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Specific Competition Eligibility
The sheet metal competition has no competition-specific eligibility requirements. Please refer to overall eligibility requirements listed in the guidebook.

Online Exam
Important news for 2022 - The online exam must be completed before competitors arrive on site, at a local NCCER Accredited Training Sponsor or Assessment Center. Exceptions will be made for extreme circumstances with prior approval of the NCC Director. All competitors must sit for the online exam or face disqualification from the NCC. The online exam continues to make up 25% of one’s overall competition score. It is the responsibility of the sponsor organization to schedule test sessions directly with NCCER. To schedule a test or view additional guidelines, please view the info page here.

Practical Performance Test Description
Each competitor will perform several tasks utilizing knowledge and skills applicable to sheet metal fabrication, installation, field layout and field measurement. This task will be drawn from both residential and commercial construction. The competitor will be issued a drawing and materials. Working on a wood sub-floor or a steel overhead structure, the competitor will be required to layout, fabricate, and install a duct system as per plans consisting of elbows, transitions, offsets, round pipe, taps and straight joints. The materials used will consist of some prefabricated fittings and accessories. All other pieces will be fabricated from metal blanks, cut to approximate size, which are provided to complete the project.

Knowledge and Skills Required
The knowledge and skills for this competition are based on all levels of the NCCER Series Sheet Metal curriculum, with emphasis on the following modules:

- Introduction to the Sheet Metal Trade
- Fasteners, Hangers, and Supports
- Installation of Air Distribution Accessories
- Insulation
- Introduction to Sheet Metal Layout and Processes
- Trade Math One
- Fabrication One – Parallel Line Development
- Trade Math Two
- Fabrication Two: Radial Line Development
- Bend Allowances
- Blueprints and Specifications
- Air Properties and Distribution
- Sheet Metal Duct Fabrication Standards
- Trade Math Three: Field Measuring and Fitting
- Air Systems Principles of Airflow
- Comprehensive Blueprint and Specification Reading
- Fabrication Three: Triangulation
- Architectural Sheet Metal
- Shop Production and Organization
- Air Balance
- Fabrication Four: Comprehensive Review

Tools Required
Each competitor should bring the tools listed on the following page to the competition. Tools may be examined prior to the practical performance test and additional tools will be stored until the competition
has concluded. If a tool, necessary to complete the practical performance test, is not listed, the National Craft Championships Committee will provide it:

- Left and right aviation snips (offset snips acceptable)
- Sheet metal hammer
- 12- to 14-inch tinner snips
- Hand seamer
- Flat-tip screwdriver
- Scratch awl or scribe
- Center punch
- 10’ tape measure (minimum)
- Level (6’ or 2’)
- Dividers
- Pencil/Sharpie-type marker
- 12-inch combination square (minimum)
- Flexible steel rule (24” minimum)
- 12-inch Malco (or equal) folding tool
- Adjustable wrench

Competitors should also be familiar with the safe operation of the following tools to be provided onsite:

- Pittsburgh machine
- Hand-crank flanging machine
- Cordless drill and impact
- Metal brake

Sample Score Sheet
The following sample score sheet is provided to give competitors an example of the criteria that may be included in the practical performance test. However, this score sheet is only a sample and not intended to act as a study guide in preparation or to imply specific criteria that will be judged during the actual Practical Performance Test.

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