

RODEO EVENT FAQs

LINE REPLACEMENT EVENT

Q: Can participant be on pole as tension is released?

A: No, See rule 7.

Q: Can you let the hoist down at the same time as the wire?

A: Normally the hoist goes down on the hand line as a tool not traveling out with wire going down, in this case the hoist will be needed again to pull new wire so it should stay in place on grip or be sent up and down as a tool.

Q: Can the second climber start when the wire is released to the hand line without the hoist attached to the grip?

A: Yes

Q: When does the time stop?

A: Time will stop when pole line workers are belted below neutral, handline dropped, descending pole will not be on clock below neutral.

Q: In the rules it says that the old wire must be rolled up and taped in a good roll and laying at one of the dead-end poles. Does this have to be done before time stops, if so, can the climbers come down before this and help?

A: Clean up of ground items can be done after event time has stopped.

Q: Can the wire be broken using the handline and grip?

A: Hoist and grip must be used to release or break tension and sag wire, handline sagging is not allowed.

Q: It says that the second climber cannot be on the another pole when tension is released, with that being said, as soon as the wire is broke free can the second climber start climbing while the wire is being let down?

A: The second climber can start up pole when wire is released into handline to let to ground without hoist attached to grip.

UNDERARM DISCONNECT CHANGE

Q: Is a team allowed to use more tools than what is listed in the minimum tool required list?

A: For this event the team may use 2 hotsticks to test and ground the line. Other tools such as the handline and test device are limited to one per team.

Q: Is the 4' separation of the neutral measured from the crossarm or from B phase, which is framed between the crossarm and the braces?

A: the neutral will be 4' from B phase.

Q: Can we use a canvas tool bucket to place materials in as needed?

A: Yes



This is the bolt and washers to be used to connect the paddle to the switch on the under arm change event.

Q: How many mounting bracket bolts will be used?

A: 2 per switch

Q: Where will the two mounting bracket bolts for the under arm switches be mounted?

A: They will be on the ends of the bracket just outside the arms.

Q: Which direction will the bolts for the paddles be inserted?

A: They will be inserted from the top, facing downward.

OCR CHANGE OUT

Q: Is the team allowed to use more than one stick to drop the jumpers on the OCR prior to changing?

A: You will be required to use more than one stick because the jumpers will be energized due to the by-pass being closed. What type of stick is not specified. Both jumpers will need to be dropped at the same time.

Q: At what point can someone begin climbing the pole?

A: Once the by-pass cutout has been closed from the ground, the pole can begin to be climbed.

Q: Will the OCR have a tank ground?

A: Yes, but there will not be a pole ground attached. The tank ground will be attached to the primary neutral and steeped to the pole above the neutral to the OCR tank ground bracket.

Q: What type of OCR will be used and how will it be mounted?

A: The OCR will be a 25L weighing approximately 155 lbs. The OCR will be mounted directly to the pole (no mounting bracket).

Q: What type of transformer gin will be used?

A: The transformer gin is a Hastings Fiberglass gin. Item #5800-1 on JHarlen.com

LINE DE-ENERGIZE

Q: Can we attach the ground to the shotgun and tie line during set up time?

A: No. The only attachment or rigging that can be done during set-up time is the voltage detector can be attached to the shotgun.

CAPACITOR DE-ENERGIZE ISOLATE

Time will stop when safe is tied below neutral. Wire will be rolled up off the clock. All three can climb but not at the same time. There must be a guy on the ground at all times.

Blanket and short hoses will already be installed on pole as part of event. Lineman will not be installing them. One large split blanket and two ½ length hoses will be used. It is up to the team to inspect the cover up before event starts for placement.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Q: Can I wear sleeves with one strap?

A: Only if sleeves have one strap hole, if two holes then two straps must be used.

Q: Can we use 6 foot shotgun sticks?

A: No. All shotgun sticks must be the standard 8 feet in length.