



Natural State Tree Climbing Championship

May 4th & 5th 2019

The 2nd Annual statewide competition promotes tree care professionalism and safe work practices. Contestants compete in preliminary events for the opportunity to advance to the Master's Challenge.

Schedule of events for Tree Climbing Championship

Friday, May 3rd

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Judges meeting
4:00-6:00 p.m. Equipment inspection at TCC site. 601 E 9th Street, Little Rock, AR 72202
Event walk-through and discussion of any rule changes

Saturday, May 4th

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. All judges and techs report to their event ring
Mandatory Climber check-in
8:00 a.m. Completion of set-up, competitors report to their events
Competition begins

Sunday, May 5th

- 9:00 a.m. Master's Challenge

Preliminary Events

Contestants compete in four preliminary events:

- **Throwline:** Accurately and timely hit targets with a throwline and install climbing lines in a specified time limit.
- **Open Ascent:** A timed 50-foot climb into the tree.
- **Work Climb:** Move throughout the crown of a tree and perform specified task in a timely manner.
- **Aerial Rescue:** A simulated accident situation where the contestants must climb a tree to an "injured" worker, secure the victim and lower safely to the ground.

Master's Challenge

The top scorers of the preliminary events compete to determine the champion. The contestants must install a climbing line, complete simulated work events in the tree and return to the ground in a specified time limit. Contestants are judged on their knowledge of climbing techniques, use of equipment, safety, poise, continuity and overall productivity.

Equipment

Climbers must bring their own climbing equipment to compete in the TCC event. All equipment will be inspected during Gear Inspection by personnel appointed by the TCC Committee. Any equipment that is deemed unsafe will be disqualified and not allowed to be used during the TCC event. If allowed, the equipment can be repaired or replaced, then the competitor can request that their equipment be re-checked by the original inspector or the Head Technician for approval or dismissal.
