

# General Rules

## ELIGIBILITY

1. The Director of Competitions, determines the eligibility of all competitors, teams, and projects, for the Western Engineering Competition (WEC), according to the following guidelines.

## QUALIFICATION

2. The competitors, teams, and projects must have qualified during an in-house competition, such as the Regina Engineering Competition (REC), or must have been chosen by their Engineering Society/Dean to represent their school.

3. No single competitor, or team, is permitted to participate in more than one (1) category at WEC 2009.

4. All teams must present in English.

## COMPETITORS

5. All competitors must be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate engineering program at the time of the competition except in the following cases:

5a. In the cases of Innovative Design and Engineering Communications, the competitor must have graduated within a year of the competition from an accredited undergraduate engineering program and the project entered must have been completed before graduation. A letter will be required from the supervising professor confirming that no changes have been made to the project since the competitor's graduation. This letter must be dated no more than 30 days prior to the competition.

5b. In the case of an unaccredited undergraduate engineering program, competition eligibility shall be determined by the WEC Organizing Committee, on a case by case basis.

## PROJECT

6. Only original projects, which are the work of the competitors, may be entered. An original project is one that has not been previously entered in the Atlantic Engineering Competition, the Competition Quebecoise d'Ingenierie, the Ontario Engineering Competition, the Western Engineering Competition, or the Canadian Engineering Competition. The project must not have a common or obvious approach, solution, or application.

7. Work done on summer jobs or co-op work terms is also eligible provided that an authorization letter is obtained from the employer allowing the work to be presented at the competition. The work must also meet the other eligibility conditions.

## SUBSTITUTIONS

8. If a competitor is unable to attend the competition due to medical, personal, or other legitimate reasons, the team may compete in his or her absence. This may only be done with teams of two or more members, with the exclusion of debating teams.

9. If an entire team is unable to attend the competition due to medical, personal, or other legitimate reasons, the next runner-up team from the respective school shall be eligible to compete.

## TEAM ENTRY LIMITATIONS

10. One (1) entry in each category at WEC 2009 is reserved for each participating university, that being an western engineering university with an accredited engineering program or an western engineering university with an unaccredited engineering program that has been given competing status. Thus, each school will be able to send a team to compete in each category. Should a school choose not to enter a team in its single, guaranteed category spot, the place may be entered in a lottery and awarded on a first come first serve basis to another participating university who has expressed interest in sending a second team. Participating universities are encouraged to submit a list of their first and second choice teams for each category. A maximum of one (1) lottery spot shall be awarded to a participating university in a given category.

