

Contest Description

Edmonton Expo Centre, Edmonton

May 6 & 7, 2026

EVENT: Fashion Technology	LEVEL: Secondary
WORLDSKILLS TRADE #: 31	LOCATION: Hall B, Edmonton Expo Centre, Edmonton
DURATION: 13 hrs two days	REGIONALIZED: In order to participate at the Provincial Skills Canada Competition a competitor must qualify through the Qualifying competition.
COMPETITION SCHEDULE:	
May 6:	May 7:
ORIENTATION	8:00AM
COMPETITION	8:15AM
COMPETITION	8:15AM-12:00PM
LUNCH	12:00PM-12:30PM
HAND IN VEST	1:15PM
COMPETITION	12:30PM-4:00PM
<i>Please Note: This document is subject to change as competition information is updated. Competitors are responsible for staying up to date with the most recent information. Check the footer for last updated date. Changes will be highlighted in yellow.</i>	

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Purpose of the Challenge:

Competitors will make 2 garments:

- Construct a lined vest (pre-fused and pre-cut) with a collar/lapel, welt pocket, separating centre front zipper, and slits at side seams.
- Design, make the pattern, cut and sew a pant for Spring/Summer with a front fly, a waistband, pockets and accessories.

Skills and Knowledge to be Tested

The competition will focus on practical work. Theoretical knowledge is limited to what is necessary to carry out the practical work. Competitors will construct a precut lined princess seam vest, with CF zipper and side slits and welt pockets, as well as manipulate a provided block for a pant meeting design requirements.

Duration of the Contest: 13 hours

- The vest must be completed and submitted for evaluation within the first 4.5 hours of the competition. Competitors are permitted to begin working on their pants after they have submitted their vest. The entire pant (pattern, layout, and construction) must be completed in the remaining in the remaining 8 ½ hours (13 hours total). When planning the design details for the pants, competitors should consider the time frame of the competition.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Tasks to be performed before the competition:

- Competitors must prepare and bring a color fashion illustration of their proposed design (minimum 8 ½" X 11", maximum 11" X 17") suitable for display. Points will be deducted if this is not available at the beginning of the competition. Do not mount your illustrations. Fashion illustration will not be judged.
- Competitor must also use the watermark croquis, provided on the Skills Alberta website, to complete a front and back technical on one page. It is intended that the drawings be completed directly on the watermark croquis. Drawings must be in pencil, include a fly front and waistband (as in the basic pant block), and must not be coloured. Points will be deducted if the technical drawing is not submitted on Day 1 of the competition.

Tasks to be performed during the competition:

VEST (4.5 hours maximum)

- Competitors will construct a vest from pre-fused and pre-cut fabric and lining.
- Vest pattern includes 1 cm seam allowances and the following pieces:
 1. Centre Front (left and right)
 2. Side Front
 3. Back
 4. Top Collar
 5. Under Collar
 6. Front Facing
 7. Back Hem Facing
 8. Front Hem Facing
 9. Handkerchief Pocket Welt
 10. Front Lining
 11. Side Front Lining

- 12. Back Lining
- 13. Pocket Bag Lining
- 14. Pocket Bag Facing

PANT

- A pant block will be provided.
- Competitors manipulate the block, cut, and construct their pant.
- Design must incorporate the use of both sides of the fabric.
- Lining fabric must only be used for the interior of the pants.

Competitors must NOT alter or add to the mandatory components listed below. The final pattern and construction must match the pattern's dimensions, markings and cutting instructions.

Mandatory components:

- Waistband (no belt loops, no topstitching, etc.)
- Fly-front zipper with topstitching
- Button, buttonhole placement, and hook-and-bar
 - *Competitors will not have access to a buttonhole machine but are required to mark the buttonhole placement.
- Minimum length: 18 cm below the knee

Any project missing one or more of these required elements will be marked incomplete and no points will be awarded for the missing parts.

- Block for pant includes 1 cm seam allowances and the following pieces:
 1. Front
 2. Back
 3. Fly Shield
 4. Fly Facing
 5. Waistband
- Design must incorporate the transfer or conversion of ALL darts.
- Competitors must include two symmetrical pockets and at least one of the following design components on the pants: yoke, or other design lines, vent(s) or slit(s), tabs, straps, added fullness (for ex.: pleats, gathers, tucks), extra pockets, etc. Competitors will identify their design element on their technical drawing that has been submitted at the beginning of Day 1 of the competition.
- Competitors must also use a minimum of two types of accessories provided: snaps, decorative rivets, buckles, ribbon, additional zippers, etc. (Final options to be posted in March). All accessories must be used on the exterior of the pant.
- Competitors must use both sides of the fabric in their design. Lining fabric can only be used for the interior of the garment

- Industry standard hem treatment for design must be incorporated.

Competitors will begin by sewing their vest then creating the pattern for their pants, using the basic pant pattern provided by the committee. Note that patterns will not be submitted for judging.

- At the end of 4.5 hours competitors must submit their Vest (by 1:15 on day 1)
- As part of the evaluation, the following aspects will be considered:
 - The degree of difficulty and quality of the garment construction.
 - The fit and wearability of the pant.
 - The overall appearance of the pant and the conformity of the design to the technical drawing.

Only completed vests and pants that adhere to the requirements outlined may qualify to be awarded a Skills Canada Alberta medal.

EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

Equipment and Materials Competitors Must Supply:

- Pattern drafting tools
- Sewing construction tools
- Cutting tools – rotary cutters* must be accompanied with protective shield or glove and mats are permitted.
- Pressing tools – i.e. iron, ham, sleeve board, press cloth, seam roll, etc.
- The following items are **not** permitted: books, written notes, diagrams, paper, scrap fabric, embellishing materials, sewing machine attachments, 2-way electronic devices.

Please note:

- Ironing boards are not required. Pressing stations will be available within the competition area.
- Toolboxes will be assessed at the beginning of the competition to ensure no specialty tools are brought into the site.

Equipment and Materials Supplied by Skills Canada Alberta:

- Domestic sewing machine with a regular sewing foot, zipper foot
- Central Ironing Station
- 2 Dress forms size 4 (shared by competitors) * competitors may bring their own

Pant supplies:

- 2m (approximately 156cm wide) medium weight stretch denim
- 0.5m lining (approximately 142cm wide)
- 0.5m interfacing (approximately 150cm wide)
- Pattern paper
- Regular zipper: 19 cm
- Button 1.2mm

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- Hook-and-bar
- Accessories: snaps, decorative rivets, buckles, ribbon, additional zippers, etc. (Final options to be posted in March)
- Thread (2 colors)

Vest supplies:

- Pre-fused, pre-cut vest pieces and pocket placement marked (fabric is the same as the pant).
- Pre-cut lining pieces
- Zipper 20.5cm
- Thread

SAFETY

The health, safety and welfare of all individuals involved with Skills Canada Alberta are of vital importance. Safety is a condition of participation with Skills Canada Alberta and shall not be sacrificed for the sake of expediency. At the discretion of the judges and technical committees, any competitor can be denied the right to participate should they not have the required proper safety equipment and/or act in an unsafe manner that can cause harm to themselves or others.

Required Clothing (provided by competitor)

- Flat, soft soled shoes with closed toes – sneakers are acceptable
- Long hair must be tied back
- Dangling jewelry not permitted
- Long, flowing sleeves not permitted

Competition Specific Rules

The following Competition Specific rules along with SCA's overall Policies and Procedures provide specific details in competition areas that may vary from one another. Any additional contest rules will be reviewed during the Competitor Orientation.

Topic/Task	Contest Specific Rule
Use of Technology	Competitors are not allowed laptops, tablets, cameras, cell phones, ear buds, calculators or other personal electronics in the competition area unless specified by the committee for certain tasks.
Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)	Competitors cannot use AI to develop/generate any of the submitted work for any aspects of the competition.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Design components - (level of difficulty and execution) will be considered when judging and must include the mandatory components specified.

Pant:

- Final Fit and Appearance
- Creativity and Suitability of Design
- Sewing of seams, darts, and hem
- Waistband
- Fly
- Buttonhole placement, Button, Hook and Bar
- Design Detail
- Accessories

Vest:

- Final Fit and Appearance
- Sewing of seams, darts, and hem
- Collar and Lapel
- Welt pocket
- Zipper closure
- Armhole
- Slits

-Professional Practice (Safety)

TIE BREAKING PROCESS

In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by:

- If 1 competitor completed the vest in under 4 hours with Equal or greater Vest scores, that competitor will be declared the winner.
- Tiebreaker #2: If a tie remains, the competitor with the highest score in the “Pockets” and “Accessories” combined will be declared the winner.
- Tiebreaker #3: If a third tie occur, the competitor with the highest score in the “Design Detail #1” will be declared the winner.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Skills Canada Alberta Regional and Provincial Rules and Regulations

[Regional and Provincial Rules and Regulations](#)

Skillz & Thrillz Podcast

Check out our podcast – Skillz & Thrillz: Alberta’s Trade & Tech Youth Podcast. Our talented alumni share tips and tricks on how to succeed in competitions and your career! Their insights can help you prepare for your Skills journey, and who knows, you might just be a future guest! <https://skillsalberta.com/student-resources/skillz-thrillz-albertas-trade-tech-youth-podcast/>

Project Change at the Competition

Where a Test Project has been circulated to competitors in advance, the PTC can change the project up to a maximum of 30% of the work content for the competition.

Competitor Registration

Registration for regionalized and qualifying events will open online on January 7, 2026 @ 3:30 PM. Please refer to this competitions event page for additional registration and competition information:
<https://skillsalberta.com/competition/>

Lunch

Lunch for accredited competitors will be provided by Skills Canada Alberta.

Parking & Venue Maps

Parking is FREE for all attendees.

Attendees **MUST** register for FREE parking by clicking the below link. Attendees can pre-register their vehicle at anytime prior to the PSCC or register onsite at the PSCC.

<https://www.offstreet.io/events/CBLHM7U1>

<http://edmontonexpocentre.com/attend/parking/>

Opening Ceremonies / Competitor Onsite Registration

Opening Ceremonies for the PSCC will take place on Tuesday May 5, 2026, at 6:00 pm in Hall D of the Edmonton EXPO Centre. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome to attend. It is important to note that competitor registration will open immediately following the Opening Ceremonies.

Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday May 7, 2026, at 6:30 pm in Hall D of the Edmonton EXPO Centre. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend. The Awards Ceremony will be shown live at <http://skillsalberta.com/>

Team Alberta Information

Team Alberta will be selected at the PSCC Awards Ceremony. Gold medalists will then be eligible to participate at the Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) on May 27- May 30, 2026, in Toronto, Ont. It is recommended that competitors review and become familiar with the SCNC contest description and project at <https://www.skillscompetencescanada.com/en/event/skills-canada-national-competition-2026/>

During the PSCC Awards Ceremony on Thursday May 7, 2026, Gold medalists will be given their Team Alberta information package and will confirm their participation in the SCNC. Students must be present at the Awards Ceremony to claim their position on Team Alberta. If the Gold medalist is not able to attend SCNC, the next highest-ranking individual will be asked to participate. If a student is not able to attend the Awards Ceremony an email confirming the student's interest in Team Alberta participation must be emailed to javierad@skillsalberta.com prior to the start of competition on May 6, 2026.

Please prepare your students in advance to accept a position on Team Alberta and review how your school will support their participation.

Please see this link for additional Team Alberta information: <https://skillsalberta.com/team-alberta/>

Questions?

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