

2021 JUDGING GUIDELINES & GENERAL RULES FOR TEAMS

Team Definition: Three linemen who may rotate between events as climbers/groundmen. All climbers must be current linemen or have been otherwise classified a lineman/apprentice.

Judging will be based upon safety procedures, work practices, neatness and ability, equipment handling and timely completion of each event, (however, time will only be used in case of a tie). Any mistake made that would under normal working conditions cause serious injury or death will constitute immediate disqualification. **Any event judge, with consensus of the master judge, can disqualify a team for inappropriate conduct at any rodeo event, including the awards banquet. Disqualified competitors must leave the rodeo grounds immediately and may not participate in any other rodeo-related activity for the remainder of the rodeo. Competitors that have been disqualified will forfeit any scores prior to the disqualifying event. A letter documenting the conditions that warranted disqualification will be sent to the competitor's employer.**

Beginning with the 2015 Rodeo, fall arrest is mandatory for all rodeo events.

Participants will have five minutes prior to each event to ask questions and layout tools. Tool sharing will be allowed if necessary and approved by the event judge first. Questions will not be permitted during judging. Each event is worth 100 total points.

All safety rules are to be observed during all the events.

INFRACTIONS - 2-POINT DEDUCTION

1. Hard hats must be worn properly during all events.
2. Safety glasses are required for all events.
3. No rubber on reach, fall or slip.
4. Dropping tools.
5. Cutout/Loss of Control.
6. Hot-dogging.
7. No hand line operation while team is climbing.
8. Misuse of tools.
9. Misuse of rubber.
10. Twisted hand line operation.
11. Standard, approved lineman belt, climbers, and safety must be in good, safe, working condition.
12. Groundman not wearing work gloves.
13. Long sleeve shirts are required for all events. OSHA rules will apply. Linemen should know what to use and what to wear. If shirt has buttons on the sleeves, they must be buttoned. Sleeves cannot be pushed or rolled up. Shirt tails must be completely tucked into pants at the start of the event.

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14. Poor housekeeping.
15. Rubber gloves ground to ground for all poles events (unless noted otherwise.)
16. First Climber to climb pole does not carry handline.
17. Handline is dropped while both Climbers are up the pole.
18. Groundman not tagging handline for Climber to climb pole.
19. During 5-minute set-up time, all climbing participants must inspect rubber gloves using the specified manufacturer field air test.

INFRACTIONS - 10-POINT DEDUCTION

1. Accidental contact with phases.
2. Working opposite phases.
3. Not using hand line or material bag for sending material up and down the pole.
4. Second Climber starts climbing before first Climber is buckled off.
5. Cutout and fall to ground.
6. Giving up on event.
7. Exceeding "Drop Dead" time on Hurt Man Rescue event only. All other events are 5 point deductions for exceeding "Drop Dead" time.

APPEAL PROCESS

1. A team may appeal to the Event Judge for any disputed call.
2. If the Event Judge's ruling on the appeal is unsatisfactory, a final appeal may be made to the Master Judge. Master Judges' ruling is FINAL.
3. No team may appeal ruling on another team score.

NOTE: All participants will be required to sign their scoresheet indicating agreement with the final score. Once a participant signs the scoresheet and leaves an event, that score is FINAL and ineligible for appeal.

The use of an ox block will be allowed for all events EXCEPT Hurt Man Rescue.

Event rotation flow will be monitored and enforced. Teams will have enough time between events to check in with the event judges when they arrive at the event. Event rotation schedules will be distributed with registration packets. Score sheets will include a check-in/check-out time. Judges will also have a schedule with check-in/check-out times as well as team names so that participants can be located more easily for enforcement.