

Minnesota Lineworker's Rodeo

September 9, 2025

This event offers all lineworkers an opportunity to step out of your comfort zone as you challenge yourself to complete three different events safely, accurately, and proficiently.

All events are individual. Any apprentice or journeyman lineworker can participate, whether you are from Minnesota or elsewhere.

Everyone who participates will receive a commemorative t-shirt and is invited to join us for our awards reception in the evening.

Recognition

The top three overall winners in the apprentice and journeyman categories will be awarded a trophy. Plus, for each individual event, plaques will be awarded to the top three apprentices and top three journeymen.

What to bring

Each competitor should bring the following:

- Hard hat
- Safety glasses
- Work gloves
- Work boots
- Handline
- Climbing gear with fall restraint
- Rain gear
- Minimum class 2 rubber gloves

Registration is free for members

This event is free to lineworkers whose utility/company is an MMUA member, however registration is required by August 14. No on-site registration. Non-member fee: \$25.

Advanced registration is required. Registration deadline is August 14.



Schedule

Tuesday, September 9

9:00	Competitor check-in
9:45	Opening ceremony
10:00–1:00	Rodeo competition
11:00–12:00	Lunch
5:00	Awards ceremony

Note: Overhead School will start at 2:00 pm.

Location

MMUA Training Center
1004 Michigan Road
Marshall, MN 56258

2025 Lineworker's Rodeo details

Event 1: Hurtman Rescue

Mean time: 4 minutes

Drop dead time: 6 minutes

This event will be simulating the rescue of an injured worker. Construction will consist of an 8' wooden crossarm mounted on a 40' wood pole. Time starts at the judge's signal with the competitor standing at least an arm's length from pole in any direction.

Note: the bag with the lineworker's belt, hooks, and rubber gloves will be lying on the ground at arm's length from pole. (Competitor may tool up bare handed.) Rubber gloves required before touching the pole.

Event 2: Obstacle Course

Mean time: 9 minutes

Drop dead time: 13 minutes

The competitor will climb a 40' pole with three (3) 8' fiberglass crossarms. The first crossarm, which is mounted at 22', will be a bare crossarm. The second crossarm is mounted at 28' and equipped with a 100-amp fuse cut-out attached with an "L" bracket with an additional "L" bracket on the opposite side. The top crossarm, mounted at 33', will be equipped with a polymer dead-end insulator attached to the arm with a 5/8" eye bolt. This event will begin with the competitor raising the extendo stick, opening the cutout door, lowering it to the ground, and fully retracting the extendo stick. Competitor then tools up and ascends the pole. The competitor is required to stop at each arm and relocate the arm mounted device to the opposite side and rotate the bottom crossarm 180 degrees. Once complete, the competitor will descend the pole, remove all climbing gear, re-install fuse door, and close the fuse with the extendo stick. Time stops when competitor has fully retracted the extendo stick. Note: handline must be hung prior to working at every crossarm.



Event 3: Arrester Change Out

Mean time: 6 minutes

Drop dead time: 9 minutes

The competitor will be replacing two (2) lightning arresters that are mounted on an 8' wooden crossarm 30" below the top crossarm at the top of a 40' wood pole. There will be a neutral conductor 7' down from the top arm and a stick bag hung on an eye nut on the back side of the neutral with a 6' shotgun stick. Primary gloves are required.

Registration information

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Non-member: \$25 per person

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To register, visit mmua.org/events/mn-rodeo-2025

Hotel information

Marshall offers many hotel options, in addition to the hotels listed below. MMUA has arranged for discounted lodging at these hotels. Please call the hotel directly and ask for MMUA's reduced rate when making your reservation. We recommend making your reservation as soon as possible, as availability cannot be guaranteed.

AmericInn
1406 E Lyon St
Marshall
Phone 507-537-9424

EverSpring Inn & Suites
1500 E College Dr
Marshall
Phone 507-532-3221