



**Rhode Island Convention Center
Providence, Rhode Island
March 14 & 15, 2018**

2018 Northeast Hardscape Expo Installer Championship

Team Registration Form

Team Name: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Email: _____

Office or Home phone: _____

Cell phone _____

Name of Crew Member 1: _____

Name of Crew Member 2: _____

Name of Crew Alternate: _____

Registration Fee: \$200.00 per team to be paid when registering for Northeast Hardscape Expo by completing and mailing this form and payment to:

**NECMA
PO Box 448
Manchaug, MA 01526**

Please make check payable to NECMA. This fee is fully refundable upon participation at the competition. This fee is fully non-refundable if the team elects not to participate.

Questions? Please contact Dave Dimmick at 508-476-3466 or email: dimmick@necma.com.

Conditions

1. Registration is not considered complete until the fully completed and signed Team Registration Form is received along with supporting documents and payment.
2. Cancellations must be submitted to the Event Organizer in writing at least 1 week in advance of the event. Substitutions will be permitted from the same company any time prior to the event.
3. Northeast Hardscape Expo and NECMA are not responsible for expenses incurred due to cancellation of the championship.
4. Any participants who are found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the Regional Installer Championship will be immediately disqualified from the competition and the registration fee will be forfeited.
5. All decisions of the judges are final.
6. Failure to comply with the rules or conditions of the Championship by any team member will result in the team's disqualification.

Please sign below the Championship Rules on next page. ►

Championship Rules

Entry is limited to the first 16 completed registrations.

1. Complete the Team Registration Form, each team member MUST sign the form.
2. Teams must submit proof of their general liability and workers compensation insurance coverage.
3. Submit both the completed Team Registration Form and the insurance documents by mail along with your \$200.00 registration fee to NECMA, PO Box 448, Manchaug, MA 01526. Any questions, please call 508-476-3466.
 - a. Each team must have two (2) crew members and may choose to register one (1) alternate, ALL must sign and date this Team Registration Form.
 - b. Teams must attend the pre-event meeting scheduled on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 8:00am at the Rhode Island Convention Center 1 Sabin Street Providence RI 02903. The judging criteria and rules will be reviewed. Teams will be randomly placed in a preliminary round and assigned a construction area at the pre-event meeting. Failure to attend or make alternate arrangements will constitute a withdrawal from the Northeast Hardscape Expo Installer Championship and forfeiture of the entry fee.
 - c. Each team will be provided with basic hand tools and personal safety equipment. The following larger tools will be supplied for use during the Championship:
 1. Weber CF3 vibratory plate compactor,
 2. iQ360 14" masonry chop saw with integrated dust collection,
 3. Screed rails
 4. Screed board

A comprehensive list of additional tools that we provide will be sent to you with your confirmation to compete in our event. Teams may bring and use their own small hand tools.

Competition Format

- a. There will be two Preliminary Rounds of 8 teams with 8 teams advancing to the Semi-Finals. 4 of the 8 teams will advance to the Championship Round to take place the following day.
- b. Between each preliminary round, each construction area will be returned as close as possible to its original state by the participating team, so the subsequent team may compete without any noticeable advantage or disadvantage.
- c. During the preliminary round(s) each team's score will be calculated based on completeness, compliance to industry guidelines, safety, quality and craftsmanship by each judge as detailed in the Preliminary Round Judging Form.
- d. The team's Preliminary Round Total Score will be the sum of their score from all judges during the preliminary round.
- e. At the end of the two preliminary round(s), each team will be ranked based on their Preliminary Round Total Score. The eight teams with the highest total Preliminary Round Total Scores will advance to the Semi-Final Round. The four teams with the highest total scores will advance to the Championship round.
- f. During the Championship round, each team will be given ninety (90) minutes to complete their construction, according to their own creative design in the assigned construction area using the materials provided.
- g. During the Championship round each team's score will be calculated based on completeness, compliance to industry guidelines, safety, quality, craftsmanship and creativity as detailed in the Championship Round Judging Form by each judge.
- h. The team's Championship Round Total Score will be the sum of their scores from all judges during the Championship round.
- i. At the end of the Championship round, each team will be ranked based on their Championship Round Total Score. In the case of a tie, the judges will determine the final ranking.
- j. The team ranked highest will be declared the "Regional Installer Champion".

Layout and Work

- a. During each preliminary round, all teams will construct an 8'x10' patio area within 60 minutes as detailed in the supplied drawing involving:
 - 4"x 8" pavers installed in a herringbone pattern with a soldier course
 - Bedding sand, edge restraint
 - Compaction without joint sand
 - Installation of a 12" high seat wall plus coping comprised of 4"x8"x12" wall block intersecting at 90° in one corner and extending 64" in one direction and 40" in the other
- i. Note: Joints will not be filled with sand nor will a final compaction be performed
- ii. After the judging, it is the responsibility of each team to repalletize the materials used. Failure to do this will result in a forfeiture.
- b. All materials to be used in the construction will be provided and placed in the team's assigned area. Pre-cut or discarded materials left from previous rounds cannot be used in the construction. Teams cannot supply their own materials.
- c. Teams are required to be at their designated construction area not less than 15 minutes prior to the start of the round they are competing in. Failure to arrive at this time will constitute a withdrawal from the Northeast Hardscape Expo Installer Championship.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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I have read and agree to be bound by and at all times adhere to the Conditions, Championship's Rules, Statement of Understanding and Disclaimer of Liability.

Signature of Crew Member 1:

Signature of Crew Member 2:

Signature of Crew Member 3:

Date: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____