



CONTEST DESCRIPTION

Outdoor Power and Recreation Equipment

SECONDARY

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1 THE SKILLS FOR SUCCESS FOR CAREERS IN THE SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

The Government of Canada has updated the previous Essential Skills framework to the new Skills for Success model in response to the evolving labour market and changing skill requirements. This model outlines nine fundamental skills Canadians need to thrive in work, education, training, and daily life.

Skills/Compétences Canada aims to highlight the importance of these skills, vital for success in trade and technology careers. Competitors can see how Skills for Success are integrated into contest descriptions, projects, and project documents. Recognizing these skills during the competition helps competitors match tasks with specific skills necessary for success and understand how these skills apply within their trade or technology programs and future careers.

The nine key Skills for Success, validated for workplace success, are:

1. Numeracy
2. Communication
3. Collaboration
4. Adaptability
5. Reading
6. Writing
7. Problem Solving
8. Creativity and Innovation
9. Digital

These Skills for Success are detailed in sections 2.4 and/or 3.2 (to be completed by SCC) of your Contest Description and, if relevant, in your Project and supporting documents.

2 CONTEST INTRODUCTION

2.1 Description of the associated work role(s) or occupation(s)

https://www.skillscompetencescanada.com/en/skill_area/outdoor-power-recreation-equipment/

2.2 Purpose of the Challenge

To test each student's skill and knowledge in the areas of inspection, measurement, maintenance and repair of small engines, outdoor powered equipment and recreational vehicles. Prepare each student for employment in the industry.

2.3 Duration of contest

12 hours

2.4 Skills and Knowledge to be tested.

Theory 35% Practical 65%

All phases of measurement will deal exclusively with metric only.

3 CONTEST DESCRIPTION

3.1 List of documents produced and timeline for when competitors have access to the documents on the Skills/Compétences Canada website.

DOCUMENT	DATE OF DISTRIBUTION
Engine Teardown	December 2025
Lawn Tractor Inspection	December 2025
Direct Current Electrical Systems	December 2025

3.2 Tasks that may be performed during the contest.

- To demonstrate the skill and knowledge involved with the service and repair of two and four stroke engines.
- Use of metric precision measuring tools¹
 - Micrometers
 - Dial bore gauge
 - Vernier caliper
 - Feeler gauge
 - Dial indicator
 - Plastigauge®
- Accurately measure and analyze engine components for wear ¹
- Metal cutting, tapping, drilling, filing
- Fuel Injection and Carburetor theory, adjustment procedures⁷
- Use of repair manuals for retrieval of procedures, specifications, and troubleshooting charts⁵
- Accurately perform compression, leak down, and crankcase pressure and vacuum test⁷
- Technical competence and safe work practice/procedures⁷
- Tool handling and recognition⁷
- CVT Transmission service and theory of operation
- Belt, Chain, Gear Final Drive System Service
- Multiplate Clutch and Constant Mesh Transmission operation
- Knowledge of Trade related Tire applications and designs⁷
- General knowledge of 4 Cycle theory
- General knowledge of 2 Cycle theory
- Use of Digital Volt-Ohm Meter⁹
- Electrical Measurements including Volts, Ohms, Amps, and Voltage Drops¹
- Ignition, charging, starting, and lighting system theory, inspection, and diagnosis⁷

4 EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL, CLOTHING

4.1 Equipment and material provided by Skills/Compétences Canada

- All necessary equipment, engines, hand tools, measuring tools and specialty tools.
- DVOM
- Compression Tester
- Leak down Tester
- Tec Angle Torque Wrench
- Dial Torque Wrench
- Micrometer Feed Torque Wrench
- Bit set
- Flashlight
- Screwdrivers
- Pliers
- Sockets, Ratchets, Extensions
- Wrenches
- Back Probes
- Feeler gauges
- Tape Measure
- Manufacturer Specific Tools
- Taps, Drills, Files
- Drill Press

COMPETITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY SCC. ALL OTHER MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE SKILL AREA.

4.2 Equipment and material provided by the competitor.

- Competitors are not required to supply any tools.

4.3 Required clothing provided by the competitor.

- Clean provincially supplied clothing or an unmarked t-shirt (work shirt) and work pants.

5 HEALTH AND SAFETY

5.1 Safety program

SCC has implemented a comprehensive safety program as health and safety is an integral part of our competitions. Our safety program includes guidelines and procedures to make the work environment in each skill area safer.

5.1.1 Safety manual

As part of our program a safety manual has been created to monitor and document health and safety within each skill area. It includes a definite plan of action designed to prevent accidents. The safety manual will be provided for every skill and these instructions must be followed and respected by all participants and officials at the SCNC.

5.1.2 Safety workshop

During orientation, Competitors will participate in a Safety workshop and they will be expected to work and maintain a safe working area during the competition. Any Competitor breaking any health, safety, and environmental rules, may be required to undertake a second safety workshop, this will not affect the Competitor's competition time.

5.2 List of required personal protective equipment (PPE) provided by the competitor.

- CSA Approved footwear
- Safety glasses – non-tinted

Note: Competitors who do not have the required protective equipment will not be allowed to participate in the competition

6 ASSESSMENT

6.1 Point breakdown

Note: This list is subject to change.

TASKS	/100
Engine Teardown	50
Hand Skills Project	10
Compression Test and Leak Down Test	10
Ohm's Law Circuit Building and Testing	10
Lawn Tractor Service Inspection	10
2-Stroke Top End	10

7 CONTEST SPECIFIC RULES

Contest specific rules cannot contradict or take priority over the Competition Rules. They do provide specific details and clarity in areas that may vary from contest to contest. Any additional contest rules will be reviewed during the competitor orientation.

TOPIC/TASK	CONTEST SPECIFIC RULE
Cell Phone	• Use not permitted during project work.

8 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

8.1 Interpreter

If a competitor requires the help of an interpreter once onsite during the competition, the Skills/Compétences Canada Provincial/Territorial offices must advise Skills/Compétences Canada National Secretariat a minimum of 1 month prior to the competition or this service may not be guaranteed.

8.2 Ties

- Tiebreaker #1: The competitor with the highest score in the Engine Teardown Lab will be declared the winner.
- Tiebreaker #2: The competitor with the highest score in the Ohm's Law Circuit Lab will be declared the winner.
- Tiebreaker #3: The competitor with the highest score in the Hand Skills Lab will be declared the winner.

8.3 Competition rules

Refer to the competition rules of the Skills Canada National Competition which can be found on our website.

9 NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MEMBER ORGANIZATION	NAME
Quebec	Alexandre Leblanc – Chair
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