

2017 Sequim Logging Show Rules

NOVICE UNDERHAND CHOP

The contestant provides their own axe and safety equipment. All axes must be fitted with a steel roll pin securing the head to the handle. Leg and/or foot protection is recommended and encouraged.

The contestant chops a horizontal log in half from 2 sides. The block is to be approximately 12" in diameter. The contestant is responsible for securing his/her own log in a stand. Contestants will be allowed to mark the log with a "crayon," and cut footholds into the log prior to the competition. Contestants will be disqualified if they cut into either of their footholds during the event. Time Starts on the command "Go!" and time ends when the block is severed. Striking the block with the leading edge of the axe prior to "Go!" will result in immediate disqualification. The block must be severed with the leading edge of the axe. A minimum of 3 nails on either side of the block must be used to prevent the block from "slabbing."

The Novice Underhand Chop is intended for people who are learning how to chop, or for those who compete in fewer than 4 competitions per year. Any contestant who has placed in the top 5 at an "open" underhand contest or the top 3 at an "intermediate" underhand contest in the last two years does not qualify as a novice competitor. The logging show officials reserve the right to make exceptions when appropriate (e.g. contestant placed 5th at an "open" contest that only had 5 entries). The winner of the "Novice" event will be required to compete in the "Open" division the following year.

OPEN UNDERHAND CHOP

The same rules as the "Novice Underhand Chop" apply, except blocks may be up to 15" in diameter. Any contestant not entered in the "Novice" underhand chop may enter this event.

SPRINGBOARD CHOP

The contestant provides their own axe, springboards, and safety equipment. All axes must be fitted with a steel roll pin securing the head to the handle. The block is to be approximately 10" in diameter, secured vertically to the top of a 9 foot tall pole ("tree"). The contestant is responsible for securing his/her own log to the springboard tree. Contestants will be allowed to mark their block and tree with a crayon prior to the competition. Bark may be peeled from the tree to accommodate pocket locations. Time Starts on the command "Go!" and time ends when the block is severed. Striking the tree with the leading edge of the axe prior to "Go!" will result in immediate disqualification. The block must be severed from both sides. A minimum of 3 nails on either side of the block must be used to prevent the block from "slabbing." Contestants are not allowed to drive nails into the springboard tree (other than for securing the block).

SINGLE BUCKING

The contestant may provide a cross-cut saw of their choice. Contestants will be allowed a starting cut as designated by contest officials. The bottom side of the bucking log shall be set no lower than 12" or higher than 16" from the level of the contestants footing. Time will start on "Go" and stop when the wood disc is severed. Starting before the command "Go" is an automatic disqualification.

Each contestant in Single Bucking will be allowed a "manager" to oil and wedge during the time the cut is being made. The manager must not touch the saw or the disc being cut after the contest has started. Provisions for the contestants footing must be made before the event starts.

Contestants may question location of starting cuts designated on or near obvious knots. An alternate location for the starting cut will be decided by the contest official. Knots encountered thereafter will be the luck of the draw. Cutouts (incomplete discs) will result in no time. If a disc

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breaks, any slabs of 1/2 inch or more remaining on the cut must be severed before time stops. If not severed, the cut will receive no time.

140cc POWERSAW BUCKING

Contestants will furnish their own saw, chain and safety equipment. Chaps and eye protection are required. Any chainsaw with an engine size of 140 cc or smaller may be used. Contestants may use any liquid fuel. An individual saw may only be used by one contestant in the event. Contestants will have 2 minutes to start and warm their saw once they are called to their position.

Contestants will be allotted 4 inches of wood in which to cut two complete discs. The first cut must be made using the bottom of the bar, and the second cut must be made using the top of the bar. The event will start with the saw shut off and on the ground, with the contestant's hands positioned on top of the log. Time will start on "Go!" and will end when the second disc is severed.

Contestants will be disqualified if they remove their hands from the log prior to "Go!," exceed their allotted 4 inches of wood, or fail to cut two complete discs. If a contestant "cuts out" and fails to cut a complete disc, they may re-cut another disc within their allotted 4 inches. The additional disc must be cut in the same direction that their incomplete disc was cut.

AXE THROW

The contestant provides their own axe. The axe must be double bitted, at least 2 1/2 pounds, and have an overall length of no less than 24 inches and no greater than 40 inches measured from the top of the eye to the end of the handle. The cutting face of each blade will not exceed 6 inches in length. All axe heads must be fitted with a steel roll pin securing the head to the handle.

The center of the bull's eye is to be set at 5 feet high. The throwing line is to be set at a horizontal distance of 20 feet from the target.

The bulls eye is worth 5 points, the next ring to the outside is worth 4 points, then 3, then 2, then 1 point for the 5th and outermost ring on the target (target size permitting). If a "beer can target" is used, puncturing the can will score the contestant 6 points. Fluid must be visible leaking from the can.

Each contestant is allowed 1 practice throw, and three throws for score. Each contestant must declare their practice throw to the event judge when they stand to the line for their first throw. If a practice throw is not declared, then the contestants first throw counts for score. Each throw will be scored with the leading edge of the axe only. The highest scoring ring that the leading edge cuts will count for score. Throws in which both edges of the axe stick into the target ("rabbit ears") will be scored as zero.

The contestant's feet cannot hit the ground beyond the foul line before the axe hits the target. The axe must stick in the target until the Judge removes the axe or instructs the contestant to do so.

OBSTACLE POLE POWER SAW BUCKING

It is recommended the obstacle pole be 36 feet long with an 8-inch top. The pole rests on another log causing the top end to be 5 feet off the ground. Starting with one hand on the starting point designated by the show, the contestant's hand must not leave the starting point or touch the saw before the command "Go!" On "Go!" the contestant pick's up the saw, mounts the pole below the bottom mark on the pole, races up the log and starts the saw after crossing the top 5 foot mark, then severs a disc at the end of the pole. Upon severing the disc, the contestant shuts off the

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saw before re-crossing the top 5' mark, races down the pole and continues to the designated finishing point. One foot must touch the pole below the bottom mark before the contestant touches the ground.

Contestants may re-mount the pole below the bottom mark if they step off the pole prior to starting their saw. Contestants may not re-mount the pole once they have started their saw. Mounting or dismounting the pole above the bottom mark, or starting or stopping the saw below the top mark will result in no time.

If a cutting area is marked on the pole by show management, the contestant may only sever the disc in the allotted area.

Contestants must carry the saw until time is stopped for the event. Neither the contestant nor the saw can touch the support log in any way.

MA & PA BUCKING

Contestants may provide a cross-cut saw of their choice. Contestants (1 man & 1 woman) will be allowed a starting cut as designated by contest officials. The bottom side of the bucking log shall be set no lower than 12" or higher than 16" from the level of the contestants footing. Time will start on "Go" and stop when the wood disc is severed. Starting before the command "Go" is an automatic disqualification.

Each pair of contestants will be allowed a "manager" to oil and wedge during the time the cut is being made. The manager must not touch the saw or the disc being cut after the contest has started. Provisions for the contestants footing must be made before the event starts.

Contestants may question location of starting cuts designated on or near obvious knots. Alternate location of the starting cut will be decided by the judges. Knots encountered thereafter will be the luck of the draw. Cutouts (incomplete discs) will result in no time. If a disc breaks, any slabs of 1/2 inch or more remaining on the cut must be severed before time stops. If not severed, the cut will receive no time.

POWERSAW TREE FALLING

Contestants must provide their own chainsaw, chaps, and eye protection. Chaps and eye protection are required.

Contestants will sign up and pay entry fees prior to the contestants meeting. Contestants must be present to sign up. Priority will be given to local contestants, contest officials, and those who competed in the event the previous year. Any vacant spaces will be filled from a waiting list during the contestants meeting, prior to drawing for poles. Entry fee will be \$5 per person into the "pot."

Each contestant will place their own target (watermelon, stake, etc.) at a minimum distance of 20 feet from their "tree," prior to the start of the event. Contestants will then be allowed 1 minute to warm up their saws.

All contestants will simultaneously stand at their tree with their hands touching the tree above the marked line. All saws will be shut off and placed on the ground. On "Go!," contestants start their saws and cut their trees. A legal face-cut and back-cut must be used. Evidence of an undercut (a wedge) and holding wood must be visible at and on the stump. Contestants who cut their trees with no face cut or no holding wood will be disqualified.

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The person who hits their target in the fastest time wins the event. If only one person hits their target, they win the entire "pot" of entry fees. If only two people hit their target, then they split the pot, with first place receiving 60% and 2nd place receiving 40% of the "pot." If three people hit their targets, then first place wins 50% of the pot, followed by 30% for 2nd, and 20% for third. If no one hits their target, then the pot will be added to the prize for the following year.