



THE DECORATIVE CONCRETE SMACKDOWN

PART OF THE 2026 DECORATIVE CONCRETE EXPO

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Who Can Apply

The Decorative Concrete Smackdown is an open competition, and anyone is welcome to apply. After reviewing the applications, Deco-Crete will select the eight finalists for the 2026 event. The goal of this event is to create a platform for decorative concrete artisans to showcase their abilities. The champion from the previous year will be automatically granted a spot as a finalist if they choose to defend their title. Other competitors from the previous year are welcome to apply; however, their applications will be judged differently, as Deco-Crete strives to create room for new competitors.

Deadline for Applications

Applications must be submitted by **December 5th, 2025**. Any applications received after this date will not be eligible.

Working Area / Project Area

Each competitor will be assigned a designated working area of **20 ft. x 20 ft.** Within this area, a central project space will be provided with the following dimensions: **15 ft. Wide x 15 ft. Long x 8 ft. High.** The additional working area provides ample space for artists to move around and allows Expo attendees to view projects from all sides. All tools and products must stay contained within the working area. Contestants are responsible for keeping their area safe and tidy throughout the show.

Project Concept Guidelines

We encourage a wide range of creative submissions and provide complete creative freedom for your project—as long as it features decorative concrete! You may submit your project concept in any format, such as:

- Drawings or sketches
- Photos of similar projects
- Written concept descriptions
- Any combination of these examples
- Any other format that clearly conveys your concept

If you have any questions about submitting your concept, please don't hesitate to contact us for assistance.

Competitor's Team

Each competitor may have up to 3 additional team members (a total of 4 individuals per team, including the featured artist).

Working Time

- Tuesday, February 24th: 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 25th: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM*
- Thursday, February 26th: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Friday, February 27th: 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

*No more than 40% of the project may be completed before Thursday, February 26th 2026 at 8:00 AM

**Any and all work must be completed before 12:00 PM on Friday, February 27th 2026

Winners will be announced live Friday, February 27th 2026 at 2:00 PM

Prefabricated Project Components

All prefabricated components used in your project may be fabricated and scratch-coated only. Components with further prefabrication or final products will not be permitted in the competition.

Tools and Equipment

Deco-Crete will provide some tools and equipment for use; however, due to limited availability and time restrictions, we strongly recommend bringing your own tools and equipment to ensure adequate access. Feel free to contact us for a description of the tools and equipment that will be provided.

Products for the Competition

Finalists will be asked to submit a list of products needed for their specific project. All product requests must be submitted by February 2nd, 2026. Deco-Crete will supply any required products that we manufacture. Cost and sourcing of any additional products and building materials will be the competitor's responsibility.

Prizes and Payment Information

A \$1,000 selection bonus will be awarded to each of the eight finalists. Finalists will receive this bonus at the conclusion of the event on Friday afternoon. Additional cash and prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners. The total cash and prize pool for the 2026 event will be more than \$10,000!

Voting

Winners of the Decorative Concrete Smackdown will be determined by votes from the Decorative Concrete Expo attendees. Both in-person and virtual attendees may vote one time during the event. **Voting will end at 1:00 PM on Friday, February 27th, 2026.** Votes by non-attendees will not be allowed. Any team or individual competitor attempting to gain votes from outside sources will be disqualified from the event.

PLEASE NOTE: NO OPEN FLAMES, SPARKS, OR ANY COMBUSTION IS ALLOWED INSIDE THE FACILITY!

For any other questions or concerns, email us at thesmackdown@deco-cretesupply.com

