



SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500®

JUDGING CRITERIA

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BL500 Judging

National

The judging process for the SPEC MIX Bricklayer 500 is a careful process that involves many different professionals within the masonry industry. There are 20 different judges, each assigned to a specific competitor. Each judge, in a specific stall, is responsible for enforcing all of the rules of the competition and evaluating the finished wall for quality compliance. The judge must check the wall to see that it has met minimum quality standards such as: consistent height, plumbness, proper joint thickness, minimal voids and many other criteria. The judge will then assign a pass/fail grade to the wall. If the wall meets the minimum quality standards, then it qualifies for a potential award, depending on how many brick the mason has laid. The qualifying wall that contains the most brick laid in one hour wins first place. Each judge will also evaluate all of the qualifying walls for a subjective craftsmanship award. The judge will vote, in their own opinion, which wall is the highest quality and most sellable. The wall receiving the most votes from the judges wins first place.

Regional

Unlike the National Event, each Regional BL500 is typically supported with 3 or 4 teams of two judges each that evaluate all of the walls for specific criteria. One team will measure wall heights and count brick, while another team will check for plumb and lipped brick while the other team will measure joint thickness and count voids.