
Climbing Skills – Apprentice

1. The apprentice throws a rope over the first crossarm. He then ties a weight/bucket/nose bag to the rope using a bowline knot.
2. Apprentice shall sound the pole with a hammer prior to climbing.
3. He then puts his tools on and climbs into position below the crossarm.
4. Once in position, he pulls the weight up to the crossarm.
5. The apprentice raises the weight over the crossarm, spins around to the other side of the pole and lowers the weight down on the opposite side of the arm. The weight cannot touch the pole as it is being moved around the pole.
6. The apprentice then continues up above the neutral, and ties a snub rope around the pole using a square knot.
7. He then pulls the hoist, grip and new suspension insulator up to himself. The suspension insulators are exchanged and the hoist, grip, exchanged suspension insulator and snub rope lowered to the ground.
8. The apprentice continues up to the top of the pole. At the top of the pole will be a canvas bag containing a cow bell. The apprentice will remove the bell from the bag and ring it. Once rung, the bell will be replaced in the bag.
9. At this point, the apprentice continues safely down the pole.
10. Time stops when his foot hits the ground.
11. Judging continues while the apprentice cleans up the rope and weight and prepares the event for the next competitor.

NOTE: Every attempt will be made to run the event exactly as described above. In the event of unforeseen circumstances or conditions, the Rodeo Event Committee reserves the right to alter the event as needed.