



# TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS CHALLENGES

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## 2026 DSBN REGIONAL FLORISTRY SKILLS CHALLENGE SECONDARY LEVEL SCOPE

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**PURPOSE OF THE CONTEST:**

- To evaluate competitors' abilities and floral design techniques.
- To recognize outstanding performances and professionalism in the field of floral design

**EVENT DETAILS:**

**Date:** Wednesday March 4, 2025

**Time:** 5-hour period

**Location:** Niagara College NOTL Campus– Rm Greenhouse

**Max Competitors:** 12

**ENTRY:** Please connect with a teacher advisor at your school to complete your registration for this competition to be eligible to participate.

**TEACHER'S ROLE:**

Instructors are expected to acquaint their student participants with all the enclosed guidelines.

**SAFETY REQUIREMENTS and SUPERVISION**

Teachers or another designate must supervise the student to ensure that safety is adhered to and to maintain the integrity of the competition. If a supply teacher is required, it is preferable to have the supply teacher supervise your student for the Challenge and you can remain with your class, this might not be possible for challenges where safety is a concern.

**Other safety considerations:**

It is mandatory for all competitors to wear closed-toe shoes.

**SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE TESTED:**

<b>Symmetrical Arrangement</b> <p>One symmetrical design will be performed using the materials provided. This is an arrangement designed to be decorative at the ceremony, usually located against a wall or on an altar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mechanics must be secure and covered.</li><li>• Students may solve this challenge in a variety of ways, however, basic principles and elements of design must be evident</li></ul>	<b>70 min./5 min. clean up</b>
<b>Centerpiece</b> <p>One centerpiece suitable for a round table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mechanics must be secured and covered</li><li>• Students may solve this challenge in a variety of ways, however, basic principles and elements of design must be evident</li></ul>	<b>50 min/5 min. Clean up</b>
<b>Vase Arrangement</b> <p>A vase arrangement suitable for the guest book at the reception. The table is oval and is 6 feet long and 4 feet wide, and only the guest book and the arrangement will be on the table. The table location is in the center of a large foyer, welcoming the guests as they arrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mechanics must be secured and covered</li><li>• Students may solve this challenge in a variety of ways, however, basic principles and elements of design must be evident</li></ul>	<b>50 min/5 min. clean up</b>
<b>Set up display/Presentation</b> <p>Describe the rationale for the floral design and knowledge of design display. Students will describe their designs, identifying feature flowers and foliage, design styles, colour schemes, and suitability of design to overall theme. This description should be reflective of the language they would use to describe the designs to a customer.</p>	<b>15 min/5 min. clean up</b>

## **EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, TOOLS, AND SUPPLIES:**

### **Materials Supplied Centrally:**

- Flowers and Foliage
- Oasis Floral Foam
- Containers for the Centerpiece and Symmetrical Arrangement
- Vase
- Recipe Card for the arrangements

### **Material Supplied by the Individual Competitor**

• Wire Cutters	• Pruning Shears
• Closed-Toe Shoes	• Candles – 10"-18"
• Knife	• Glue Gun
• Scissors	• Glue Stick
• Measuring Tape	• Chenille Wire, #22, #24, #30 Wire
• Pencil(s)	• Wire Cutters
• Recipe Card (Optional for Oral Presentation Preparation)	• 2 – 20" Stock Pails
• 2 Small Containers for Storage	• 2 – 12" Stock Pails
• Dustpan and Brush	• Tubs to Soak Oasis
• Floral Tape	• Decorative Wire and Accessories

### **CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS:**

Competitors are to be dressed in a clean and appropriate manner. Competitors are not permitted to wear clothing with logos or printing, or school logos. The exception to this rule is the DSBN Skills Logo shirt.

### **JUDGING INSTRUCTION:**

Judges will be looking at the final arrangements that the competitors have completed. They will be able to look at the entire competition prior to providing their final scoring of each competitor. Judging will take place in person after the competition time.

## JUDGING CRITERIA:

Criteria (0-5)	Symmetrical Arrangement	Centerpiece	Vase	Total Score
<b>Impact: Initial Impression</b>				
<b>Originality: Level of Innovation and Creativity</b>				
<b>Colour: Use of colour Harmonies</b>				
<b>Depth: Creation of Dimension within the design</b>				
<b>Balance: Physical &amp; Visual</b>				
<b>Harmony (Relationship between different components of the Design)</b>				
<b>Mechanics (Technical &amp; Skill)</b>				
<b>Arrangement Total</b>	/35	/35	/35	/105

## COMPETITION AGENDA:

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sign in/ Arrival/ Set up</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Orientation &amp; Opening Remarks</b>
9:00a.m.	Symmetrical Arrangement
10:10 a.m.	Clean Up
10:15 a.m.	Centerpiece Arrangement
11:05 a.m.	Clean Up
11:10 a.m.	Greenhouse Tour
<b>11:40 a.m.</b>	<b>*****Lunch*****</b>
12:10 p.m.	Vase Arrangement
1:00 p.m.	Final Clean Up
1:35 p.m.	Set Up Displays
1:40 p.m.	Competitor Presentations
2:00 p.m.	Final Judging

**\*\* Each competitor will be given a number by their coordinator upon registration at the location and will be judged anonymously during the competition.**