

2025 - Pole Climb with Bell on 40' Pole

Event: Simulated 4kV energized, rubber gloves required

Drop Dead Time: 7 minutes

Event Summary:

The purpose of this event is to climb the pole as safely and quickly as possible and ring the bell located at the top of the pole, following the guidelines exactly, climbing safely and professionally. This is an individual event, with the two climbing Linemen's scores added together and averaged for the team score.

Event Description:

1. Teams will be given 5 minutes for set up and questions. Fall arrest must be properly adjusted and rubber gloves checked during this time.
2. Time starts on the judge's signal with climber standing an arm's length from pole with belt and hooks lying on the ground.
3. Put on all fall arrest equipment.
4. Climb pole using fall arrest equipment.
5. At top of the pole, climber reaches out and rings bell.
6. Climb down pole. (No hot dogging). Time stops when climber's first foot hits the ground.
7. Two climbing Lineman's scores are added together and averaged for the team score.
8. No free falling or hot dogging. Lineman must be in 3-point contact and in control at all times.
9. There will be a 10-point deduction for failure to ring bell, free falling or hot dogging.
10. All general rules apply.