

Golden Chisel Competition

The objective for this competition is to provide an exciting event for spectators and participants. The event is intended to showcase the skills and camaraderie of wood turners while providing a fast moving fascinating competition that showcases an age old craft that once provided the bowls, plates and drinking cups used by most people.

Competitors will select a round 120mm by 75 mm blank of green Macracapa wood. The blanks will be predrilled with an 8mm centre hole. Competitors will use a screw chuck to mount the wood in the lathe. They will be required to ensure the lathe is safely set up and a safe starting speed has been selected. Once set up, the competitor must stop the lathe, have nothing in their hands and face the official starter ready to begin. When they have completed their bowl they must remove it from the lathe and place it on the plinth provided at which point the time keeper will stop the clock.

Competitors are allowed to use up to four(4) cutting or scraping tools and no sandpaper.

Scoring

The first competitor to finish will be awarded 100 points. Every other competitor will lose 0.25 points for every second longer it takes them to finish. When all bowls are finished they will be numbered and taken away to be judged using five criteria. Each criteria will be judged out of ten(10). The difference between 10 and the score obtained will be recorded and deducted from the time score. The five criteria are:

1. Overall shape/aesthetic design (including the foot but ignoring the bruising caused by the chuck jaws)
2. Outside surface finish (including the foot but ignoring the bruising caused by the chuck jaws)
3. Inside surface finish
4. Wall thickness/consistency (excessively thick walls will be penalised)
5. Curve consistency (such as flat spots, poor transition from one curve to another etc.)

Examples of how the scoring could work.

First competitor to finish

Criteria	judges score	points deducted	speed points
1. Overall shape/aesthetic design	5	5	100
2. Outside surface finish	4	6	
3. Inside surface finish	5	5	
4. Wall thickness/consistency	4	6	
5. Curve consistency	3	7	
Total points deducted		29	
		Final score	71

The second competitor finished 60 seconds after the first

Second competitor to finish

Criteria	judges score	points deducted	speed points
1. Overall shape/aesthetic design	8	2	85
2. Outside surface finish	7	3	
3. Inside surface finish	9	1	
4. Wall thickness/consistency	8	2	

5. **Curve consistency**

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Total points deducted

10

Final score 75

The third competitor finished 72 seconds after the first

Third competitor to finish

Criteria	judges score	points deducted	speed points
1. Overall shape/aesthetic design	9	1	
2. Outside surface finish	8	2	
3. Inside surface finish	9	1	82
4. Wall thickness/consistency	9	1	
5. Curve consistency	9	1	
	Total points deducted	6	
		Final score	74

Competitor two would be the winner and competitor three would be runner up