



“Today’s Youth Become Tomorrow’s Skilled Trades and Technology Leaders”

**Skills Canada BC
Framework for Hosting a Competition
Provincials 2022**

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1. Who We Are

Skills Canada BC (SCBC) helps to prepare British Columbia's youth for the highly skilled economy of tomorrow through competitions, in-school programs, online challenges, and young women's conferences. Started in 1994, Skills Canada BC is a provincial organization with deep community roots across the province.

2. Overview

Due to the pandemic, on March 13, 2020, SCBC announced it was cancelling its Provincial competition scheduled to be held on April 13, 2020. As infection rates were rising quickly, health authorities began mandating the shutdown of events. In the months that followed, schools opened and closed, and uncertainty prevailed.

Throughout 2020 and 2021 SCBC continued to work closely with its partners to plan Regional, Provincial, National and WorldSkills competitions. In 2021, most SCBC competitions were held virtually or remotely. Those who held in-person events did so within the confines of school cohorts and socially distanced spaces.

Despite disruptions caused by the pandemic, Skills Canada BC continues to engage with communities across British Columbia. These actions have facilitated the continuation of its regional, provincial, and national competitions, online challenges, in-school programming, and young women's conferences.

SCBC is committed to providing opportunities for all youth to explore careers in the skilled trades and technology sectors that will contribute towards building a diverse and highly skilled workforce in the province.

3. Provincials 2021 (Framework)

Provincials 2021

SCBC's Provincial 2021 competitions were held in remote and virtual settings to accommodate safety orders that varied from region to region. The first provincial competition was "Crane Operations" held in February 2021, at the Operating Engineers School (Maple Ridge).

Provincials 2021 (Dates)

The remaining competitions were held in April and May. Over 200 competitors competed province wide. Working with Provincial Tech Chairs, SCBC developed new protocols for judging virtual competitions, proctor engagement, competitor readiness, and technology-use for live streaming competitions.

Provincials 2021 (Planning)

SCBC's Provincial 2021 competition schedule was developed with continuous input from its Provincial Tech Chairs. SCBC was flexible on scheduling competition dates, times, and locations to accommodate the highest participation in these virtual, remote, and in-person events. Prior to the pandemic, the SCBC Provincial competition was held as a one-day event that drew in thousands of students, educators, and industry partners at the Tradex, in Abbotsford, each April.

4. Provincials 2022 (Framework)

The Provincials 2022 will be a mixture of in-person, remote, livestreamed, and virtual competitions. Monthly zoom calls with the provincial tech chairs and industry partners will be scheduled to discuss scope documents, judging logistics, and technology use. SCBC can be flexible about scheduling the date for a Provincial 2022 competition (February to May 2022).

Below are some key points for selecting dates and locations

- SBC will be soliciting host sites for all Provincial Competitions starting October 2021.
- Securing the physical sites for the 2022 competitions in the fall of 2021 will be key to hosting a successful event.
- The Provincials 2022 will be hosted as in-person, virtual competitions, and livestreamed events.
- Technology solutions could accommodate competitors unable to travel.
- Safety protocols mandated by the Provincial health authorities need to be in place for each competition site.
- Host sites can hold one or multiple competitions at a time.

5. Hosting a Provincial 2022 Competition

Listed below are some points to consider if you're interested in hosting a SCBC Provincial competition in 2022.

Site Considerations

- SCBC is looking for both Secondary and Post-Secondary host sites for its Provincial 2022 competitions.
- Does your facility have space available?
- Does your school have a limit on the number of competitors it could host?
- Does your school have a floor plan?

6. Timelines (October 2021 – May 2022)

Date	Who	Action
October/November 2021	SCBC	Works with PS contacts to select competition sites
December 2021	SCBC / Host Sites	Confirm competition dates/locations
January 2021	SCBC	Create registration page
October to December 2021	SCBC/Host Sites	Gather costs/create budgets for janitorial and/or security costs for PS
October to December 2021	SCBC/Host Sites	Meet with supply partners, identify in-kind donations and supplies that will need to be purchased for Provincial 2022 competition
October to December 2021	SCBC/Host	Finalize/approve budgets and expenditures
January to May 2021	Host Sites	Identify staff for planning and supervision support
September 2021 to June 2022	SCBC	Host monthly Provincial Tech Chair meetings
October 2021 to May 2022	SCBC / Host Sites	Work with supply partners and order supplies for competition day
October 2021 to May 2022	SCBC / Host Sites	Recruit volunteers
January to May 2022	SCBC / Host Sites	Review safety plan in accordance with Provincial guidelines.

7. Who Provides What?

SCBC will provide

- Rules Documents
- Registration System
- Medals
- T-Shirts or buffs
- Funding for Lunches
- Materials and Supplies
- Competition Scope Documents (developed by provincial tech chairs)
- Onsite staff or volunteer
- Digital marketing and promotional services
- Funding for janitorial and security services, if required
- Sponsorship recognition
- Work with host site to secure supply partners
- SCBC will work with host site to create a timeline for – Orientation, Competition Day, Lunch, Judging, and Cleanup.
- SCBC will provide a “Competition Check List” to host sites.
- SCBC will supply gold, silver, bronze medals, and certificates for competitors.
- SCBC can arrange to have staff and volunteers on site to assist throughout competition day.
- SCBC will ensure all competitions are provided with Covid safety protocol information.

Host site will supply

- Site for hosting competition
- Staff to setup, supervise, judge
- Floor plan (SCBC can work with school to create, if necessary)

8. Communications

- Monthly zoom calls with Provincial Tech Chairs
- Regular updates on the status of provincial health orders
- Regular updates on school openings/closings
- Regular e-newsletters, e-blasts, and e-communiques.
- SCBC website updates

9. Safety Plans

- Existing onsite safety plans for tool use will be in place
- Competitors will review safety protocols prior to competing
- Existing onsite Covid 19 safety plans will be in place.

10. Benefits of Hosting SCBC Competitions

There are many benefits for a post-secondary institution to host SCBC competitions.

- Recognition as a SCBC “Official Host Site”.
- Student spectators can visit your campus (in-person or virtually) and watch a live or recorded competition
- Social media marketing collaboration between SCBC and host site
- SCBC will post links to host site school on its website
- SCBC will promote competitions and host partners (January to May) across digital platform
- Industry involvement to connect employers to the host site.
- Host sites can promote skilled trades and technology programs by hosting competitions.

11. Next Steps

Best to get started as early into the school year as possible. For more information, please contact Skills Canada BC’s, Manager of Competitions, Jamie Maxwell by email jmaxwell@skillscanada.bc.ca.