



## 2024 Contest Rules and Guidelines

### Materials Allowed

- Sand within 15' x 15' designated building area. (Masters 20' x 15')
- Decorative materials (must be natural/found on the beach, ie. shells, seaweed, etc.)
- Design must stand on its own, with no supports under or on top of the sand.
- No extending outside the plot area.
- No adhesives allowed.
- Buckets may be filled and plots watered down prior to the start time.

### People-Power

- A team can consist of up to eight (8) workers in the sand plot area. Teams may alternate workers, but no more than eight workers at a time are allowed in the plot area.
- Teams may have unlimited water carriers.

### Tools Allowed

- Hand tools (masonry, garden or household implements, shovels, tampers).

- Ladders, wheelbarrow (1), pails, buckets, watering cans or hand pump sprayers.
- Forms and molds (must be removed prior to judging).
- Please keep your tools/supplies in your designated plot area. Spectators may cut their feet on them.

### Judging and Overall Guidelines

- Judges will be local VIPs and Commodores
- Things to focus on...
  - Judges – They will pass the front of your creation for judging purposes, so focus most on the front 180 degrees facing the ocean.
  - Clarity of Design – Your creation can be simple or complex. A good design is one that people can understand. Try to tell a story or make them think.
  - Degree of Difficulty – Height is hard to do. Cut throughs, bridges and anything without support underneath show difficulty.
  - Please keep your theme within the guidelines of this being a family friendly event, and have fun!

### Times to Remember

- **9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**
  - Registration and plot assignments. First come, first serve
  - Report to Commodores Registration Table
- **10:00 a.m.**
  - Start time for all categories
- **2:00 p.m.**
  - Sand castle building STOPS. Judging begins.
- **3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**
  - Awards ceremony

### Award Categories (subject to change)

- Commodores Award – Overall Best Creation
- People's Choice Award – Best Creation
- Most Unique Sand Sculpture (1st-3rd)
- Most Unique Sand Castle (1st-3rd)
- Most Humorous Creation
- Best Display of Theme
- Jr. Division – Best Creation

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