## NAWIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION BLOCK KIDS BUILDING PROGRAM

**CHAPTER COMPETITION OVERALL RULES**

***PROGRAM SPONSORS***

1. Any NAWIC Chapter, group, organization, association, or school may be the sponsor for the building competition in their respective area. All contests shall conform to the rules and parameters as set forth by the NAWIC Education Foundation. Only winners from NAWIC Chapters will be eligible to enter the NAWIC Regional competition.
	1. Sponsors shall designate the date, time and place for the competition to be held.

Local contests shall be held not later than March 10th of each year in order for participants to be eligible for the current year’s regional or national competition.

* 1. The program shall be open for participation to all children enrolled in grades one
		1. through six (6). Previous National Winners or National Honorable Mention Recipients of the NEF Block Kids Building Program and Chapter 1st Place Winners are not eligible.
	2. All construction shall be completed using approved materials only.
1. All "blocks" shall be interlocking types of the “Micro” size - 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 posts. (No “Duplo” size blocks).
2. Each participant shall have a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 100 blocks with which to complete their project. Use of specialty pieces (windows, doors, wheels, people, animals, etc.) shall be avoided and will disqualify regional and national entries.
3. Each participant may also use up to three (3) additional items, supplied by the Sponsor, from the following list:
	1. Small rock/stone

not more than two (2) inches in diameter.

* 1. String

not longer than twelve (12) inches in length.

* 1. Foil

not larger than 18 inches X 18 inches\*

* 1. Poster Board

not larger than 18 inches X 18 inches\*

\*Each of these items may be broken or torn into smaller pieces, provided the child does so without outside assistance. The use of scissors or knife is prohibited.

1. Each participant may use a combination of three items (i.e. 2 rocks & 1 string; 2 foils & 1 poster board, etc.)
2. Each participant shall be provided with a work area of approximately two

(2) feet by two (2) feet on which to build their project.

1. Each participant shall have a minimum of forty (40) minutes and a maximum of one (1) hour to complete their project. Time starts when all children are ready to begin.
2. Each child shall be permitted to build the project of their choice, provided that it in some way relates to the construction industry. Construction equipment is acceptable. Sponsors shall use their discretion in determining the acceptability of projects, as relates to their respective area.

## NAWIC CHAPTER COMPETITION - JUDGING

1. Judging of each project shall be the responsibility of the Sponsor. Judges may be NAWIC members, other association members, local business people, media people, etc. provided that no individual is permitted to judge a participant who is a relative or friend.
	1. Judges shall also act as monitors during the building contest. It shall be the responsibility of the judges/monitors to ensure that each child completes the project entirely on their own. It is suggested that parents/guardians be provided with an area away from the children where they may wait until the conclusion of the contest.
	2. All judging shall be conducted using the official scoring forms, oral interview questions and other criteria as established by these Guidelines. (Forms BK #2 & BK #3) No other information will be considered in the selection of Chapter, Regional Semi finalists and National Winners.
	3. Sponsors may have as many winning categories as they like. Only one (1) entry per NAWIC Chapter may be sent to the NAWIC Regional Block Kids Committee Representative for further consideration.
2. **It shall be the sole responsibility of the Sponsor to provide for prize awards, mementos, and/or goody bags, etc., for contest winners and participants**. NEF shall provide Certificate of Participation templates and logos upon request.
3. Sponsors are encouraged to provide for at least a first place prize and a token memento for each participant.