

Hurtman Rescue Chief Judge: Mark Mustain (Journeyman Event)

Mean Time: 4 minutes

Drop Dead Time: 6 minutes

Event Summary:

This event will simulate the rescue of an injured worker. Construction will consist of an 8' wooden crossarm mounted on a 40' wood pole. The climber will be required to perform a full transfer over the neutral line when ascending and descending the pole. The climber's belt, hooks, and rubber gloves in glove bag will be lying on the ground at arm's length from the pole. Climber may tool up bare handed, but rubber gloves are required before touching pole!

Note: Both journeymen will compete in this event. Scores and times will be averaged and entered as one score.

Event Specifications:

1. Looking at the pole from the crossarm side, the hand line will be hung on the right side simulating an injury to a right-handed person. The mannequin will hang on the crossarm side of the pole with both ends of the safety straps through the braces. Note: The Buckingham OX BLOCK® will be utilized with a minimum of two clicks on the friction bar. The OX BLOCK® will be attached to the arm just outside of the crossarm brace.
2. The event judge will position handline the same way for each team with hook/clip laying on the ground. Prior to the start of the event, the handline cannot be altered or adjusted, and contestants must use the handline provided.
3. Time starts at the judge's signal with climber standing at least an arm's length from the pole in any direction.
4. After time starts, the groundman may assist the climber in getting prepped to climb and adjust the handline hook/clip to the preferred location. Handline shall not be operated while the climber is ascending/descending the pole.
5. Be sure to call out "headache" loudly when you drop out the split hand line.
6. Mannequin should be tied under arms with three half hitches. Note: Eye splice shall not be in the hitches. The half hitch is the only acceptable knot to be tied around the body.
7. A Buckingham Rescue Trainer will be used on the mannequin. You must cut the rope insert. A 10-point deduction will be assessed for cutting the belt in the wrong place.
8. Mannequin must be lowered smoothly to the painted band on the pole, approximately 5' above the ground line. The mannequin must come to a complete stop and then lowered to the ground smoothly. A 5-point deduction will be assessed for failure to stop mannequin.
9. Time will stop when rescue is complete and both feet of competitor are on the ground. Note: There must be one gaff in the pole at all times when climbing up or down the pole and proper belt adjustment maintained.
10. Rubber gloves will be required for this event. Gloves must be worn ground to ground.
11. The blade of the climber's knife must not be exposed while climbing.
12. Judges will use a 4-inch conduit between the rope and the mannequin to evaluate the knot.
13. Fall Restraint Device MUST be used properly (Both Hands on Device) while ascending or descending pole.