



## 2026 Metal Stud Framing and Drywall Competition

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### FACT SHEET

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#### **Specific Competition Eligibility**

The metal stud framing and drywall competition has no competition-specific eligibility requirements. Please refer to overall eligibility requirements listed in the guidebook.

#### **Written Exam**

Competitors will have one (1) hour to complete the 50-question exam. Every competitor should thoroughly understand the craft in which he/she is registered. All exams/tests are based on the standardized craft training process. In addition to the knowledge and skills required for each competition, all competitors should have completed the NCCER Core Curriculum modules. All competitors must sit for the exam or face disqualification from the NCC. The written exam makes up 25% of one's overall competition score. ABC will provide pencils, scratch paper, and a calculator for mathematical problems (if necessary). Scientific/graphing calculators and loose notes are prohibited. No reference materials are permitted. *Please refer to the 2026 NCC Guidebook for more details.*

#### **Practical Performance Test Description**

Metal stud framing and drywall competitors will perform hands-on tasks specific to the trade. Tasks will consist of commercial methods of building, studied and performed throughout their apprenticeship and on-the-job training. Competitors will use metal components in the construction of wall and window systems. Knowledge of heavy and light gauge framing as well as frame doors and windows. The competitor must also be proficient in print reading, understanding general notes and layout. A medal-winning performance can come to those who best utilize their time, materials and skills knowledge to safely and accurately complete, to the best of their ability, the practical skills challenge before them. Construction master calculator or equivalent will be permitted.

#### **Knowledge and Skills Required**

The knowledge and skills for this competition are based on all labels of the NCCER drywall curriculum. It is strongly recommended that competitors have a working knowledge equivalent to a third-year apprentice.

#### **Tools Required**

Each competitor should bring only the tools listed below to the competition. Tools may be examined prior to the practical performance test and additional tools will be stored until the competition has concluded.

- Construction calculator

## Tools Provided

ABC will provide the following tools:

- Utility knife
- Line laser
- Tool belt with pouches
- Keyhole saw
- Speed square
- Work gloves
- Construction pencil
- 25-foot tape measure
- Straight-cut snips (yellow)
- 3 C-clamps
- Chalk
- Zip router
- Kevlar sleeves
- Rasp
- Claw hammer
- Phillips screwdriver
- Chalk box
- Impact driver
- Drywall screw gun
- Cut out tool kit

Review the safety scope for the highlighted power tools

## 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 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.**

## ABC National Craft Championships Drywall Sample Score Sheet

Judging Criteria	Competitor Identification Numbers				
	Maximum Points				
<u>GENERAL</u>					
Appearance					
Use of materials					
<u>SHAFT WALL FRAMING</u>					
Accurate to print & dimensions					
Coreboard					
Assembly					
<u>METAL STUD FRAMING</u>					
Studs					
Drywall					
Assembly					
<u>WINDOW &amp; DOOR FRAME</u>					
Cuts					
Assembly					
<u>FURR DOWN</u>					
Accurate dimension					
Cuts					
Square					
Project disassembly					
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>160</b>				
Safety – housekeeping					
Use of hard hat and safety glasses					
Use of power tools					
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>40</b>				
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>200</b>				
Tie Breaker #1					
Tie Breaker #2					