

2026 Individual Hurtman Rescue

Mean Time = 5 minutes ~ Dead Time = 7 minutes

Event Description: This event is designed to demonstrate the skill of rescuing an injured man from a pole. This event is an energized event. The pole will be a 40' class 3, A1.1. The manikin will be placed on the back quarter of the pole, away from the neutral, the bucksqueeze will be around the pole, 8" above the neutral. There will be an ox block hanging from the manikin's climbing belt. The line is simulated energized.

Basic Outline:

1. Participants will have a 5 minutes setup time
2. Poles must be sound checked with a hammer
3. Time starts when the judges say "Ready, Set, Go"
4. All tools and equipment must start outside the event circle
5. At "GO" the lineman will bring his tools inside the event circle and adorn the climbing equipment
6. Climber will then climb up into position and remove the ox block from the victim's belt
7. The climber will then move into position to hang the ox block around the pole from the back. (The friction bar must remain above the victims' shoulders when the victim is cut free from the pole)
8. The climber will break the handline and tie the manikin off using three half hitches, tied tightly to the chest
9. The climber must get two clicks of wraps on the ox block friction bar
10. The climber will cut the strap at the designated spot to free the manikin
11. The manikin will be lowered to the ground in a controlled fashion
12. The climber will then descend the pole
13. Time will stop when the climber first foot touches the ground
14. The event is simulated hot. This means that the climber will use rubber gloves.
15. The rubber gloves will be in a snapped (or Velcro), closed bag to begin the event
16. Rubber gloves will be put on before ascending the pole

Possible Deductions:

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1. Either arm of the manikin comes out of the tie made by the climber.
2. Manikin falls freely to the ground.

Possible Deductions (2 pts.)

1. Infractions of any rules listed in the General Rules.
2. Failure to have tool belt, glove bag, or hooks properly positioned before starting event.
3. Climber ascends pole under victim

4. Knife not sheathed or folded. Use of an open tool pouch is not acceptable.
5. Failure to call "head-ache" when dropping the rope or the sheave.
6. Failure to tie the rope tightly around the manikin's chest.
7. Failure to tie the manakin off with three half-hitches.
8. Failure to make 2 clicks of rope on the friction bar of the Ox Block.
9. Failure to cut the safety at the indicated inserts (between buckles).
10. The lineman cutting toward his own body.
11. Failure to lower the manakin in a controlled fashion. The manikin cannot hit the ground hard. (Hitting the ground too hard is the judge's call. It will be based on the question, "Would the impact produce injury to a real victim?"

Ox Block will be provided