May 1-2, 2020
900 Stony Landing Road

Fall Arrest Policy

Due to the OSHA final rule effective April 1, 2015, the Lineworkers Rodeo requires the mandatory use of personal fall protection for all Journeyman Team and Apprentice climbing events. Fall protection systems shall be supplied by the competitor and be used in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications along with the use of a secondary work positioning strap or lanyard while transitioning around attachments on the pole. For the sake of competition it will not be permissible to use two fall arrest devices in any climbing events. While using the secondary positioning strap or lanyard the competitor shall not get into a position to allow for a free fall greater than 0.6 meters (2 feet). Climbers will not be permitted to ascend or descend with both the fall arrest device and the secondary positioning lanyard around the pole. It will be a requirement for every event that the secondary positioning lanyard be disconnected and parked on a D-Ring after transitioning above or below hardware on the pole. With that being said, no climber will be allowed to work from the secondary positioning lanyard alone and must make a full transition and be in full fall arrest prior to doing any work.

Judging Guidelines

Judging will be based on the following:

1. The fall arrest system is being used in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
2. The climber keeps the fall arrest system adjusted properly at all times.
3. The climber does not create a potential free fall greater than 0.6 meters (2 feet).
4. All cutouts will be judged the same as in the general rules (i.e. loss of control and fall to the ground)

Note: All infractions will be a two point deduction with the exception to a fall to the ground which will be assessed as a ten point deduction.

Demonstrational Videos

Buckingham Super Squeeze (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hR7o46cMLzQ)

JELCO Pole Choker (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxBVDJDziZI)