

PROBLEM PROCEDURES FOR PROBLEM 4: **IT'S A SNAP!**



Before its scheduled competition time, the team or a team member must report to the weigh-in site, where the component parts of the structure will be measured, weighed and checked for rule infractions. The team will assemble the component parts into the complete structure, which will then be weighed and measured. Once the weigh-in process is over, the team must disassemble the complete structure into its individual components. If time permits the team may make corrections of any infractions. After filling out the weigh-in checklist, a Weigh-in Judge will seal, mark and store the structure in a team-supplied container or paper bag.

Approximately 25 minutes before their scheduled competition time, a team member will pick up the structure and take it to the competition site. The coach and other team members will report to the competition site 20 minutes before the team's scheduled time with the props, membership sign and anything else needed for the long-term problem solution

At the staging area, the Staging Area Judge will remove the weigh-in checklist. The Material Values Form, Outside Assistance Form and any team clarifications will be collected and given to the Problem Judges. Two Style Forms (three at World Finals) are collected and given to the Style Judges. The team informs them whether Style will continue after the structure breaks. The coach and all seven team members should be present in the staging area while the judge goes through a list of procedures and answers any questions from the team. The team is reminded that it has 3 minutes to clear the staging area of all items after time begins. After this is completed, the coach

will be directed to leave the staging area and informed if any special seating has been arranged for them.

If an adult assistant is used in Division I or II, he or she must be identified in the staging area and will remain with the team throughout the long-term solution. It must be apparent to the judges that when the adult is assisting in weight placement a team member is involved in supporting the weight and is not just touching it. When all is ready, the Staging Area Judge will then direct the team's attention to the Timekeeper. When the Timekeeper says, "Begin," the team will have 8 minutes for site setup, Style and weight placement.

The only people allowed inside the testing area during the long-term solution are the team members, judges and adult assistants, if used. Style may take place at any time during the 8-minute competition. When the long-term solution is completed, all wood from the crushed structure, or the whole structure if it does not break, will be placed in a paper bag and returned to the weigh-in site by a designated judge. The team will clean up the testing site so it is ready for the next team.

The judges will want to talk to the team members to discuss the problem solution and clear up any questions that may exist. The structure may be inspected again at the weigh-in site. The Head Judge will tell the coach when and where to pick up the team's long-term scoresheet. At that time the Head Judge will discuss the team's long-term score and review any penalties the team may have incurred. The coach has 30 minutes from the time posted on the scoresheet to question any technical aspect of the long-term solution. *

-- Dan Semenza, *International Problem Captain*

