

2023 SC Lineworkers Rodeo General Information and Competition Rules

The 2023 Lineworkers' Rodeo will be held on February 24th and 25th at Old Santee Canal Park. The Apprentice Written Test will take place at 1:00PM on Friday afternoon at the park in the learning center following the vendor's show. The opening ceremony of the main event will begin at 8:00AM Saturday at Old Santee Canal Park.

The rodeo is a competition where lineworkers can showcase their skills and knowledge in a fun and safe environment. The rodeo is also a fellowship where lineworkers can strengthen their skills and improve their knowledge in the areas of teamwork, safety, and productivity.

Families are encouraged to attend and support their favorite lineworkers. This year family friendly activities will be scheduled throughout the day. Everyone attending the rodeo is asked to park in grass field before the entrance to Old Santee Canal Park. The rodeo entrance will be highly visible from the parking area.

Golf carts/ATVs will not be allowed on the rodeo grounds this year. Exceptions will be made for the handicapped.

The awards ceremony will take place under the main tent immediately following the rodeo competition.

Competition

Who can compete/eligibility?

Any qualified lineworker (past or present) employed by Santee Cooper or an Electric Cooperative of South Carolina is eligible to compete in this rodeo.

Lineworkers will compete in the following divisions:

- Journeyman Teams
- Individual Apprentices

Apprentices

A lineworker with less than four years' experience will be considered an apprentice. Anyone that has been a lineworker for four years or more must compete as a journeyman. Each apprentice will be required to wear a competitor number on their back, which will be provided in the registration packet. Packets will be available for pick up at the registration table on the morning of the rodeo. Written Test scores may only be obtained after all other events are completed.

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Journeyman Teams

Teams consist of two journeyman climbers, one ground man, and an optional alternate who must meet all requirements. Team members must declare their positions prior to the start of the competition. Team members will remain in their assigned position for the entire competition. No rotating of positions from one event to the next will be allowed, except in the case of injury. The alternate may replace an injured teammate. Each team member will be required to wear a team number on their back, which will be provided in the registration packet. Packets will be available for pick up at the registration table on the morning of the rodeo.

CLIMBERS WILL AT ALL TIMES BE 100% FALL RESTRICTED

Registering

Registration Deadline is January 23, 2023.

Teams and Apprentices

Entry forms are available for download on the rodeo website. Completed forms should be submitted to the designated contact located on each form. On the day of the event, competitors should report to the registration table beginning at 7:30AM to pick up registration packets and sign release forms. The packets will include competitor shirts, numbers, and an order of events.

Event Judges

Judges should have experience/knowledge based upon line work or Transmission and/or Distribution Operations. Note: There will be a mandatory judges meeting on Friday, February 24, 2023 at 10AM. If you are interested in judging an event, complete and submit the appropriate form. Judges are also needed to help administer the Apprentice Written Test on Friday at 1PM. Registration forms are available for download on the rodeo website.

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Volunteer Assistants

We need volunteers for a variety of tasks, such as greeters, runners, entry/exit auditors, children's events, truck operators, etc. If you are interested in volunteering, complete and submit the appropriate form. Registration forms are available for download on the rodeo website.

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A. General Rules

1. All safety rules are to be observed during events.
2. Rubber gloves are required for all simulated energized events and will be inspected.
3. Hard hats and safety glasses are required for all events.
4. Hooks must be equipped with gaff guards outside event circle.
5. Long sleeve shirts are required.
6. A tool inspection may be conducted by the event judge to check for safe condition of tools, homemade tools, and for any alterations to tools. If alterations are discovered, teams or apprentices will be deducted **10 points** at the judge's discretion, and referred to the Appeals Committee should a call be contested. Points deducted will be deducted from the event that the competitor is competing in at the time the alterations are discovered.
7. Competitors will receive 5 minutes to ask questions and lay out tools, materials, etc., before each event starts.
8. Competitors will be allowed to affix the Fall Arrest belt to the pole during the set-up time.
9. Video footage will not be allowed to settle judging disputes.
10. Cheering is encouraged, but professional coaching from supporters outside individual event arenas will not be allowed. Such incidents will be addressed by first issuing a warning and if continued will result in 2 points being deducted from the competitor.
11. A tarp must be utilized on all events that require it. No tools are allowed to be on ground.
12. Proper rigging using approved hardware on pole unless specified in event specifications.
13. Meters do not have to be functional.

B. Infractions – 2 point deduction

1. Loose hardhat.
2. Wearing hardhat backwards.
3. Not wearing safety glasses.
4. Failure to have fall arrest belt adjusted properly.
5. Failure to cover hook gaffs with gaff guards outside event circle.
6. Climber doing ground work inside circle without gaff guards on.
7. Improper cover up – i.e. no reach fall or slip. (If in your reach fall it needs to be covered)
8. Twisted hand line operation.
9. Dropping tools, materials, or equipment.
10. Cutout with loss of control on pole.
11. Hot dogging. – Out of control. Example: excessive uncontrolled speed, drop steps, etc.
12. Failure to keep at least one gaff in the pole at all times.
13. Hand line operation while climber is climbing.



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14. Work being performed on the pole while another climber is climbing.
15. Misuse of tools.
16. Misuse of insulated cover-up.
17. Not wearing a long sleeved shirt. (Sleeves must be down)
18. Injuries or cuts which result in bleeding.
19. Loss of control.
20. Not wearing OSHA approved lineworker's body belt.
21. Poor housekeeping.
22. Exceeding the event time.
23. Ground man not wearing work gloves.
24. Climbers not wearing work gloves (when rubber gloves are not required) to perform work.
25. Climbers failing to wear rubber gloves (in events where they are required) ground to ground.
26. Cross-over lanyard not being snapped back in the D-ring after crossing an obstacle.
27. Hanging tools on phase conductors, neutrals, cross arms, or safety straps.
28. Failure to maintain approved minimum approach distances.
29. Failure to follow event rotation schedule (order of events).
30. Professional coaching (step-by-step instruction) from outside the event arena.
31. All tools must be manufacturer approved and must not be altered.
32. Others as determined by individual event descriptions.

C. Infractions – 10 point deduction

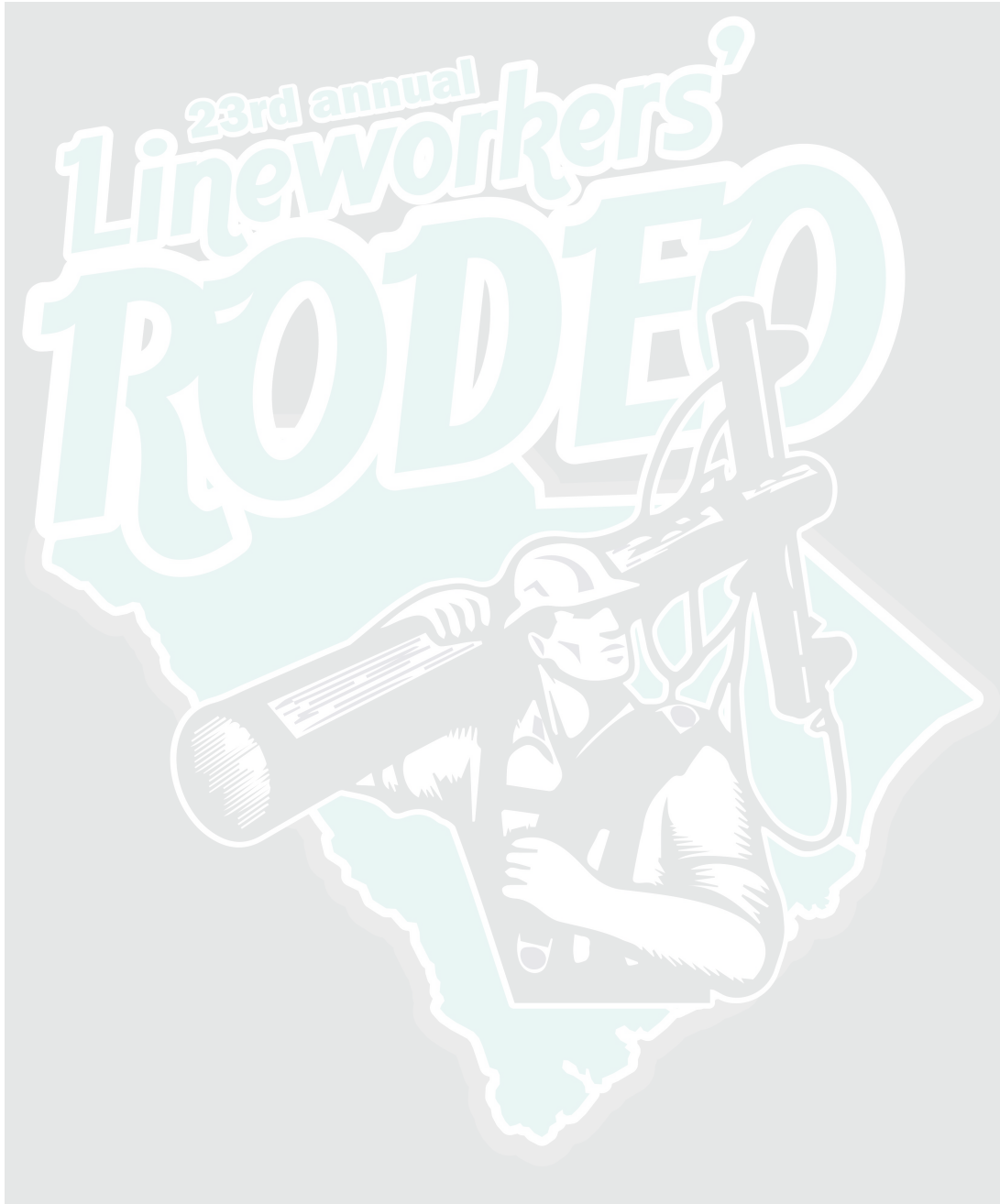
1. Accidental contact with phases (with any equipment other than rated and approved live line tools).
2. Working opposite phases (simulated energized) at the same time.
3. Not using hand line, bucket, or material bag for sending tools or materials up or down the pole.
4. More than one climber ascending or descending at the same time.
5. Failure to wear gloves ground to ground.
6. Cut out which results in fall to ground or fall-arrest belt catching climbers weight.
7. Exceeding the drop dead time on any event. (Competitor(s) will be stopped and asked to return the event site back to its original condition.)
8. Unsafe alterations to manufactured tools and equipment.
9. Others as determined by individual event descriptions.

D. Infractions – Disqualification

1. Unprofessional behavior.
2. Practicing on rodeo field prior to 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. Failure to attempt an event.



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