

The Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc.

SOCIETIES STANDARD CHAINSAW EVENT RULES

CONDITIONS

1. Nominations close on
2. There will be a two minute call prior to the start of each event.
3. If a competitor is not ready at the start of the event, the competitor will be disqualified.
4. The start will be a drop flag start or any other start method nominated by the Chief Steward.
5. In the event of a mechanical breakdown at the start, it will be the discretion of the starter to:-
 - a. Allow a time limit of three minutes to make repairs
 - b. Use another chainsaw
 - c. Relocate to the next heat or
 - d. Re-run of final to use the same chainsaw.
6. The distances that the three wheels are to be cut in the Racing Class is a maximum of 100mm and the chalk line must be visible on the block completely around and unbroken.
7. After judging, each competitor is to clear the block.
8. All saws are to be checked by the Chainsaw Racing Safety Officer prior to each event.

CHAINSAW RACING

1. Boots are to be steel capped and in good condition.
2. Safety chaps and trousers must be worn by all competitors during cutting events.
3. A safety helmet with approved visor (plastic or stainless steel mesh) must be worn during all events.
4. Earmuffs or earplugs must be worn when operating a chainsaw. Earmuffs can be helmet mounted type or unitary. Both plugs and muffs shall provide adequate protection from the noise of the chainsaw. (WH&S Code of Practice for Noise states that "the noise to the unprotected ear shall be not greater than 86 decibels").
5. Loose fitting clothes, (untucked shirts, unbuttoned cuffs, etc) shall not be worn by competitors during the events.
6. Saws with chain break may only be used. Chain break must be operational.
7. No loose handles or broken components on all chainsaws.
8. All chainsaws must have complete sprocket covers on.
9. All chainsaws must be fitted with a bar cover when not in use.
10. No competitor is allowed to compete if they are, or suspected to be, under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Qld Police on site at the Show will be the arbitrator in any disputes arising from this clause.
11. Stewards and competitors only are permitted in the cutting area.
12. Chainsaw Racing is for standard chainsaws only, however, a non-standard chain is allowed.
13. The Society reserves the right to supply fuel for Chainsaw Events.

FENCE POST CUTTERS

1. Prior to the competition, a chalk circle is drawn around each billet 75mm to 100mm from the outside depending on the billet size, marked by the competitor and checked by a Steward.
2. A draw is then held for competitors to be allocated a billet and each competitor then marks chalk lines for sawing on each billet.
3. Billet supports or chocks (small pieces of wood) are allowed to hold the billet upright and billets are to be stabilised before the competitor starts.
4. Saws are normally warmed up for about two minutes before each event or at a nominated time set by the Chief Steward.
5. The event is a hot start – saws running.
6. Wedges must not enter the log or the billet before sawing commences. After sawing is completed, wedges and sledge hammer and/or axe and other approved equipment are then used to free posts from the log centre.
7. Heartwood must be clear of wedges and of all posts. Posts must be free of each other and free of connecting splinters.
8. If any post falls free whilst sawing is in progress or in the process of driving in wedges, the post will be classed as legal, even if the post falls free above or below the chalk line.

9. All posts must have chalk marks on the wedged end (ie. Wedges must be placed in the billet on or below the chalk line).
10. Once any competitor has signalled his completion of the competition, he is not allowed to go back and touch either the posts or the centre billet. Failure to adhere to this rule means instant disqualification.
11. On completion, competitors must stand back from the log or billet, turn off the chainsaw, and remain in that position until the appointed judge has made his inspection.
12. Posts must have a minimum depth of 75mm to 100mm and a width of 125mm.
13. If the post runs out of slabs whilst wedging, the post is classified legal. All posts must be wedged unless exempt by a Steward.
14. All posts must have chalk on the wedged end of the finished post unless posts fall free. Otherwise disqualification of a competitor may occur.
15. Wedging of the billet must not commence whilst sawing is in progress.
16. If two or more billets are used in a class event for each competitor, wedging commences when the saw is placed on the ground after the first billet is cut before commencing cutting on the next billet.
17. Backing out posts commences when hammer is on the ground for one billet and when the hammer starts on the other billet for two or more billets.
18. All axes, hammers and blockbusters to be pinned with 2.5mm pins or greater and handles to be in good condition.

SPEED RACING

1. 3 discs to be cut within 125mm or the marked end of the block.

