



NEWWA Rules and Regulations

What CAN You Build Competition



INTRODUCTION

1. NEWWA's Innovations Committee has an activity planned for the Spring Joint Regional Conference & Exhibition on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, during lunch in the exhibit hall. The competition is called "What CAN You Build?" Teams of up to four participants will assemble a water-related structure using non-perishable items that will be donated to local food banks in Worcester following the competition.
2. The event is timed with multiple teams assembling a structure throughout the morning. Conference attendees and spectators will be able to view the assembly of the structure.

DISCLAIMER

3. Each competitor will be required to complete the proper waiver and registration documentation prior to competing in any event. Verification of eligibility will be required at the time of registration.
4. This competition is officiated over by very competent officials who are striving for fairness in their judgement for the events so that all competitors are judged as equally as possible. Fair and equal treatment for each competitor is the goal of this competition. There is no intention to provide anyone with an advantage. This competition is for the fun and enjoyment of the participants and spectators.
5. Interested in joining the Innovations Committee? Contact committee chair David DaSilva, ddasilva@bcwari.com or Mary Quigley, mquigley@newwa.org.

ELIGIBILITY & MEMBERSHIP

6. A maximum of four teams will be allowed to compete, first-come, first-served.
7. Teams participating in the What CAN You Build Competition shall consist of 2-4 participants.
8. All persons on the team are encouraged to be NEWWA members. Contact Mary Quigley MQuigley@newwa.org to confirm your membership.

REGISTRATION

9. To enter, complete the team registration form on the Spring Conference webpage at newwa.org.
10. Each competitor and coach must register and sign their own waiver. Please ensure that all members of the team register with the same team name.

COMPETITION

11. Building can be done intermittently between 8:00AM – 1:00PM on the day of the competition, Wednesday, April 1, 2026.
12. You have until judging at 1:00PM on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, to finish your structure. It **MUST** be freestanding at the time of judging.
13. Structures must be constructed with NEWWA provided non-perishable food items that will be donated following the competition.
14. Non-perishable items donated by NEWWA sponsors will be equally distributed among the registered teams.
15. Additionally, teams can bring up to 30 of their own non-perishable goods of their choice (to help build your creativity) as an added benefit for pre-registered teams.
16. Structure must be freestanding and drinking water-related.
17. No adhesives or modifying of the perishable items will be permitted.
18. Teams must build within assigned footprint (e.g., 10' x 10').
19. Maximum dimensions of the structure will be 6' in height and 8' in diameter. Structure will be built from the ground.

WHAT WINNING TEAM RECEIVES

20. Winning structure will be featured on the cover of the Summer *Source* publication and on newwa.org. Bragging rights and a custom medal are up for grabs!

EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

21. Equal number of items and time to assemble will be provided to each team. Judges will be present to track timing used by each team.
22. Hard hats required. Please bring your own, a handful will be available onsite to borrow.

JUDGING

23. Judges will be scoring based on:
1. Creativity & Originality (1-10)
 2. Structural Stability (1-10)
 3. Use of items - complexity and volume (1-10)
 4. Relevance to drinking water theme (1-10)
 5. People's Choice up to 10 points pro-rated.
24. Highest total score will be deemed the winner.
25. No judge will be assigned to a team who works for the same organization the team represents.

SAFETY & CONDUCT

26. No climbing on anything to gain height.
27. Appropriate footwear required, safety-toe recommended. No open-toe, slingback, high heels, etc. permitted.
28. Hard hats required. Please bring your own, a handful will be available onsite to borrow.
29. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated and could result in individuals or teams being disqualified from the competition. Judges, competitors, and/or volunteers may not use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal substances while performing duties related to the competition. Violations of this will be determined at the discretion of NEWWA staff and the Innovations Committee Chair.
30. Teams will not be allowed to participate if they are wearing articles of clothing or using equipment plainly displaying offensive language, slogans, or graphics. Also note, this event is being held as part of a professional conference, thus proper decorum and language is expected of all participants.
31. No personal bags will be allowed on the floor.
32. Children under the age of 16 entering the exhibit hall during show hours need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. No one under the age of 16 is allowed in the exhibit hall area during move-in, move-out, or non-show hours. A parent or guardian assumes all risks and responsibility for the safety of his or her child. Anyone 12 years or older will require a badge to enter the Exhibit Hall.



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AGREEMENT

Your signature adheres you to the Rules & Regulations as detailed above for the NEWWA What CAN You Build Competition.

Team Member Name (Print) _____ Signature: _____

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Team: _____ Date: _____