

## **BEING A JUDGE AT THE TEXAS LINEMAN'S RODEO**

Our goal at the Texas Lineman's Rodeo is to be fair and consistent in judging all events. If you were ever a qualified practicing, working lineman you are eligible to be a judge. When you volunteer to be a judge you are required to attend all Judges Meetings and the tool inspections on Friday before the Rodeo. In these meetings each event is reviewed and final instructions are given so that our judging can be fair and consistent. If you do not attend the meetings, you will be assigned a non-judging task, such as timekeeping and assisting Rodeo staff.

The journeyman teams and apprentices participating in the Rodeo have spent many hours preparing to compete and deserve dedicated judges interested in fair and consistent judging.

Please review the following items of what is expected and needed to be a judge:

1. Person has experience in high voltage electrical utilities.
2. Person has supervised others in electric utilities.
3. If no supervisory experience, then person has competed in a past Texas Lineman's Rodeo(s).
4. Must attend the judges meeting and the Tool Inspections on Friday prior to the Rodeo.
5. Wear hardhat and safety glasses
6. TLRA prefers long pants, but will allow judges to wear shorts.
7. TLRA prefers judges to wear hard sole shoes; but tennis shoes will be allowed. No open toed shoes will be allowed.
8. TLRA will furnish clipboards, pens and stop watches for events to Chief Judges. All stop watches will be synchronized and shall be returned to the Chief Judge when the event is finished for the day.
9. Rain gear is an option each judge should consider.

**\*\*\*Remember, we all lead by example and that means we must follow safe work procedures and safety rules. Judges will receive a shirt to be worn during judging at the rodeo.**

We need and welcome judges and assistants from all participating companies.

Please use the Judges Registration form to volunteer for judging. **Thank you for your support!!!**

### **Master Judges:**

A Master Judge has been chosen by the TLRA Board of Directors and is to be the authority on the day of the Rodeo to resolve situations involving their assigned events. They are to assist their Chief Judges in resolving issues and contested infraction deductions in any situation that the Chief Judge is unable to resolve. They are to be available to their Chief Judges to consult with on procedures and help locate needed tools or supplies. Master Judges are responsible for the flow of their assigned events and should re-route teams to keep events from backing up. They shall know what to do in case of illness or injury. (First aid, fire rescue, ambulance, etc.)

In preparation for the Rodeo the Master Judge is expected to be able to do the following:

1. Attend Master and Chief Judges meetings throughout the year.
2. Be available to help their Chief Judges at the meetings on Friday prior to the Rodeo.
3. Help distribute Judges books and shirts to judges at the Judges meeting on Friday prior to the Rodeo.

## **Chief Judges:**

A Chief Judge is to be the authority on the day of the Rodeo to resolve situations and protests at their event that the Event Judges are unable to resolve. They are to be available to their Judges to consult with on procedures and help locate needed tools or supplies. The Chief Judges are responsible for keeping the event moving and tracking the teams/apprentices entering and leaving the event, getting teams/apprentices properly staged and informed prior to entering the event. The Chief Judge will sign team or apprentice score sheets at the exit when they have completed the event. The Chief Judge shall deliver the Event Master List binder to the Scoring Committee at the completion of the event and see that all tools and supplies are gathered and secured when event is finished. They shall know what to do in case of illness or injury. (First aid, fire rescue, ambulance, etc.)

In preparation for the Rodeo the Chief Judge is expected to be able to do the following:

1. Attend Master and Chief Judges meetings throughout the year.
2. Assemble tools and supplies for their event.
3. Conduct the Judges Meetings and Tool Inspections on Friday prior to the Rodeo.
4. Distribute Judges books and shirts to judges at the Judges meeting on Friday prior to the Rodeo.
5. Ensure the utility judge and timer in events requiring two men from judging staff are not from the same utility, or related to each other or to a team member or apprentice competitor.

## **Event Judges:**

The Event Judge is to be the authority in conducting the event competition for each individual team or apprentice. The Judge is to refrain from judging teams or apprentices from their company. They will escort the team or apprentice to the event structure and allow five (5) minutes for questions and tool layout. Judge starts time and observes the team or apprentice during the event for infractions and stops time when team or apprentice is complete. The judge enters deductions on score sheet along with the completion time. The judge signs the score sheet and gives to the Chief Judge or his designee at the event exit.

In preparation for the Rodeo the Event Judge is expected to be able to do the following:

1. Attend the Judges Meeting and Tool Inspections on Friday prior to the Rodeo.
2. Bring hardhat, safety glasses, stopwatch, clipboard and pen to the competition unless the Chief Judge issues them prior to competition.
3. Ensure the utility judge and timer in events requiring two men from judging staff are not from the same utility, or related to each other or to a team member or apprentice competitor.

**\*\*\* If an Event Judge does not attend the Friday Judges Meeting, he/she may be asked to fulfill another role at the Rodeo; such as a timer or assistant.**

**\*\*\*Any violation of the judging rules may result in disqualification of the judge(s), teams(s), apprentice(s) and/or utility.**