

**2018  
Kentucky  
Lineman's  
Rodeo**

**SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2018**

**REGISTRATION PACKET**

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## OUR GOAL

The 14th Annual Kentucky Lineman's Rodeo is intended to promote the unique skills and dedication of the lineman's trade. The rodeo will strive to promote safety, teamwork, and cooperation in an entertaining and fun venue. Events and participants will be judged in a fair and consistent manner.

*The Lineman's Rodeo Board and Advisory Committee have determined the guidelines listed below.*

## RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

The intention of the Kentucky Lineman's Rodeo is to recognize the profession of line work as well as demonstrate the **safety, skill, and education** of electric linemen. The Kentucky Lineman's Rodeo was designed for participation by everyday, practicing working linemen, and is currently limited to Kentucky cooperative line workers. If you are, or ever were, a qualified practicing, working lineman then you are eligible to compete in the rodeo.

## TEAM DEFINITION

**NEW FOR 2018** - A team consists of three participants. When checking in at each event, the team will designate two climbers and a ground-man. This combination can change from event-to-event, but not during the event. An apprentice lineman can compete on a team as both a climber or as a groundman. A team may consist of all apprentice linemen.

## INDIVIDUAL JOURNEYMAN DEFINITION

Individuals choosing to compete in the individual journeyman division must be a qualified journeyman lineman. A participant may compete in both the individual division and the team division.

## APPRENTICE LINEMAN DEFINITION

**NEW FOR 2018** - To compete in the apprentice lineman division, the participant must still be in their apprenticeship as deemed by their respective cooperative. An apprentice lineman may compete in both the apprentice division and the team division (as a climber or as a groundman).

If an apprentice becomes a journeyman before September 1, 2018, they **will not** be allowed to compete in the apprentice lineman division. If a person becomes a journeyman after September 1, 2018, they **will** be allowed to compete in the apprentice lineman division.

## SENIOR LINEMAN DEFINITION

A qualified journeyman lineman that is 45 years of age or older as of the day of the rodeo event may compete in the senior lineman division. A senior lineman may compete in both the senior lineman division and the team division.

## FALL PROTECTION RULES

All linemen climbing in rodeo events will be required to use a fall arrest device. While participants may choose which device that they use, it must be an OSHA approved device and used according to manufacturer specifications.

## ENTRY FEES & DEADLINES

This is a non-profit event. Entry fees go toward covering rodeo costs.

Journeyman Team	\$300 per team
Individual Journeyman	\$100 per journeyman
Apprentice	\$100 per apprentice
Senior	\$100 per senior
*Late Registration	Additional \$100

Please mail your Entry Form and the Consent and Release Form with payment by **August 15, 2018** to:

KAEC  
ATTN: Mary Beth Dennis  
P.O. Box 32170  
Louisville, KY 40232  
Phone: 800-357-5232 or 502-815-6302  
Fax: 502-459-3209- Email: mbdennis@kaec.org

Entry fees payable by check only. Please make checks out to the KAEC.

*Cancellations after September 4, 2018 will not receive refunds.*

## REQUIRED PRE-REGISTRATION

The deadline for pre-registration is **August 15, 2018**. All teams and individuals must pre-register before this date in-order to participate in the 2018 Lineman's Rodeo.

Late pre-registrations will be accepted at an additional charge of \$100 and late registrants may not be listed in the printed program and may not receive T-shirts.

## CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM

Each participant must sign a **Consent and Release Form** and submit that form along with the original registration form(s). Please note that the individual's signatures on the **Consent Form** must be signed by two witnesses. The Consent and Release Form is included in the Forms Section of this packet.

## ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Registration for all entrants will take place on-site **Wednesday, September 12** from **3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** and **Thursday, September 13** from **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local time**. All team members must register together, and all competitors must have signed a release form before the registration packet will be given to the team or individual. Registration packets will contain, at a minimum, each contestant's shirt, competition number, program and meal ticket(s).

## TOOLS EACH TEAM MUST BRING

**NEW FOR 2018** - Each contestant needs to bring the following tools:

- Hooks
  - Fall arrest device
  - Hard hat
  - Safety glasses
  - Tool bucket
  - Extendo stick
  - Handline
  - Grip (minimum 2)
  - Long sleeve shirt
  - Hand tools
  - 20 kV rubber gloves/protectors & rubber sleeves
  - Work gloves (leather or “mechanic” style)
  - 8’ shotgun stick
  - Hot hoist (minimum 2)
  - 8’ 1/0 ground chain (minimum 6)
- Buckingham ox-blocks may be used with handlines.
  - The Buckingham ox-hook, orange Bashlin “rodeo” hook, or any OSHA approved handline hook may be used.
  - “Bullheads” or other extendo stick heads/fingers may be used. Homemade or “altered” attachments will not be allowed.

It is a good idea to bring rain gear. Rain will not stop the competition. However, the Master Judge can cancel the rodeo due to dangerous weather.

## RODEO GROUNDS

The 2018 Kentucky Lineman’s Rodeo is hosted by West Kentucky RECC and will be held at the Murray-Calloway County Fairgrounds located at 211 Fairground Road, Murray, KY 42071. Contestants will not be permitted to use motorized transportation (i.e. four-wheelers, golf carts) for transport of people, tools, or materials on the rodeo grounds. Consuming alcoholic beverages **will not** be permitted on the rodeo grounds during event competition.

## SAFETY

Hard hats should be worn anytime a person is within the roped-off work area. Additionally, safety glasses and the appropriate gloves must also be worn during competition. Judges will be instructed to make deductions from the final score for failure to wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

## LODGING

Arrangements for lodging have been made at nearby hotels in sufficient numbers to accommodate all of the rooming we will need. Please make your reservations ASAP. If you need to cancel your room reservations, the hotel requests that you do so no later than 48 hours in advance. The following hotels have been designated for our use:

**Springhill Suites by Marriott (35)**  
1512 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Murray, KY 42071  
Code: KLRS  
Rate \$134.00 +

**Hampton Inn & Suites (35)**  
1415 Lowes Drive  
Murray, KY 42071  
Code: LMR  
Rate \$114.00 +

**Holiday Inn Express (35)**  
1504 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Murray, KY 42071  
Code:  
Rate \$

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

The Kentucky Lineman's Rodeo is a non-profit event that relies on participant entry fees and sponsorships to finance the rodeo and related activities. Many of the expenses incurred are non-refundable to the rodeo association. Expenses are incurred even if bad weather forces the cancellation of events. The cancellation and refund policies are as follows:

### **Rodeo Cancellation**

The Rodeo will be cancelled in the event of prolonged lightning storms, tornado or other severe weather during the scheduled day of the rodeo that makes it impossible for safe participation. There will be no refunds for entry fees or sponsorships in this instance.

The decision to cancel the rodeo because of weather will be made by the Kentucky Lineman's Rodeo Advisory Committee and communicated by every means possible.

### **Event Cancellation**

The decision to cancel an individual event will be made by the Kentucky Lineman's Rodeo Advisory Committee, Event Coordinator, and the Event Master Judge.

In the event that an individual event is canceled for any reason, the disposition of that event's trophies and scores will be as follows:

- Trophies will be awarded in canceled events only if 50% of the participants have completed the event according to the scores posted.
- The scores for the canceled event will not be counted in any overall categories.

### **Team and/or Individual Participant Cancellation**

Teams or individual participants wishing to cancel must do so before September 4, 2018 in order to receive a refund. Cancellations after September 4, 2018 will not receive refunds.

If a team or individual drops out of an event, they will receive the dead time and a score of zero.

**AGENDA**  
**KENTUCKY LINEMAN'S RODEO**  
**SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2018**  
**Murray-Calloway County Fairgrounds**  
**MURRAY, KY**

**PLEASE NOTE ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL**

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

1:00 PM	KRUS Golf Outing
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Early Registration – <i>Murray-Calloway County Fairgrounds</i>

**Thursday, September 13, 2018**

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM	Mandatory Judges & Clerks Meeting
10:00 AM	Welcome, National Anthem, and Opening Prayer
10:30 AM	Individual Journeyman, Apprentice, and Senior Events Begin

**Friday, September 14, 2018**

7:30 AM	Lineman Memorial
8:30 AM	Team Events
NOON – 3 PM	Awards Meal
Thirty Minutes after the conclusion of events	Awards Ceremony

## **JUDGING GUIDELINES**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT JUDGES** - All participating cooperatives will be required to provide at least one (1) qualified judge per three (3) participants. Those judges can be a co-op employee, former employee, or a qualified individual from another organization. Additional judges are welcome and greatly appreciated. Note that the registration form requires the name(s) of the judge(s) be provided on the registration form at the time the form is submitted.

### **ALL JUDGES**

Please review the following list to see what is expected and needed to participate as a judge:

1. Must have had experience in the electrical lineman trade.
2. Must attend the mandatory Judges' Meeting on September 13 at 8:00 AM.
3. Must wear hard hat.
4. May wear shorts. However, open toe shoes are discouraged.

*Foul weather gear is not required however it is a good idea as the rodeo will go on rain or shine.*

We encourage team members not participating in individual events to judge on Thursday.

A break for judges will be built into the schedule. It is our hope to have enough judges to work half day shifts. Judges will receive a shirt to be worn during judging. All judges will receive one (1) meal ticket. Additional tickets may be purchased on site.

### **SCORING GUIDELINES**

The Rodeo Committee has set forth guidelines listed on the following pages to determine how competitors will be scored in each event. Time will be used only as a tiebreaker. There will be no discretionary points awarded. The team, individual, or apprentice will be given a copy of the score sheet at the conclusion of each event. KAEC staff and their appointees will be utilizing a computer spreadsheet to tabulate and check the tally of all scores. No judges or participants are allowed to participate in the tabulation process.

*Judging will be based on safety, work practices, neatness, ability, equipment handling, and timely completion of the event.*

*If at any point in the competition competitors are unhappy with judging, they should contact the chief judge before leaving the event area.*

### **Master Judge**

The master judge has the authority on the day of the rodeo to resolve situations involving the assigned events. This person is responsible for deciding issues and contested infractions as these situations arise. The master judge shall be available to the chief judges and event judges to consult on procedures and help locate needed tools or supplies. He is responsible for the flow of assigned events.

In preparation for the rodeo, the master judge is expected to be able to do the following:

- Help review/edit event descriptions and rules.
- Be available to address the event judges at the meetings prior to the rodeo.
- Help distribute material to judges at the judges meeting.
- Attend judges meeting on September 9 at 8:00 AM.



## Chief Judges

Each event shall have one (1) chief judge. The chief judge is the authority in conducting the event competition for each team or individual competitor. A chief judge may judge a team or individual competitor if an event judge is unable to do so. The chief judge shall coordinate the entering and exiting for competitors into the event area. They shall assign the competitor to the appropriate event structure and station. They shall insure that no event judge be allowed to score a competitor from their own cooperative. The chief judge shall monitor the flow of the event to promote timeliness. In addition, the chief judge shall:

- Present “runners” with score sheets from the event.
- Insure that event judges working in the area be well informed of the rules of that event – i.e. attempt to have all judges “on the same page” with regard to judging the event.
- Summon the master judge in the event of an unresolved dispute.
- Attend rodeo planning meetings if requested.
- Attend judges meeting on September 9 at 8:00 AM.

## Event Judges

Each station shall have two (2) event judges. The event judges are the authority in conducting the event competition for each individual or team at that station. The judge is not allowed to judge competitors from their cooperative. They shall escort the participants to the event structure/station and allow five minutes for questions and tool layout. Each judge shall have a stop watch to time the events (*Note: The faster of the two recorded times is the recordable score for that team or participant. In the event that 1 stop watch fails during an event, the other timer will be used as the accepted time*). The judges will start time and observe the participants during the event for infractions and stop time when the event is completed. The judges shall confer regarding deductions and the completion time. The scores and times shall be listed on the score sheet. The judges sign the score sheet and gives it to the event’s chief judge or his appointee at the end of the event.

Event judges are expected to:

- Be consistent in their rulings.
- Meet the judge’s criteria.
- Be willing to follow and accept Chief & Master Judge’s rulings.
- Attend judges meeting held on September 9 at 8:00 AM

## SCHEDULE AND SCORE SHEET PROCEDURES

**NEW FOR 2018** - When registering for team and individual events, participants will draw for pre-determined time slots for events. **Participants are expected to report to an event at the given time, ready to compete. Failure to report to an event on time will result in an automatic 2-point deduction for that event.** Consideration will be given if the participant is late due to injury or if their previous event ran long and that event Chief Judge can verify that is the reason that they are late. Additionally, participants will not be allowed to complete an event prior to their given time.

After each event completion, the event judge must sign the scoring sheet. The event judge or a designee will check the scoring. The event judge will then distribute the scoring sheet with one copy being given to the designated runner to take to the Event Clerk at the scoring table. The other copy must stay in the competitor’s book. The Clerk then sends the scoring sheet by the designated runner to the statistician for official recording. *It is the competitor’s responsibility to ensure that their*

*competition number, name, score, and time are recorded accurately, and that the team, individual, or apprentice leaves the event ground with only one score sheet.*

## **GENERAL RULES**

1. All safety rules are to be observed during ALL events.
2. A tool inspection will be conducted to check for safe conditions and for any alterations to tools such as:
  - Tapered cuts on straps shorter than 2” from leather loop
  - Tape on straps
  - Filed buckles
  - Fingers cut out of gloves
  - Elongated holes in straps and belts
  - Improper gaff length
  - Alterations of Velcro pads and/or ankle straps
  - Improper attachment of tool pouches or bags
  - Other improper alterations made to hand tools used
3. Competitors may ask the judge questions before the event begins, but not while being judged. Before each event, five minutes will be allowed to ask the event judge questions. **It is highly recommended that competitors talk to their judges.**
4. Judging continues from the time the competitors signal that they are ready until they signal that they are finished with the event (unless noted in event description).
5. No battery powered, or other power tools, are allowed to be used during rodeo events.

## **AWARDS AND MEAL**

Awards will be presented thirty minutes after the conclusion of events on Friday, September 14 following the meal which will be held on the rodeo grounds at the Murray-Calloway County Fairgrounds, 211 Fairground Road, Murray, KY 42071. Judges and volunteers each receive one meal ticket and may purchase additional tickets by request on the respective Sign-Up Form. Competitors each receive one meal ticket. They and other cooperative personnel may purchase additional tickets by completing the appropriate form provided in this packet, or at the registration area the day of the rodeo for a cost of \$16 (adults) and \$8 (children 15 and under). Infants and toddlers are free. **Meal tickets must be presented at the door in order to eat.**

## **APPRENTICE, JOURNEYMAN, & SENIOR EVENTS**

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| - Hurtman Rescue | - Capacitor De-Energize/Isolate |
| - Armor Rod/Tie  | - Line De-Energize              |

## **TEAM EVENTS**

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| - Hurtman Rescue   | - Underarm Disconnect Change |
| - Line Replacement | - OCR Change                 |

**TIMELINE FOR REGISTRATION AND RELEASE OF EVENT INFORMATION**

- Registration Packets Mailed to Cooperatives ..... July 2
- Registration Return Deadline ..... August 15

**RULES FOR USE OF RODEO GROUNDS**

Murray-Calloway County Fairgrounds has been gracious enough to let us use their facilities for the lineman’s rodeo. Please be respectful of their property and obey the following rules. Failure to do so will result in expulsion from the rodeo.

1. All illegal drugs and firearms are prohibited.
2. Please dispose of all trash and empty containers. Receptacles will be made available.
3. No motorized vehicles (i.e. four-wheelers, golf carts) are permitted. If needed, help will be provided for transporting materials and tools.
4. Please park personal vehicles in designated areas only.

**JUDGES AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Judges** are a critical need. If you have served as a judge in the past and wish to do so again, we ask that you sign-up judge on the **Judges Form** included in this packet. However, if you are assigned as a Judge by your cooperative to meet the requirement of 1 judge per 3 participants, do not fill out the separate form in this packet. Judges will receive a free T-shirt and one free meal ticket. However, you must request that meal ticket on the sign-up form. Additional tickets may be purchased on your sign-up form or on-site for \$12 adult and \$6 children (15 and under). Infants and toddlers are free.

**Volunteers** are needed to assist judges at event sites, run score sheets, sell T-shirts and hats, register teams, sponsors and judges, and reset events, etc. Volunteers will be assigned based upon the specific need at the time, but you can use the form to choose which assignment you prefer. We will make every effort to accommodate your request. Volunteers resetting events will need bucket truck experience. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt and one free meal ticket. However, you must request that meal ticket on the sign-up form. Additional tickets may be purchased on your sign-up form or on-site for \$12 adult and \$6 children (15 and under). Infants and toddlers are free.

*Please note: If you volunteer to be a judge, please use the Judges Form included in this packet, and not the Volunteers Form.*

**QUESTIONS/INFORMATION**

If you have any questions regarding the Kentucky Lineman’s Rodeo please send them to us via the web-site <http://www.kaec.org/kysl/rodeo.htm> under the question and answer tab. Questions and answers will be posted for all to review. Additional inquires may be directed to one of the following individuals:

**Clarence Greene, KAEC**  
Office: 1-800-357-5232  
Cell: 859-324-0482  
[cgreene@kaec.org](mailto:cgreene@kaec.org)

**Mary Beth Dennis, KAEC**  
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