



28TH ANNUAL SKILLS MANITOBA COMPETITION APRIL 9, 2026 CONTEST DESCRIPTION

CONTEST NAME: Cabinet Making

CONTEST NO: 24

LEVEL: Post Secondary

NOTE:

Post Secondary Level: 8 competitors

CONTEST LOCATION: Red River College - Notre Dame Campus – B119

CONTEST START TIME AND DURATION:

Start time is 8:00 AM sharp. Contest duration will be 5 hours.

PURPOSE OF CHALLENGE:

To assess the contestant's knowledge and skills in cabinetmaking by understanding and reproducing a specific cabinetmaking specialty by following a detailed set of shop drawings.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE TESTED:

- Ability to derive sizes and relationships from blueprint shop drawings
- Quality construction of a cabinetmaking specialty
- Ability to demonstrate time management and complete project under deadline
- Compliance with safety regulations and the proper use of safety equipment

POINT BREAKDOWN / 100 TOTAL:

- Safety / Work habits /5
- Conformance with specifications and accuracy of measurements /20
- Quality of joints (marked before gluing) /20

- Quality of assemblies /15
- Quality of sanding/15
- Squaring/10
- Fitting /10
- Material usage /5
- Material Used: 1st part exchanged=minus 4 points
Every part afterward=minus 2 marks

NATIONAL COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY:

- A mark of **70% or higher** must be scored by the gold medalist in order to attend the National Skills Competition

EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, MATERIALS TO BE PROVIDED BY COMMITTEE:

- Table saw c/w blades
- Mitre saw
- Router
- Workbench with vice
- Bar clamps
- All project materials (wood, glue, dowels, sandpaper, etc.)
- Edge sander
- Portable power drill
- Drill press
- 3/8 dowel jig
- Mortise machine

Contestants are NOT to bring portable power tools

EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, MATERIALS TO BE SUPPLIED BY COMPETITOR:

- Steel-toe footwear
- Hearing protection
- Protective eyewear
- Suitable work clothes(no muscle shirts and no shorts)
- Screwdriver driver bits(Robertson #6 & #8 screws)
- Metric Tape Measure
- Hammer or mallet
- Block plane
- Sanding block
- Chisel set
- Pencil, eraser, calculator
- Drill bit set
- Sliding t bevel
- 8mm dowel jig
- Screwdrivers(basic set)
- Dovetail or back saw
- 19 mm masking tape
- utility knife
- cabinet hand scraper

- 2 files (round & flat)

Contestants may bring any other hand tools they use on a regular basis, but must have them approved by the provincial technical committee at the orientation session.

WORKSITE SAFETY RULES / REQUIREMENTS:

- must wear steel toe footwear
- must wear hearing and eye protection
- must follow industry standard safety rules and regulations

SPECIAL CONDITIONS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If a competition results in a tie, the projects involved will be re-evaluated on a half point basis to conformance to drawings and accuracy of measurements.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SKILLS FOR SUCCESS FOR CAREERS IN THE SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY;

In response to the evolving labour market and changing skill needs, the Government of Canada has launched the new Skills for Success (former Essential Skills) model defining nine key skills needed by Canadians to participate in work, in education and training, and in modern society more broadly. SCC is currently working with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to bring awareness of the importance of these skills that are absolutely crucial for success in Trade and Technology careers. Part of this ongoing initiative requires the integration and identification of the Skills for Success in contest descriptions, projects, and project documents. The following 9 skills have been identified and validated as key skills for success for the workplace: 1.Numeracy, 2.Communication, 3.Collaboration, 4.Adaptability, 5.Reading, 6.Writing, 7.Problem Solving, 8.Creativity and Innovation, 9.Digital

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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PLEASE NOTE: Plans for the project are available from the committee 4 weeks prior to the Provincial competition