



## OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

THEME: LEVEL UP OUR FOOD BANK (favorite retro games)

Complete the entry form and return via mail by **5:00pm on January 20th**.  
Entry fee: \$200 [checks payable to "AIA West Jersey" Memo: Canstruction].  
You must also complete the registration form:  
<https://forms.gle/Sc6Cx67Cqzjip9iUA>

The rules and regulations governing all Canstruction® competitions are listed below. After the official building rules are additional guidelines adapted for the Pennsauken competition. They are included here to assist your team in understand all of aspects and logistics of this competition.

Each person on the committee and each team should be given a copy of the rules and regulations to review. These same rules and regulations will be explained to the Jury that will be judging the competition. The Jury will interpret the rules and regulations in making their determinations. All decisions are left in the hands of the Jury when it comes to awarding the teams and structures, however the competition organizers [Canstruction Pennsauken Steering Committee] reserve the right to disqualify any team or entry if the rules and regulations herein are not followed by an individual or a team during the competition [before, during and/or after Build Day]. If a team fails to meet deadlines or follow the rules and regulations, they will be disqualified and may not be invited to participate in future events.

1. All teams must have at least one member who is an architect, engineer, designer, contractor, professor, school teacher or other designated design professional to provide mentorship.
2. All teams are responsible for acquiring/purchasing all food for their structure, unless otherwise specified by the local committee. Tax receipts from the local Food Bank may be issued upon submission of receipts and donor information. Non-food costs are not eligible for tax receipts.
3. Structures must fit within a 10' x 10' area and must be a maximum of 10' high There is a minimum of 5 builders permitted at one time within the 10' x 10' area. There can be additional team members working outside of this area during the build out. There is no limit to the amount of people involved in the planning, logistics and design. Time limit: 12 hours **\*\*NOTE: Venue limitation of 9 hours.**
4. Teams must submit the following information: Title of structure, written description, design concept, dimensions, detailed list of foods and numbers of cans used. This information is used for display and national statistical purposes.
5. Structures must be made of unopened canned food, with minimal or no elements of non-perishable packaged food or props. All labels must remain intact.
6. Structures must be completely self-supporting. Structural support must not be load bearing. Maximum of 1/4" sheets of foam core, masonite, MDS sheet, plexi glass, cardboard, plywood or similar materials can be used as a leveling device between rows of cans.
7. Canned food can be joined using any of the following methods: Clear packaging tape, double sided tape, duct tape, Velcro, fishing line, wire, rubber bands, zip straps etc. Any method that provides easy demounting is permitted provided the labels and cans are NOT damaged. No gluing, welding or other permanent affixing of cans allowed.
8. No alcohol, glass containers, pet food, expired or open packages of food allowed in the structure. All labels must be intact.
9. Always Observe Safety Precautions! The following safety precautions provide important information intended to prevent personal injury to the builder and others, and property damage.
  - a. Personal Safety: Closed toed shoes are necessary for protection against foot injuries. Watch where you are walking. Don't run. The use of illegal drugs or alcohol or being under the influence of the same on the project shall be cause for dismissal. Do not distract the attention of fellow volunteers. Do not engage in any act which would endanger another person. Lift correctly - with legs, not the back. If the load is too

- heavy get help. Do not use power tools and equipment until you have been properly instructed in the safe work methods and become authorized to use them. Take caution when getting on an off equipment
10. Always Observe Safety Precautions! The following safety precautions provide important information intended to prevent personal injury to the builder and others, and property damage:
- a. Site Safety -Sanitation facilities have been or will be provided for your use. Defacing or damaging these facilities is forbidden. Keep your working area free from rubbish and debris. Be sure that all guards are in place. Do not remove, displace, damage, or destroy any safety device or safeguard furnished or provided for use on the job, nor interfere with the use thereof. Do not enter an area which has been barricaded. Know what emergency procedures have been established for your job site. (location of emergency phone, first aid kit, stretcher location, fire extinguisher locations, evacuation plan, etc.) Do not allow people to crowd the work area

Please see the flowing pages for the following additional information:

- Cans, Cans, Cans
- Concepts, Sketches, & Signage
- Drop off, Build Night
- Awards & Takedown

## CANS, CANS, CANS

### FOOD CANS OF ANY AND ALL SIZES MAY BE USED

If you are planning to use plastic containers make sure they can take the pressure of cans from above. No glass containers are allowed. No pet food is allowed. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. No use of soda or junk food – depending on the jury, you may be penalized for using non-nutritional items. Make efforts to use nutritious, edible foods. No opened/exposed food.

### LABELS ON CANS MAY NOT BE COVERED, ALTERED OR REMOVED/DESTROYED IN ANY WAY

Cans must be full, unopened and with labels intact and legible. You CANNOT compromise the integrity of the can (labels are required for the cans to be submitted to the foodbank, cans without labels will be discarded and not counted toward your team or our event totals). PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO USE CANNED GOODS! Use of boxes and bags is strongly discouraged. Excessive use of props is strongly discouraged as jurors prefer pure food structures. Deptford Mall, the Food Bank of South Jersey, AIA West Jersey, and CANstruction Pennsauken are NOT responsible for props that are stolen or removed from the exhibit location during the public exhibit.

### PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

One-quarter inch thick foam-core, ¼ inch thick cardboard, ¼ inch thick masonite, ¼ inch thick plywood, ¼ inch thick plexiglass, ¼ inch thick threaded rod – for the purpose of leveling or balancing materials but NOT as load bearing. Cardboard tubes used as guides must also be limited to one-quarter inch thick. A structure where the ¼” leveling materials cannot be seen is usually judged superior to a structure where it is in plain view. Velcro, clear and double-stick tape may be used. High-tension rubber bands, nylon string, wire and tie-backs are permissible. HOWEVER, CAN STRUCTURES MUST BE STRUCTURALLY SELF-SUPPORTING! NO 2x4 boards, NO half-inch plywood, NO half-inch thick tubing and NO sheet metal. NO PERMANENT ADHESIVES. THERE IS TO BE ABSOLUTELY NO CUTTING OF MATERIALS IN DEPTFORD MALL THE NIGHT OF BUILD NIGHT. ALL MATERIALS MUST BE PRE-CUT BEFORE ARRIVING ON THE PREMISES. Teams that do not abide by this will be disqualified from the competition, but all canned goods will still be donated to the Food Bank of South Jersey. Teams are responsible for leaving their site “broom-clean” at the end of deconstruction. All materials must be taken to the loading dock and properly broken down, recycled, or discarded by the team that used them to build their structures. Keep this in mind when choosing materials!

### ACQUISITION OF CANNED GOODS

Teams are responsible for obtaining canned goods through fundraising for money and purchasing canned goods in bulk, canned food drives, asking food stores to donate canned food items, etc.. Teams may solicit canned goods and/or financial donations from manufacturers, consultants, vendors, contractors or conduct employee food drives to acquire their canned goods for their structure. *Note the venue has a strict non-compete policy with their tenants and reserves the right to deny any sponsor. The venue will review all team sponsors.* Expired canned food should not be used in the competitions as the food will not be accepted by the local food bank.

All canned goods must be purchased/donated and ready for delivery on **Saturday May 6, 2023 between 7:00 am-10:00am**. If a team cannot deliver cans on this date, they will not be able to participate in the event. Teams may acquire cans from any store. Please contact AIA West Jersey for names of stores local to the venue

**IMPORTANT NOTE: UNDERSTANDING CHARITBLE DONATIONS FOR CANSTRUCTION TEAMS:** The local CANstruction Pennsauken competition IS NOT a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization. It is a charitable event run through AIA West Jersey and the United Way of Gloucester County to benefit the Food Bank of South Jersey.

## CONCEPTS, SKETCHES, & SIGNAGE

### TEAM CONCEPTS & SKETCHES

Upload the information below to <https://forms.gle/6PKx3YqPpP6LLyEq7> by February 14

Concepts are first-come, first-served. Each team is to provide a sketch or computer image, complete with proposed dimensions of their structure. If two teams submit the same idea, both teams will be notified. At that time, preference will be given to the team who submitted their design first and included the most detail at the time of their submission (a scaled drawing will be given preference over a napkin sketch, showing that team has put more thought and work into their design at that time). The other team will be required to re-submit a concept within a week of the initial deadline. Structures must fit within a 10' x 10' area and must be a maximum of 10' high.

### SIGNAGE TEXT

Upload the information below to <https://forms.gle/t6jhuGbe2rNqhnV17> by April 17

Each entry will have a foam-core board adjacent to their structure. There is an official graphic standard for the layout that is used without exception. Boards will be designed, populated with content and printed by the CANstruction Pennsauken Steering Committee. Teams shall provide the flowing content in a Word Document. You do NOT need to format the Word Document, choose fonts, sizes, graphics. The Steering Committee will do all of that for you!

- *Firm/School/Team Name(s)* – The way it should officially appear.
- *Title of Entry* – If any word in your title is to be italicized, in all caps, etc, please do so in your submission!
- *Descriptive Paragraph* – Minimum Length = 150 words. Maximum Length = 300 words. This is provided to the Jurors and public as they view each entry. Descriptions are most helpful in drawing the Jurors' and Public's eye to the rich detail in each design, any play on words, etc. Describe the choices you made in cans and labels to articulate your theme. Please Spellcheck your paragraph!
- *5-Person Team Member Names* – Captain first (no exceptions, no co-captains) followed by the other 4 "official" team names in alphabetical order by last name – spell names correctly – you may only designate ONE team captain.
- *Thank You's* – This section is where you can thank your other team members (if you had more than five), and for any sponsors and/or contributors who participated.
- *Sponsors logos / names. **Note the venue has a strict non-compete policy with their tenants and reserves the right to deny any sponsor. The venue will review all team sponsors***

Note: If information is not submitted in the format requested above, the CANstruction Pennsauken Steering Committee reserves the right to edit your text submission, correct your 5-Person Team Names and Thank You's accordingly so that they meet the requirements of the International Organization.

**USE OF CANSTRUCTION PENNSAUKEN, THE FOOD BANK OF SOUTH JERSEY, UNITED WAY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY, AND AIA WEST JERSEY, NAMES/LOGOS:** Individual CANstruction Teams are NOT permitted to use the above referenced Names or Logos for personal team events that have not been approved by the CANstruction Pennsauken Steering Committee (THIS ESPECIALLY APPLIES TO EVENTS THAT INVOLVE ALCOHOL, SUCH AS HAPPY HOURS)! Please use caution when promoting your events, and be cognizant of the fact that the above referenced organizations do not inherently endorse your teams' individual efforts and events to raise money. It is permissible to say: "All proceeds benefit Team \_\_\_\_\_'s participation in the CANstruction Pennsauken event"). Failure to abide by these rules may result in a disqualification from the competition.

## CAN DROP OFF & BUILD DAY

**CAN DROP OFF**

*Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 7:00am to 10:00am*

Can deliveries shall be scheduled with the Steering Committee during the time noted above so that the venue can coordinate with security. Deliveries must be complete before the mall opens. The Steering Committee will contact all team captains to arrange a specific drop off time and location. Mall Security will not assist with moving the cans – that is the sole responsibility of the teams. When delivering your cans, teams must have enough members ON SITE at all times during deliveries to make sure all cans have been delivered to their staging area in an efficient and timely manner. If you are using an outside mover to deliver your cans, team members must be present on site at the time of delivery. Teams are encouraged to bring flatbeds, carts and dollies to help move cans from your delivery vehicle to the staging area. There is no loading dock at the Deptford Mall.

**BUILD DAY**

*Saturday, May 6, 2021 from 10:15am – 7:00pm*

Each team MUST arrive with enough time for Build Day to end at 7:00pm. Please coordinate your teams anticipated arrival time with the Steering Committee. Build Day begins any time after 10:15am. Teams who do not follow the rules, will be disqualified from the competition and are ineligible from receiving awards. Structures must fit within the designated 10' x 10' area and must be a maximum of 10' high.

**STRUCTURE MANIFEST**

Each team captain must submit an Excel Spreadsheet on Build Day that includes their firm/school/team's contact information and columns requiring the following detailed inventory of cans:

- Name, Quantity and Size of each food product used in the structure
- Total number of cans
- Total cost whether purchased or donated
- Total amount of monetary donations being donated to the Food Bank of South Jersey

Complete ALL preparations of foam-core/material cutting or other special materials you require PRIOR TO BUILD NIGHT. NO CUTTING OF MATERIALS IS PERMITTED AT DEPTFORD MALL. Bring plenty of extra supplies (tape, scissors, cardboard). Bring a ladder if you are building a taller structure. Boxes must be stored out of sight for repackaging at the end of the event. You are permitted to bring food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages for Build Night. When your CANstruction is completely finished, send a representative to the onsite Steering Committee Member to check out. All teams must be finished by MIDNIGHT, WITHOUT EXCEPTION! If your structure falls during the exhibit, you must be prepared to clean it!

Don't forget to take photos and make tag the event on social media with the following hashtags: #FBSJ, #SJCan, #canstruction, @AIAWestJersey, @ShopDeptfordMall

**AWARDS & DECANSTRUCTION**

## AWARDS

*Awards will be announced during a closing reception on a date TBD shortly.*

Presentations of awards will begin at a time TBD shortly. At least one representative from each team is required to attend in order to receive an award, if your team does not have someone in attendance, the runner-up in that category will be awarded.

Awards will be given in the following 5 categories:

- Best Meal
- Structural Ingenuity
- Best Original Design
- Best Use of Labels
- Most Cans
- People's Choice\*

\* Following a public vote via Facebook

## JUDGING

Judging is conducted anonymously by a panel of "celebrity" judges from the local area. Signage will not be displayed until the jury has left, but the descriptions of each structure will be provided to the jury. Team members are not permitted to be on location at the time of judging, which will occur either on May 6 after 7:30pm, May 7<sup>th</sup> or May 8<sup>th</sup> depending on the judges availability. If you have time to come and rebuild before judging, you may do so, but if you choose not to rebuild, you must come and clean up your site. People's Choice voting will be conducted by the Food Bank of South Jersey via Facebook, and the winner will be announced the day after the close of the exhibit on August 9<sup>nd</sup>.

## DECANSTRUCTION

*Sunday, May 21, 2023 @ 5:45 pm*

Each team is responsible to take down / deconstruct their structure and locate the cans in the designated area for pickup by the Food Bank of South Jersey. Additional information will be available before build day. All teams must arrive on time for deconstruction, and the exhibit should be completely cleared by 8:00pm. Cardboard, Wood, Masonite, etc. sheets must all be taken to the dumpsters in the building (be cautious of your materials for the deconstruction and clean-up process).