

Tournament & Contest Rules:

Rule 1. The contest shall be open all fire companies and departments.

Rule 2. The qualification of a company or department entered in for competition shall be determined by the Official Starter. There may be more than one entry from a department or company. Drawing for positions will be held at the Captain's meeting as determined by the Official Starter. There will be no entries after the drawing except for reasons suitable to the judges and a majority of team captains participating.

Rule 3. There will be no contest unless two or more teams participate.

Rule 4. When drawing for place in contest is held, the contesting teams will run in order as per number drawn.

Rule 5. No contestant shall be allowed to compete in any contest unless they are a member in good standing of a fire company or department.

Rule 6. All contestants shall wear satisfactory protective headgear from starting signal to the completion in each contest. Otherwise, they may be clothed as they see fit.

Rule 7. Five team contestants shall participate in each event.

Rule 8. Every team competing shall be ready to start when called unless competing in another event and shall be debarred if not ready.

Rule 9. Hose and race course shall be wet before the running of the first team.

Rule 10. Each competing team shall break each coupling, drain each length of hose by rolling and re-couple all couplings hand-tight before making its run; All couplings shall be checked by judges. Rolled hose will be unrolled in such a way that the coupling will not be damaged or that it becomes a hazard to safety.

Rule 11. In all contests, a target of not less than 30 inches square shall be used.

Rule 12. Any team, contestant, company or department wetting the judges or displaying flagrant conduct will be disqualified from any prizes or winnings in the three contests. The use of foul language by any contestant may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct by the judges.

Rule 13. Any team leaving a charged line unattended or undermanned so that it becomes a hazard to safety, shall be disqualified from the event by the decision of the judges of the event. When hydrant pressure presents a hazard to safety, the nozzleman on 2 ½ contests will have backup as determined by the Official Starter.

Rule 14. All protests must be made immediately to the judges involved. If denied, a written protest must be given to the official in charge

of the tournament immediately following the denial. If the protest is against a team, that team captain must be notified by the protesting team. The official and the judges involved will immediately decide on the protest. If the judges allow a second run, it shall be run at the end of the contest. The second run will be the official time.

Rule 15. In no contest shall any allowance be made for any accidents, mistakes or nonperformance of the full requirements, in every particular, except in an accident caused by outside interference or by breaking down of anything furnished. The team so hindered shall be permitted a re-run in regular drawn position. In all events, a team is allowed one false start if no connections have been made.

Rule 16. Except in case of a re-run, no contestant shall be allowed to compete twice in any contest. Runoff of ties shall be considered part of the official contest.

Rule 17. If two or more teams are tied for a prize-winning position, the prize money for that position and any lesser position involved shall be divided equally among the tying teams.

Rule 18. No prizes shall be presented unless approved by the majority of judges.

Rule 19. If the timers' watches do not agree in any contest, the average time to the nearest 1/100th second shall be taken as official time.

Rule 20. The decision of the judges on all matters shall be final.

Rule 21. The races shall start promptly as determined by the Official Starter.

Rule 22. After a team has completed its run in each contest, all couplings shall be connected and tight set. Run shall be considered completed after judges have marked and checked all couplings. Team captains only may remain on the course after couplings have been checked. There shall be no interference with judges from starting signal until they announce time of run.

Rule 23. Point scoring for Overall Trophy shall be 5 for 1st, 4 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd, 2 for 4th, and 1 for 5th. In the event of a tie for place, points for that place and next lower place shall be added and averaged. Each team shall receive average points.

Rule 24. All contestants shall use the same equipment. It shall be the decision of the judges involved on replacement of equipment that breaks down after contests have started. No contestants hands shall touch any equipment prior to the starting signal. All snap and link connections are barred in these contests. No kinking by any means or device of any kind

may be used. No contestant shall in any way apply lubricants, tamper with or alter any equipment furnished.

Rule 25. Any contestant receiving any injury of any type shall report the injury to the Tournament Secretary or the Official Starter.

Officials:

Rule 1. There will be one starter and 2 timers. Starter shall time five minute set up. Timers shall record a time in each contest completed. The selection of judges shall be under the jurisdiction of the Official Starter.

Rule 2. There shall be one Tournament Secretary to be appointed by the Official Starter who shall make a record of all races, recording all finishes of all teams, and their times so that a record may be kept thereof. He may appoint any assistant he may need to cover all events.

Rule 3. Extra judges may be used to watch for rule violations at the discretion of the Official Starter. No more than a total of 15 judges shall be used.

Penalties:

1. A penalty of one second per each full turn on couplings not set hand-tight.
2. Any unconnected coupling or cross thread shall disqualify the team in the event they are competing in.
3. Any team tampering any connection after targets have been hit will be disqualified.
4. For each minute or portion thereof, over the allotted preparation time in each contest, a second penalty shall be added to the running time.
5. If a contestant loses his headgear and he takes any action toward completing the contest before replacing it, the team shall be disqualified from that event.

Contests and Rules:

LADDER CONTEST - 1st RACE

1. Each team shall be allowed 5 minutes to drain hose, lay out equipment and be on the starting line ready to run. Time to start when judge signals the course is clear.
2. Three 50-foot lengths of 1 ½ inch hose shall be coupled with each open end on the hydrant line, together with hydrant wrench, shutoff nozzle, and 16-foot, one-piece, straight siderail ladder centered lengthwise on line with top toward target.
3. Open couplings may be in any position on hydrant line and hose shall be within boundary of course between hydrant line, ladder arch, and sidelines which will be no more than 24 feet wide.
4. Starting line will be 3 feet behind hydrant line. Horizontal bar of arch to be approximately 12 feet above ground line and shall have safety stops 2 ½ feet each side of center and extending at least 1 ½ inch out from bar.
5. At starting signal, contestants will couple hose to hydrant, attach nozzle, set (not throw) ladder against arch 125 feet from hydrant and climb same. Ladder shall be set in safe position with the tip of each siderail over the horizontal bar of the arch and between the safety stops. Shutoff nozzle to remain closed until tip is placed between ladder siderails higher than the arch.
6. Time to be taken from starting signal to when solid stream of water makes a direct hit on target 25 feet beyond arch.

WYE CONTEST - 2nd RACE

1. Each team shall be allowed 5 minutes to drain hose, lay out equipment and be on the starting line ready to run. Time to start when judge signals the course is clear.
2. Three 50-foot lengths of 2 ½ inch hose shall be coupled and laid in a straight line flat on the running course. Open female coupling shall be at hydrant line mark in center of course. Hose may be folded at hydrant line.
3. Hydrant wrench, female swivel end wye and two straight-type nozzles to be placed on starting line 25 feet from hydrant.

4. At starting signal, contestants shall carry hydrant wrench, wye and nozzles, couple hose to hydrant, break hose and put in wye at first coupling, couple two lengths to wye and put on nozzles.
5. Time to be taken from starting signal to when each individual stream has made a direct hit on a separate target 125 feet from hydrant with a solid stream of water.

FIVE-MAN DONUT-ROLL LAY CONTEST - 3rd Race

1. Each team shall be allowed 5 minutes to drain hose, lay out equipment and be on the starting line ready to run. Time to start when judge signals the course is clear.
2. Three 50-foot lengths of 2 ½ inch hose shall be donut rolled and placed on the hydrant line. Open female couplings shall face hydrant side of course. Hydrant wrench and straight type nozzle to be placed on starting line 25 feet from hydrant line.
3. At starting signal, contestants shall couple hose to hydrant, couple remaining 2 ½ hose lines, stretch donut rolled hose lines the length of the course, and put on nozzle. Thread penalty turns shall NOT be counted in this race.
4. Time to be taken from starting signal to when individual stream has made a direct hit on a target 175 feet from hydrant with a solid stream of water.

Equipment required:

LADDER CONTEST - 1st RACE

1. Three 50-foot 1 ½ inch lengths of hose.
2. Hydrant wrench.
3. 1 ½ shutoff nozzle.
4. 16 foot, one-piece, siderail ladder.
5. 2 ½ to 1 ½ inch hydrant adapter.
6. 12 foot horizontal bar arch with 2 safety stops.
7. 30 square inch target.

WYE CONTEST - 2nd RACE

1. Three 50-foot 2 ½ inch lengths of hose.
2. Hydrant wrench.
3. 2, 2 ½ inch straight type nozzles.
4. 2 ½ inch hydrant cap.
5. Female swivel end wye.
6. 2, 30 square inch targets.

FIVE-MAN LAY CONTEST - 3rd RACE

1. Three 50-foot 2 ½ inch lengths of hose.
2. Hydrant wrench.
3. 1, straight type nozzle.
4. 2 ½ inch hydrant cap.
5. 1, 30 square inch target.

Central will provide all necessary equipment for the races the day of the competition.