

## 2026 - Pole Climb with Bag 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 safely and quickly and ring the bell at the top with a hand. In addition, a handline with a weighted bag is attached to a crossarm. Each climber must stop climbing with gaffs within taped off zone on pole and hoist handline with weighted bag up so bag hook touches block sheave, then control the descent of the bag, hand over hand until bag is on ground (No letting rope run through hands). The bag hoist can be done on the way up the pole or on the way down 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. Climber can hoist weighted bag on the way up or down the pole. Either way, gaffs must be within the taped zone on the pole when hoisting bag. Bag hook must touch block sheave, then climber must control the bag descent, hand over hand, until bag is on the ground. **(No letting rope run through hands)**.
6. At top of the pole, climber reaches out and rings bell.
7. Climb down pole. (No hot dogging). Time stops when climber's first foot hits the ground.
8. Two climbing Lineman's scores are added together and averaged for the team score.
9. No free falling or hot dogging. Lineman must be in 3-point contact and in control at all times.
10. There will be a 10-point deduction for failure to ring bell, free falling, hot dogging, pull bag to top, or letting handline rope slide through hands on the way down.
11. All general rules apply.