



2017 COMPETITION RULES

COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All AMP member utilities are eligible to participate. All competitors must be a full time employee of an AMP member utility.

Apprentice Qualifications/ Top-Out Guidelines: An apprentice is considered to be an individual who has entered an apprentice program within the last four years. An apprentice is defined by their status effective on the date of the Rodeo. An apprentice lineworker that has been an apprentice for more than four years cannot compete in the apprentice event and must compete on a team.

Journeyman Individual/ Single Qualifications: To compete as a Journeyman Individual/ Single, participants must be a journeyman lineworker who is not competing on a team.

Journeyman Team Qualifications: Teams consist of two journeyman lineworkers and one ground support person. The groundworker remains groundworker for all five events. All climbers must be current journeyman lineworkers or have been otherwise classified as a journeyman lineworker. An apprentice lineworker can serve as a groundworker, unless he is competing at this event in the apprentice category. A team can elect to include an alternate. The alternate can only participate in the event if someone is injured and unable to compete. The alternate must be capable of filling any position on the team and cannot be an apprentice. Communities may combine on their own to form and compete as a team.

GENERAL RULES:

1. All safety rules are to be observed during events.
2. Rubber gloves are required for all simulated energized journeyman events, and will be inspected. If rubber gloves are not required, work gloves shall be worn during the competition. All Apprentice and Single Journeyman events are de-energized and they will be required to wear work gloves while performing each event.
3. Safety glasses are required for all events.
4. Hard hats must be worn properly during all events (Hardhats worn backwards will not be allowed).
5. Long sleeve shirts are required. Sleeves can't be pushed or rolled up.
6. A random tool inspection may be conducted to check for safe condition and for any alterations to tools such as:
 - a. Tapered cuts on straps.
 - b. Tape on straps.
 - c. Filed buckles.
 - d. Fingers cut out of gloves.
 - e. Elongated holes in straps and belts.
 - f. Improper gaff length.



3. On all simulated energized events, proper cover-up is required, NESC 2017 MAD.
4. On climbing events, both climbers must be back on the ground before the event will be considered complete, unless otherwise noted.
5. Time stops when a TEAM member tells judge to STOP time with the exception of the Hurtman Rescue.

INFRACTIONS For all competitors– 2, 5, and 10 point deductions

2 point deduction

1. Losing hardhat.
2. Wearing hardhat backwards.
3. Not wearing safety glasses.
4. Improper cover up – i.e. no rubber in reach, fall, or slip zone.
5. Twisted hand line operation.
6. Dropping tools, materials, or equipment.
7. Cutout with loss of control on the pole.
8. Hot-dogging¹
9. There must be one gaff in the pole at all times when climbing the pole.
10. Handline operation when a climber is repositioning on the pole.
11. Misuse of tools.
12. Misuse of insulating cover-up.
13. Not wearing a long sleeved shirt. Sleeves can't be pushed or rolled up.
14. Injuries or cuts, which result in bleeding.
15. Loss of control.
16. Not wearing OSHA approved Lineworker's climbing belt.
17. Poor housekeeping.
18. Exceeding the mean time to complete events.
19. Groundman not wearing work gloves.
20. Climbers not wearing work gloves (when rubber gloves are not required) to perform work on the ground.
21. Climber not wearing rubber gloves (in events where they are required) ground to ground.
22. Fall arrest system not used within manufacturer's guidelines and/or not keeping system adjusted properly.
23. The climber fails to go back into fall arrest after transitioning around attachments.
24. Hanging tools on phase conductors, neutrals, crossarms or safety straps.
25. Failure to maintain minimum approach distances as described by NESC 2017.
26. Failure to follow event rotation schedule.
27. Being late for an event.
28. Professional coaching from outside the event arena.

¹ Hot dogging is defined as a lineworker "being out of control." Examples: both gaffs out of the pole at the same time, drop steps, excessive uncontrolled speed.



29. Others as determined by individual event descriptions.

5 points deduction

1. Working inside legal clearances.

10 points deduction

1. Accidental contact with phases [with any equipment other than approved live line tools].
2. Working opposite energized phases at the same time.
3. Not using hand line, bucket, or material bag for sending materials up and down the poles.
4. Two lineworkers who share the same pole will be penalized if the second lineworker starts climbing before the first lineworker is in position.
5. Gloves must be worn ground-to-ground.
6. Cut-out and fall to ground (Climber's feet are approximately 6' from ground level prior to fall).
7. If the drop-dead time on any event is exceeded, competitor(s) will be stopped, and there will be a 10-point deduction from the score.
8. Ascending or Descending the pole while other climber is transitioning, working, or if the handline is being operated.
9. Others as determined by individual event descriptions.

DISQUALIFICATION

1. Unprofessional behavior.
2. Practicing on the rodeo event poles prior to the rodeo.
3. Intentional sabotage or tampering with materials, tools, or equipment on the rodeo field.
4. Unapproved use of alternates or changing status of team members during the events.
5. Protests need to be made by competitor only. No help from the spectators or others.
6. Coaching from supporters outside the arena that does not stop after the first warning (automatic 2 point deduction penalty).
7. Failure to attempt an event.

CONTESTING A CALL

Although we try to avoid any contested calls, there may be a time when the competitor feels the need to contest a deduction. The competitor(s) must be the one to contest the call. Help from spectators or others in a contested call situation will result in the competitor(s) being disqualified. No competitor(s) will be allowed to protest another competitor.

If a competitor wishes to contest a call he/she must take his/her grievance to the chief event judge who will have been pointed out by the greeter for the event. The competitor must make his/her grievance known to the chief event judge *before* leaving the event area.



The chief event judge will settle the dispute. If the competitor is not satisfied with this ruling, the competitor may then elect to take his/her protest to the Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee will consist of the Journeyman master judge, the Apprentice master judge and the chief event judge for the event of the call in question. If the Appeals Committee upholds the chief event judge's ruling, the competitor forfeits two points. ***The decision made by the Appeals Committee is final.***