

The Rodeo 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!

Rodeo 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.

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

Recognition

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

Schedule—September 12

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

Awards will be presented at the Gambler.

Registration is free for members

Advance registration required by August 14

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

To register, visit mmua.org/event/mn-rodeo-2023.



Description of events

Event 1: Hurtman rescue

Mean time: 4 min. / Drop dead time: 6 min.

The competitor will rescue a “hurtman” mannequin that is attached to the top of a bare pole. Time starts on the judge’s signal with competitor standing at least an arm’s length from pole in any direction. The lineworker’s belt, hooks and rubber gloves in bag will be lying on the ground at arm’s length. This rescue will consist of using the screwdriver method as it will be on a bare pole.

Event 2: Obstacle course

Mean time: 8 min. / Drop dead time: 10 min.

The obstacle course will consist of climbing up through and over crossarms, transitioning to a new position at a different level, and completing a task before proceeding.

Time starts at judge’s signal. The competitor will then climb a 40-foot pole equipped with three crossarms. The competitor will need to relocate the lowest wood crossarm 180 degrees. They will then transition above the middle arm. Once at the top crossarm, the competitor will transfer the 100amp 15KV slugged switch mounted on an “L” bracket (moving only the switch). The competitor may begin their work at the top or bottom arm.

Once back on the ground, the competitor will use an extendo stick to open the switch (using the eye of the door), remove the solid blade, and bring down to the ground. After touching the blade, the competitor will reinstall the solid blade and close the switch (using the eye of the door). Climbing tools may be worn while using extendo stick only if gaff guards are used.

Event 3: Mystery event

Competitors will be sent an email with the description of this event the day prior to the Rodeo.

Note: All events are performed under the same rules and conditions for apprentices and journeymen alike. See website for competition rules and other event details.