POLE CLIMB

Classification: Core Singles Event
Safety Code: Green

Note: Competitors participating in the Axe Throw, Chain Saw, Single Buck, Super Swede or Water Boil are not eligible for this event.

Rules:

1. Corral must be a safe distance from spectators and only competing athletes, event judge and timer are permitted inside.
2. A belay 12 mil. (.5in) professional climbing rope is mandatory and provided by the host school.
3. The individual on the belay rope must be knowledgeable, consistent and unbiased throughout the event. A gri gri system with a solid anchor must be used to belay the climbers.
4. Spurs must meet CSA or current industry safety standards. Buck straps are optional, but no spikes of any kind may be added. Toe spurs not permitted.
5. Competitors must wear a certified safety belt.
6. The Event Judge must confirm safety rules are being adhered to prior to each competitor starting the event. The event will not begin if there is missing safety gear.
7. No part of the competitor's equipment may touch the pole before the GO signal.
8. The starting signal is: Timers ready, Competitors ready, 3-2-1-GO.
9. Starting prior to GO will result in a disqualification.
10. The competitor climbs up a hydro pole to a height of 8.53 meters (28ft) where a bell will be attached. There is a one (1) minute time maximum.
11. The bell must be rung by the competitor's hand at which the point time will stop.
12. The bell should have a short tether to hinder unnecessary swinging during the climber's ascent.
13. Competitors must climb down the pole or they will be DISQUALIFIED. No freefalling, jumping off the pole or hot dogging is permitted.
14. The belay system (gri gri) is used to support a spur-out that could occur up and/or down the pole only.
15. Climbers should not rely on the belay system to catch them if they choose to "Jump" for the bell. If a climber decides to jump up at the last second to reach the bell, and he/she is not in complete control and relies on the belay system, a DQ will result.