) You may attach decorative supports or additional "flair" to your sign.
 - iii) No additional signage is allowed.
- b) Signage must list the Team name.