

Welding Safety & Procedures

1. All equipment including grinders and welding buckets will be inspected. Outside welding rods are not allowed in the competition area.
2. All PPE must meet OSHA standards.
3. All contestants must have proper safety glasses, face shields, ear plugs, and proper footwear.
4. Double protection is required for all grinding and chipping. (Double protection is defined as safety glasses plus either a clear face shield or welding hood in the down position.
5. Gloves must be worn when operating any power tool & welding machine. All metal is considered "HOT" at all times!
6. Electronic devices, especially cell phones, are not allowed during competition, possession of devices during competition will result in immediate disqualification.
7. All contestants will be escorted to and from the restroom.
8. All injuries are to be reported immediately to a judge or safety representative.
9. Minor Safety Violations during competition will result in deduction of points.
10. Major Safety Violations will result in immediate disqualification.
11. Contestants will be allowed to become familiar with the welding equipment. Instructions will be provided upon request.

Note: Remember to set the proper polarity for the SMAW electrodes being used.