



2027 FLORIDA
LINEMAN
COMPETITION
FEBRUARY 26-27 • KISSIMMEE

JOURNEYMAN EVENT

VERTICAL HURTMAN RESCUE

CHIEF JUDGE: ZEUS ROBERTS



MEAN TIME: **3 MINUTES**
DROP DEAD: **4 MINUTES**

EVENT SUMMARY

This team event will be run one time with all three team members participating to rescue the hurtman. Teams have 5 minutes to set up and ask questions. The switch (cutout) feeding the transformer must be opened before any team member can touch the pole. It will be opened from the ground using an extendo stick with the operator in Class II (or higher) rubber gloves. The stick must be off the ground and the body anytime it is touching anything energized. The climber must wear rubber gloves ground to ground. Lineman will split handline and loop the hook end of handline around mannequin's legs. Then take the rope under mannequin's arms and tie three half hitches (the splice cannot be part of the knot). Once the mannequin has been tied off the climber will utilize the **provided** "OX Block" with a minimum of 1 & 1/2 wrap's or 3 clicks on the fiction bar. The mannequin can then be lowered to the ground while the third member of the team uses the bottom part of handline tied to the mannequin's legs to pull mannequin on to the tarp. You must attempt to keep the mannequin off of the pole and hardware. There will be **NO** gigs for incidental contact of the mannequin on the pole, neutral or service provided the tag man is making an honest attempt. The mannequin must land with **all** of his body on the tarp provided, and he must hit the ground gently as if it were a real person. A 10x10 tarp will be provided and placed 5' from pole centered under switch.

EVENT SPECIFICATIONS

- Time starts at judge's signal with all team members at least an arm's length from pole and extendo stick.
- Rubber gloves will be in glove bag cuffs down with no fingers protruding and bag flap closed.
- Lineman's belt and hooks will be on the ground opposite the switch side of the pole.
- Extendo stick will be lying flat on tarp fully retracted.
- All three team members must be used. One must climb, one must open switch with extendo stick wearing Class II (or higher) rubber gloves, and one must tag the mannequin.
- Mannequin must be lowered smoothly to the ground must be completely stopped within 5 feet of the ground then laid gently on the tarp. If the mannequin is not completely stopped there will be a 2-point deduction.
- Time will stop when mannequin is on the tarp with slack on the handline, and extendo stick is fully retracted and back on tarp.
- Climber will stay on pole and help hang mannequin.
- Team may assist with closing the switch back after time stops. Any team member can close it back and work gloves must be used.
- You must use the eye to open and close switch.

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- When time starts extendo stick will be lying flat on tarp and must be back on tarp fully retracted before time will stop.
- Climber must stay in 5-foot circle while he has his gaffs on or not utilizing gaff guards.
- Rubber gloves or work gloves must be worn anytime you are working or handling tools and equipment.
- You must cut the safety rope. There will be a 10-point deduction for cutting the belt in the wrong place.
- The blade of the climber's knife must not be exposed while climbing.
- Judges will use a 4" PVC conduit between the rope and the mannequin to evaluate the rope knot, the eye splice can not be in any part of the knot.
- You may use any standard knot or hitch on the mannequin's legs that can be easily removed. (Including placing the rope through the hook, but it must not come off)

TEAM PROVIDES

- Extendo Stick

JUDGING GUIDELINES

This year's lineman competition will be focusing on strict safety guidelines. All rules or safety infractions will be enforced as stated in the event specs. No leniency on the stated rules will be tolerated.

The OX Blocks: A minimum of 3 clicks or one- and one-half wraps on the friction bar will be used. This ensures a timely but safe rescue for the fallen Lineman. This is simulating a rescue, **mannequins** hitting the ground with excessive force or **coming in contact with the pole**, will be a deduction and is at the discretion of the judge.

Mannequins: Mannequins will be tied under the arms with 3 half hitches. **Any** part of the eye splice in the knot will be a deduction. **A 4-inch pipe** will be used to ensure tightness of the knot. If the pipe can slide in-between the mannequin and the knot it is a deduction. This to ensure the fallen lineman can be safely lowered to the ground.

Insert: The Safety Belt ROPE insert must be **cut** during the rescue.

Stop Time: Time will stop when mannequin is on the ground and **the handline is slack**.

Climbing: **One gaff** must be in the pole at all times. **Belt** must be properly adjusted.

Class II Rubber Gloves: In this event **Class II Rubber Gloves are required ground to ground**.

Extendo stick: **Must use Primary gloves to operate**.

Our goal is to have a safe and timely rescue for the fallen lineman. It does little good if you become a victim while doing a rescue. Please understand that all rules will be enforced to ensure safety.



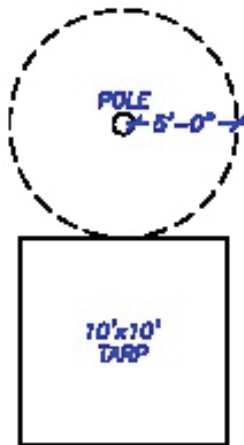
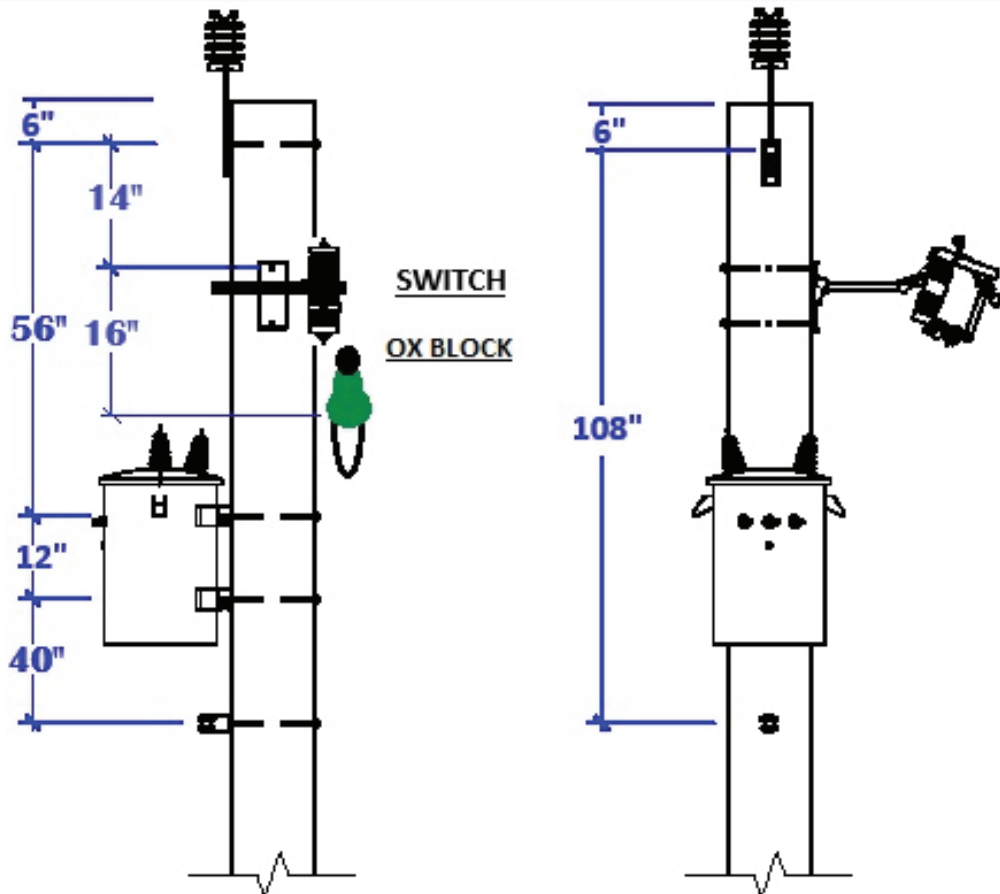


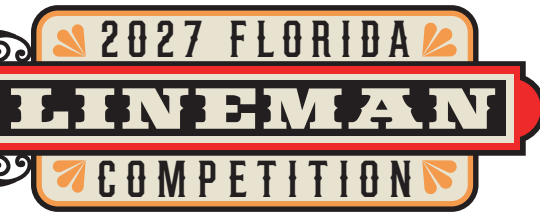
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