



## RULES & REGULATIONS:

17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 NEC, Birmingham

**The Makers Central Scrap Wood competition** is now open to all makers and creators, of all ages.

This competition gives you the chance to 'make' an imaginative piece/item using your own choice of style, presentation and scrap wood materials.

Exhibits must be made from scrap wood and fixing materials only. Evidence of the scrap wood should be provided – for instance a photo.

**Exhibits must remain under 22" in height, depth, and length.**

Prizes are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2nd and 3rd Place.

Please direct any questions to [questions@ichf.co.uk](mailto:questions@ichf.co.uk)

### THE JUDGES WILL TAKE THE FOLLOWING INTO ACCOUNT:

1. OVERALL DESIGN AND/OR CONCEPT
2. DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY/COMPLEXITY
3. VISUAL APPEAL/WOW FACTOR
4. QUALITY OF WORKMANSHIP & ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Marks will be deducted for lack of originality.

Show opening times: Saturday: 10.00 – 17.30 and Sunday: 10.00 – 16.30

- a. Your competition entry gives you free entry to the show on both Saturday and Sunday
- b. Entry to the competition may close earlier than stated due to limited spaces at the show. Please remember to check the website frequently for updates.
- c. Queries/questions must be submitted to [questions@ichf.co.uk](mailto:questions@ichf.co.uk). Queries/questions should only relate to the rules and not individual designs.
- d. Competition entries/exhibits must not be entered into any other competition worldwide at shows or online prior to judging, if proven, the entry will be disqualified. This applies to previous competitions, simultaneous competitions or future competitions prior to judging.
- e. If an exhibit is removed from the competition display area for whatever reason the organisers/judges deem fit (including complaints or deemed offensive) , this is not the same as being disqualified, you will only receive a Not To Schedule card if you are disqualified.

## Tips

- Be careful of fingerprints, glue marks and fixings.
- Make sure your work is clean.
- Please adhere to the size restrictions.
- Remember your exhibit will be viewed from every angle.
- It is better to ask a question rather than risk NTS or disqualification.

## Entry Process

Complete a form and payment for EACH ENTRY at [www.makerscentral.co.uk](http://www.makerscentral.co.uk)  
Entry price £35 - **closes 1600hrs UK time 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**There are no refunds and entries can not be 'carried over'.**

Should the unlikely happen and the show is cancelled, you will be given the option of transferring your competition entry to the next available show.

## Delivery of Exhibits

Exhibits must be delivered **to Hall 2 door 2.4 from 0730 UK time until 0900am on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Late entries will not be accepted ***unless in exceptional circumstances.***

On arrival show your entry acknowledgment. You will be given a competitor badge and instructions on how to place your exhibit(s). **Competitors only become eligible to receive their badges on delivery of their exhibit(s), if you do not bring your exhibit you will have to purchase tickets to enter the show.**

***Once you have placed your exhibit(s) on the competition table/s you must leave the hall and re-enter at show opening time through the public entrance.***

- U-16's are not permitted in the registration/set up area unless they are competitors.
- Competitors may have **one** helper in the set-up area.
- Once you have placed your exhibit(s) leave the hall until the show opens.
- Helpers will need to purchase a ticket to visit the show.
- A repair area will be available to mend damage incurred in transit.
- You must bring your own repair kit.
- Travelling boxes **must** be removed after delivery and brought back for collection.
- There are no storage facilities.

## Exhibit labels

Two numbered labels will be issued per exhibit. Stick one to your exhibit so that it is visible to the judges and the other to the base for security purposes.

## Displaying Exhibits

Place your exhibit where indicated by the exhibit number.

- Please do not place products of any type near your exhibit. They will be automatically disposed of.
- You can leave a brief note with details of your 'make' and the original scrap wood that was used to create the piece. The note should be no bigger than 6" x 4" – one side only and placed in front of your exhibit. Do NOT include your name or any reference to you, the competitor.
- The organisers/judges reserve the right to move exhibits as necessary.

## Security

Whilst reasonable care will be taken with the security of the exhibits, the organisers will not be responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits, equipment or personal effects. All entries are displayed in the competition area at the competitor's own risk.

## Intellectual Property Rights

By entering the Makers Central Scrap Wood Competition **BE AWARE** that photographs or copies may be taken by any person or visitor and realise that your designs/work may be reproduced but you will not hold ICHF Events or its employees liable in any way should this happen.

## Behaviour and conduct of competitors

We expect everyone to act in a respectful manner before, during and after the competition – the following is an example of behaviour that will not be tolerated and could result in the following action being taken:

- Removed from the show with no re-entry or refund.
  - Banned from attending Makers Central or entering the competition for a minimum of 2 years.
  - All threats towards any members of the Makers Central team including the judges or other participants at the show will be referred to the police.
1. Any competitor who interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of the judging process or the competition
  2. Aggressive behaviour, foul language or shouting will not be tolerated.
  3. All defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments, either verbal or written (including emails, text/voicemail/phone messages, social media or other written communication) to a member of the judging team or a member of ICHF Events.
  4. If you damage or interfere with another competition exhibit.

## Photographs

Photographs of competition pieces may be used online by ICHF Events or printed in future relevant publications as agreed with ICHF management team.

## Results

Judging takes place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Results will be announced on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 live on the main stage at Makers Central.

## Removal of Exhibits

Exhibits can **only** be removed from 16.30hrs UK time Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Please be aware of this when organising your travel plans and please do not request to remove your exhibit earlier than stated time. The organisers reserve the right to remove and destroy any exhibit not taken by 17.00hrs UK time on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

## Complaints

All complaints must be emailed to [info@ichf.co.uk](mailto:info@ichf.co.uk) by 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025. Judges decision is final and no judging results will be discussed after the show closes unless there is an error in calculation. Please allow 21 days for complaints to be processed.

**By entering the Makers Central Scrap Wood competition you agree to abide by the rules and regulations herein**