

Elementary



2019 - 2020 CARDBOARD BOAT RACES VIDEO GUIDELINES



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Registration opens on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 at 9:00 am! Please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/skillscompetences-ontario-26700023961> to begin the registration process.

Skills Ontario would like to invite your school to participate in one of the annual Video Challenges being held during the 2019-2020 school year in conjunction with the Cardboard Boat Races.

Additional dates may be added. Please check the [website](#) for our most up to date information. The registration fee is \$60.00 per team in addition to the yearly Skills Ontario affiliation fee.

DRAFT SCHEDULE OF THE DAY**

| TIME | DESCRIPTION |
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| 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Arrival and Sign-in |
| 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Welcome and Orientation |
| 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Boat Construction |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | Clean up and Lunch |
| 12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Boat teams prepare to enter pool by heat number |
| 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Race and Weight Challenges |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | Results Tabulation and Evaluation Collection |
| 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Awards Presentation |

** Times will vary according to race location and pool availability

ELIGIBILITY

- Affiliated elementary schools may enter two (2) teams of two (2) students each.
- Please note registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Students participating in the Cardboard Boat Race as a boat team member cannot also register in the Video Challenges as a video team member.
- Teams must be made up of students from the same school.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- **Step #1** – Teachers reserve team space(s) online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/skillscompetences-ontario-26700023961>. This must be done a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the event, but please note that most races fill up shortly after registration opens.

- **Step #2** – Bring individual team member signed waivers directly to the event. Any student that does not have a signed waiver form with them will not be permitted to compete.

Cancellations must be received no later than one (1) week prior to the event to avoid being charged full registration fees.

****IMPORTANT:** Students will not be permitted to participate if Skills Ontario does not receive a completed and signed copy of “SKILLS ONTARIO PARTICIPANT CONDITIONS FOR 2019-2020 PROGRAMS AND COMPETITIONS” form for each individual team member on the day of the event.

PURPOSE OF THE CHALLENGE

To evaluate the students’ proficiency in the television/video communications field. To prepare students for future participation in the Secondary Video Challenge and the Skills Ontario Competition in the TV Video Production contest.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE TESTED

- Production planning and design
- Camera work
- Audio use
- Editing
- Teamwork
- Time management
- Problem solving
- Literacy

ASSIGNMENT

Teams of two students (from the same school) will produce and edit **one (1)** informational/promotional music video on the Cardboard Boat Races. The goal of this production is to promote the Cardboard Boat Races to students in grades 7-12 across the province. All aspects of videotaping of this production must be done on-site by the contestants while the editing will take place at the competitors’ school. This challenge is a province-wide challenge. All submitted videos will be judged against each other.

Teams should come prepared with prior knowledge of Skills Ontario, its mandate and programs, as well as a good understanding of the Cardboard Boat Races, their purpose, rules and regulations.

MUSIC VIDEO SPECIFICATIONS

- Videos must be between 60 – 90 seconds in length (credits may run longer and will not affect scores)
- All footage must be taped on-location at the event
- **Videos must not contain any verbal narration or interviews**
- Music must be copyright cleared

PRODUCTION BRIEF

Students will create a one-page bulleted outline to be handed in with their video submission stating the following:

- Target audience
- Goals and objectives
- Approach
- Equipment used
- Innovative solutions to problems

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Supplied by the competitor (suggested):

- One video capture device
- Lighting gear
- Batteries and recharger
- One microphone (and microphone cable)
- Headphones
- Tripod

PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

In an effort to help protect the privacy of students participating in the Cardboard Boat Races, students that do not have their parent/guardian's permission to be photographed will be asked to wear an identifier for the duration of the event. This will help ensure that students without a signed photograph waiver do not appear in photos or videos that could be used in publications or be posted on social media websites or the Skills Ontario website. It is the Video Challenge competitor's responsibility to ensure that students wearing identifiers do not appear in their productions. Productions which include students wearing identifiers will not be posted on the web for public viewing.

JUDGING CRITERIA

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| Production Brief | Target audience, goals and objectives | 5 |
| Camera Work | Composition and technical operation | 15 |
| Audio | Clarity, consistency, appropriate use, overall mix | 15 |
| Editing | Flow, pacing, transitions, effects, graphics | 15 |
| Storytelling | Evidence of planning, introduction and closing, fulfills goals and objectives, coherency, effective writing and/or information appropriate to subject matter, target audience and style of video | 25 |
| Approach | Style, effective combining of imagery, sound and graphics | 15 |
| Overall Impact | Cohesiveness, impression, emotion | 10 |
| TOTAL | | 100 |

In the event of a tie, the team with the highest score in Storytelling shall be the winner.

SAFETY

Safety is a priority at all Skills Ontario events. At the discretion of the judges or Skills Ontario staff, any competitor can be removed from the competition site for not having the proper safety equipment or not acting in a safe manner.

It is the responsibility of the competitors to obtain permission to videotape on the pool deck. Safety rules in place at each location must be followed. The facility lifeguards may provide guidance as needed. For reasons of safety, no student should expect access to all areas. For the duration of this event, Skills Ontario staff will have final authority on matters of safety. **Video teams are not permitted to enter the water, however they can submerge waterproof cameras such as GoPro's under the water or attach onto the boat representing the same school at the discretion of the Boat Race team.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Computer imaging, copyright-cleared music and special effects is expected during the editing and production process.
- Videos must be uploaded to YouTube, and the link to the video must be emailed to Skills Ontario (boatraces@skillsontario.com) by the submission deadline. Each submission must have the school name and team # noted within the submission email. Submissions that are missing this information, or not emailed to boatraces@skillsontario.com before the deadline will not be accepted.
- Each TEAM must title their video following this pattern: **SCHOOL NAME, TEAM #**
- **Production is worth 5% of your team's overall mark.** A production brief must be included in the video description box on YouTube, and be no longer than 250 words.
- Immediate disqualification may occur at the discretion of the judges or Skills Ontario staff if a competitor engages in any one of the following:
 - Acts inappropriately
 - Shows disregard for the safety of themselves or those around them
 - Breaks the established rules and regulations or displays dishonest conduct (cheating)

MEALS

Skills Ontario will provide a lunch and a drink for competitors. Lunch is likely to be two slices of cheese pizza and one juice/water. **If the competitor has specific dietary needs/restrictions or tastes, it is recommended they bring a lunch/snacks with them.** Any food brought to the venue must be nut free. Any products containing nuts found on-site will be removed.

PROJECTS

Once the videos are submitted to Skills Ontario they become the property of Skills Ontario and may be used to promote this event and may be posted online on social media websites, posted on the Skills Ontario website or used for other promotional purposes. Competitors are encouraged to keep a copy of their videos for their portfolios.

POST RACE

1. Produce and edit video at school.
2. Write your production briefs (***NEW*** Please include your production brief in the video description box on YouTube).
3. Upload your video to YouTube (Please ensure your video is **NOT** set to private, or else it will not be visible to judges), and share the link to your video with Skills Ontario by emailing boatrases@skillsontario.com.
4. The final video must be received no later than **4pm on March 6th, 2020**. Late submissions **will not** be considered for evaluation.
5. A confirmation email will be sent to the team's advisor once the video has been received. Please note that it is the responsibility of the team's advisor to contact Skills Ontario if a submission has been made and a confirmation of receipt email has not been received within acceptable delays.
6. Results will be posted online once judging is complete. Please allow ample time for the team of volunteers to finish reviewing and judging the numerous submissions.

***Note: Skills Ontario is no longer running the People's Choice portion of this contest.**

RESOURCES:

The Skills Ontario logo and other links can be found on our website in the Scopes section here skillsontario.com/competitions/cbr/scopes