

ASC Regions 6 & 7 2027 Student Competition and Construction Management Conference

February 3-6, 2027
Nugget Casino Resort
Sparks, Nevada

Competition Rules

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GENERAL RULE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

In the interest of fairness, any team or school considering actions not explicitly covered by these rules must first consult with the Competition Manager in writing and receive a written response before proceeding. If any rule is unclear, do not assume its intent—seek clarification from the Competition Manager in writing.

Failure to adhere to the **Spirit of Fair Competition** will result in the immediate disqualification of the offending team. Egregious violations, as determined by the Region 6 Director, Region 7 Director, and Competition Manager, may result in the disqualification of all teams from the offending school.

Teams are expected to uphold the highest standards of integrity throughout the competition. Any behavior that undermines the spirit of fair competition may result in penalties, up to and including disqualification.

The following rules and procedures are in effect for the 2027 competition. They must be thoroughly read, fully understood, and followed exactly to ensure fair competition and avoid potential penalties or disqualification.

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1.0 School Eligibility

Schools entering one or more student teams must be ASC members in good standing, with membership dues paid by October 1, 2026. Teams from schools with unpaid dues will be placed on the waitlist and will not be officially registered until dues are paid. Failure to pay ASC membership dues for AY 2026-2027 risks losing an allocated team slot in a category.

Regional competitions (Heavy Civil, Commercial, Mixed Use, and Design Build) are open to undergraduate programs from colleges and universities located within ASC Regions 6 and 7, respectively.

Open problem categories, including Integrated Project Issue Resolution, Mechanical, Virtual Design & Construction, Sustainable Building, Preconstruction, Project Management, Electrical, and Concrete Solutions, accept entries from colleges or universities in any ASC region.

The Alternates Competition is open to all students designated as alternates on a registered team.

Schools may enter one or more teams according to guidelines in Section 2.0 without charge. Non-member schools must join the ASC to compete.

To Join the ASC - [ASC Membership Application](#)

2.0 Team Size, Makeup and Eligibility

Region 6 Competition in Heavy Civil, Commercial, Mixed Use, and Design Build

Each ASC Region 6 member school may enter a team comprised of a maximum of six currently enrolled undergraduate students per competition problem.

Region 7 Competition in Heavy Civil, Commercial, Mixed Use, and Design Build

Each ASC Region 7 member school may enter a team comprised of a maximum of six currently enrolled undergraduate students per competition problem.

Open Competition (All ASC Regions) in Mechanical, Virtual Design & Construction, Sustainable Development, Preconstruction, Project Management, Electrical, and Concrete Solutions

Each ASC member school may enter a team comprised of a maximum of six currently enrolled undergraduate students per competition problem.

Open Competition (All ASC Regions) in Integrated Project Issue Resolution

Each ASC member school may enter a team comprised of a maximum of six currently enrolled students. Team members may be undergraduate students, graduate students, or a combination of both.

Region 6, Region 7, and Open Problem Categories

Only registered team members may participate in creating the competition solution. No additional persons, including helpers, runners, or assistants, are permitted to assist the team. Teams will be disqualified if more than six persons contribute to creating the competition solution in any way, including food and supply runs. Cell phone use to contact outside persons is prohibited, except in an emergency or when specifically authorized by the problem sponsor. Ethical behavior is essential for all team members, coaches, students, and industry professionals throughout the competition.

Intent to Compete Registration

Registration begins on October 5, 2026, at Noon PT, on a first-come, first-served basis. Open problem categories are limited to 14 teams. Teams are strongly encouraged to register early. Registrations beyond 14 teams are subject to approval by the problem sponsor.

Team Withdrawal

To withdraw a team from a problem category, email the ASC Competition Manager at labrown2@csuchico.edu and include the university name, problem category, your name, and the request to withdraw. Schools that withdraw a team after December 11, 2026, will not be permitted to compete in that problem category the following year.

Registering a Second Team in Same Category

Beginning October 19, 2026, schools may register additional teams in any Regional or Open Problem Category, subject to space availability and the maximum of 14 teams per category. If space becomes limited in a Regional Problem Category, a school's additional team may be removed to provide an opportunity for another eligible Region 6 or Region 7 school to compete.

Team Alternate

Each team may register up to two alternates. Alternates must be registered with the team by December 11, 2026. No alternates may be added after this date. Registered alternates who are not participating as team members should compete in the Alternates Competition.

Team Member Changes / Substitutions - All Teams

Changes to registered team members may be submitted until February 1, 2027, at 5:00 PM PT. If a registered team member needs to be replaced, an eligible substitute may be added.

To request a team member change or substitution, email the ASC Competition Manager at labrown2@csuchico.edu and provide only the substitution information listed below in the body of the email. **Do not resend the entire team roster and do not submit the information as an attachment.**

Substitution Example

- University: Chico State
- Problem Category: Region 7 Design Build
- Team Member Name to Remove: Tom Smith
- Team Member Name to Add: Patty Page
- New Team Member Email Address: ppage55@mail.csuchico.edu

No team member changes or substitutions may be made once the competition begins.

Team Eligibility

To be eligible to compete, each student must be actively enrolled in classes at their respective school at the time of the competition. The team must be properly registered for the ASC Regions 6 & 7 Student Competition, and the school must be an ASC member in good standing as outlined in Section 1.0.

All team members and faculty coaches are required to stay at the Nugget Casino Resort in the designated competition room blocks for the duration of the competition. Team members must be housed in the Resort Tower, with a maximum of four students per room. Faculty coaches must be housed in the Casino Tower, subject to room availability as determined by the Nugget.

Once the competition begins, faculty coaches may not enter the Resort Tower or any other location where teams are competing unless specifically authorized by the Competition Manager.

3.0 Spirit of Fair Competition and Professional Conduct Before Arrival at the Competition

All questions regarding the Student Competition must be directed to the Competition Manager, Lori Brown, at labrown2@csuchico.edu. Teams, faculty coaches, and other school representatives may not contact the problem sponsor directly unless specifically instructed to do so in the pre-problem statement. Unauthorized contact with the problem sponsor may result in disqualification.

During the Competition

The competition begins when the problem sponsor issues its problem packet and continues until the team completes its oral presentation.

Team Coaches and Faculty Restrictions

Once the competition begins, team coaches and other faculty members are not permitted to attend or participate in project handout, project update meetings, project turn-in, or any other team activity occurring

during the competition period, unless specifically authorized by the Competition Manager for a life-safety or other emergency. These activities are considered part of the competition.

Once the competition begins, only registered team members may work on the problem solution. Team coaches should limit any communication with their teams to “good luck” or similar encouragement and must have no further contact with the team until after the team completes its oral presentation. Alternates are not considered participating team members and may not assist the team or run errands for the team.

Team Workroom

Team members must not seek, receive, or access outside assistance or unauthorized information during the competition, including assistance from team coaches, other teams, or outside persons. Cell phone communication with outside persons is prohibited except in an emergency or when specifically authorized by the problem sponsor. Internet access is permitted only when specifically allowed in the problem category pre-problem statement.

Team Conduct During the Competition

No one, including team members, coaches, faculty, school representatives, or affiliates, may videotape, photograph, or otherwise record team activities once the competition begins. The only exception is the recording of a school’s own team oral presentation in accordance with Section 5.0, **Video Recording**. **Competition Event and Team Presentations – Regional and Open Competitions.** Unauthorized recording or photography will result in disqualification.

Each competition team must designate a faculty coach to accompany the team. Once the competition begins, the faculty coach’s role is limited to ensuring compliance with the competition rules and addressing life-safety issues.

During the competition, only registered team members and the problem sponsor may enter the team workroom or have contact with the team. In a life-safety or other emergency, a faculty coach or other appropriate personnel may enter the team workroom when authorized by the Competition Manager. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification.

4.0 Conflict of Interest

Team members who have prior knowledge of a problem sponsor’s competition problem, including knowledge gained through previous employment, internships, or involvement with the project, must promptly notify the ASC Competition Manager at labrown2@csuchico.edu in writing. Teams must also comply with any additional conflict-of-interest requirements identified in the problem category pre-problem statement.

No team may receive individual coaching, assistance, or information from any employee of the company sponsoring its problem category. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team. All problem sponsors have signed an MOU requiring their personnel to refrain from coaching, assisting, or providing information to any team competing in their designated Problem Category.

5.0 Competition Problem Statements and Conditions

Each team will be provided with competition problem materials prepared by the problem sponsor. These materials constitute the official competition problem and define the required scope of work. During the competition, questions regarding the problem may be directed only to the problem sponsor judges. The problem sponsor judges have sole discretion to determine whether and how to respond to any question.

Each team must strictly adhere to all time frames, deadlines, schedules, locations, and other conditions specified in the competition problem. Failure to comply may result in rejection of a deliverable, point deductions, or disqualification from the competition.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use

The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI), or other AI-enabled tools is prohibited unless specifically permitted within the parameters established by the problem sponsor. Competition project documents, including plans, specifications, contracts, and other problem materials, may not be uploaded to any AI-enabled tool unless specifically authorized by the problem sponsor.

Any permitted use of AI must comply with the requirements established by the problem sponsor. During presentations, team members must be able to demonstrate their understanding of all work presented as part of their competition solution, including work developed with the assistance of AI. Failure to demonstrate competency may result in significant point deductions. Use of AI outside the problem sponsor's established parameters may result in disqualification.

Video Recording Competition Event and Team Presentations - Regional and Open Competitions

Only the ASC Regions 6 & 7 Competition Manager may authorize, in writing, external professionals, university videographers, student projects, or others to photograph, videotape, or otherwise record competition events or presentations.

A registered faculty coach may record only their own team's designated oral presentation using a cell phone or small handheld device and only in accordance with the requirements below. No other recording of competition activities or presentations is permitted without prior written authorization from the Competition Manager. See Section 3.0.

Regional Competition Presentation Viewing

No team member, coach, faculty member, staff member, industry affiliate, student, or other person affiliated with a competing school may enter the presentation room or view another team's presentation in the same Regional Problem Category until their team's designated presentation time. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification.

Open Competition

No team member, coach, faculty member, staff member, industry affiliate, student, or other person affiliated with a competing school may enter the presentation room or view another team's presentation in an Open Problem Category in which their school is competing until their team's designated presentation time. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification.

Competition Content, Recording, and Use

All competition problems, presentations, and competition-related content are the property of ASC. No person may record, reproduce, distribute, publish, or otherwise share any competition problem, presentation, or competition-related content without prior written authorization from the ASC Regions 6 & 7 Competition Manager, except as specifically permitted in these rules.

By attending the ASC Regions 6 & 7 Student Competition and Construction Management Conference, attendees acknowledge that their image or likeness may be photographed or recorded and used by ASC or its member schools for promotional purposes.

6.0 Equipment, Team Rooming List, and Hotel Room Rules

Due to the increased use of electronic submissions, only one Team Print Center will be available for the 2027 competition.

EQUIPMENT

Each team may use one computer per registered team member, one printer, one plotter, and one scanner. All-in-one printers are permitted.

The Team Print Center will provide additional printing and scanning support, including color laser printing up to 11" x 17", Wi-Fi-enabled printing, copying up to 11" x 17", scanners, and desktop computers equipped with current versions of commonly used software, including Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Project, and Bluebeam Revu.

TEAM ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Each presentation room will be equipped with a projector and a laptop computer provided by the problem sponsor. Any additional equipment or software required for the presentation is the responsibility of the team. Teams requiring specific software should bring their own computer and must be prepared to connect it to the presentation room equipment. Setup time will be limited and determined by the problem sponsor.

Team Print Center

ASC Regions 6 & 7 will provide a Team Print Center for student use. Teams are responsible for allowing sufficient time for printing, copying, and scanning. Delays or technical issues associated with the Team Print Center will not extend competition deadlines or submission times established by the problem sponsor.

Team Rooming List Application

All team rooms must be reserved using the Team Rooming List Application provided by the ASC Regions 6 & 7 Competition Manager to the team's Faculty Coach of record. The names submitted on the Team Rooming List Application must match the registered team member, alternate, and faculty coach names listed on the ASC Regions 6 & 7 website.

Faculty and Staff Hotel Room Reservation Application – see asc67.org

Download the ASC 2027 Nugget Casino Resort Room List Template-UNIV – see asc67.org

Completed Team Rooming List Applications must be submitted by December 11, 2026. Failure to submit the application by the deadline will result in disqualification. Name changes after submission are permitted only in accordance with the team member and alternate registration and substitution requirements outlined in these rules.

Payment instructions are included in the Team Rooming List Application.

Hotel Room Rules

Each team may reserve a maximum of four guest rooms. One or more of these rooms may be designated as team workrooms. When submitting the Team Rooming List Application, teams must identify the room(s) to be used as workrooms. The hotel will provide two tables and four chairs in each designated workroom by Wednesday, February 3, 2027. Beds will remain in all designated workrooms. Workrooms will be located throughout the Resort Tower, and the hotel will make every effort to locate team sleeping rooms near their designated workroom. Suites may not be reserved as separate workrooms.

Furniture may not be removed from or disassembled in any guest room or designated workroom. A \$1,000 charge per room will be assessed to the school for any room in which furniture is removed or disassembled.

Alternates

Teams may reserve one additional guest room for every two registered alternates. Gender-related rooming conflicts will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Registered alternates may not share a sleeping room with students participating as team members.

Faculty

Faculty room reservations are limited to current, registered faculty members of the school. Priority will be given to registered faculty coaches, up to a maximum of five per school. Additional faculty room reservations are subject to hotel room availability.

7.0 Team Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

All competing team members are required to read and sign the Team Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be eligible to participate. Team MOUs will be available after January 11, 2027, with instructions for completion and submission. The signed Team MOU must be submitted by February 1, 2027, at 5:00 PM PT.

February 1, 2027, at 5:00 PM PT is the final deadline for changes to registered team member names. After this deadline, no new team members may be added. A team member may be replaced only by an alternate who was registered with the team by the December 11, 2026, alternate registration deadline.

The names on the signed Team MOU, Team Rooming List Application, ASC Regions 6 & 7 website, and competition badges must be consistent at check-in. Any discrepancies must be resolved with the Competition Manager before the team may be officially checked in and cleared to compete.

No team member changes or substitutions may be made once the competition begins.

8.0 Registration and Timeline:

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| Oct. 5, 2026 | <u>Team Registration</u> (Intent to Compete)
Schools may register their intent to enter a team beginning at Noon PT on this date. If a team decides not to compete in a problem category, the school must notify the Competition Manager of the withdrawal by December 11, 2026. Schools that withdraw a team after December 11, 2026, will not be permitted to compete in that problem category the following year. |
| Oct. 5, 2026 | <u>Pre-Problem Statement Due</u>
Problem sponsors must submit their pre-problem statements by this date. Pre-problem statements will be posted on the ASC Regions 6 & 7 website. |
| Oct. 19, 2026 | <u>Additional Team Registration Begins</u>
Schools may register additional teams in the same Regional or Open Problem Category beginning on this date, subject to space availability and the maximum of 14 teams per category. |
| Nov. 2, 2026 | <u>Team Roster Registration Begins</u>
Registration of team member, alternate, and faculty coach names begins on this date. All names must be registered by December 11, 2026. Teams that do not register the required names by the deadline will be dropped from the competition. |
| Dec. 11, 2026 | <u>Team Registration Ends</u>
Team registration closes on this date. No new teams may register after December 11, 2026. |
| Dec. 11, 2026 | <u>Deadline for Team Roster Names</u> |

The names of all team members, the faculty coach, and all alternates must be registered and displayed on the ASC Regions 6 & 7 website by this date. Teams that do not provide the required names by the deadline will be dropped from the competition.

Dec. 11, 2026 Team Rooming List Application Due

Completed Team Rooming List Applications must be submitted by this date. Failure to submit the application by the deadline will result in disqualification. See Section 6.0 for Team Rooming List Application requirements.

Feb. 1, 2027 Signed Team MOU and Final Team Member Names Due by 5:00 PM PT

The signed Team MOU must be submitted by 5:00 PM PT on this date. February 1, 2027, at 5:00 PM PT is also the final deadline for changes to registered team member names. After this deadline, a team member may be replaced only by an alternate who was registered with the team by December 11, 2026. See Section 7.0.

Feb. 3, 2027 Check-in

Students, faculty coaches, and competition attendees may check in and pick up registration materials from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM in the registration area located in the Grand Ballroom Foyer on the second floor of the Convention Center.

Team MOUs and registered team member names will be verified during check-in. Competition badges issued at check-in must match the final registered team information before the team is cleared to compete.

All participants will receive an official event badge, which must be worn at all times. Badges are required for admission to competition events, including the Welcome Dinner, Job Fair, Awards Ceremony, and other sponsored activities.

Freight Dock / Equipment Loading

The Nugget Casino Resort requests that all student teams use the Freight Dock for loading and unloading competition equipment. The Freight Dock is located on the west side of the Resort Tower, just south of Interstate 80.

9.0 Disqualification / Firearms and Weapons

Violation of any competition rule may result in immediate disqualification, as determined by the Competition Manager, Region 6 Director, and Region 7 Director.

Firearms and Weapons

The Nugget Casino Resort is a gun- and weapon-free property. Any firearm or weapon, whether permitted, non-permitted, or carried under a concealed-carry permit, must be declared at registration and stored by the Nugget in its designated secure storage area until checkout. Violation of this requirement may result in the disqualification of all teams associated with the violator's school.

10.0 Problem Sponsor Feedback

Problem sponsors will provide each team with feedback regarding its competition performance. Feedback is intended to help teams understand their strengths and identify areas for improvement. Problem sponsors are not required to provide final scores or detailed rankings beyond the top three teams. The purpose of this feedback is to support student learning and development.

Acknowledgments

The ASC Regions 6 & 7 Student Competition and Construction Management Conference would not be possible without the dedication and support of many individuals and organizations.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our problem sponsors for their continued commitment to fostering the development of future construction management professionals. Your invaluable contributions of time, expertise, and resources help make this event an unparalleled educational experience for students across the country.

A special thanks to the faculty coaches and university staff for their dedication in preparing students to succeed, both in this competition and in their future careers. We would also like to recognize and thank the ASC Regions 6 & 7 Directors, the Competition Manager, ASC Staff, and all volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to organize and execute this event. Your hard work and commitment are essential to the success of this competition.

Finally, we are grateful to the student participants for their enthusiasm, professionalism, and hard work. This competition exists to challenge and inspire you, and your continued involvement and dedication are what make this event thrive year after year.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making the 2027 ASC Regions 6 & 7 Student Competition a success!