



## Natural State Tree Climbing Championship

The Annual statewide competition promotes tree care professionalism and work safety practices. Contestants compete in preliminary events for the opportunity to advance to the Masters Challenge.

### Schedule of events for Tree Climbing Championship

#### Thursday

All Day Set Up and Training Day  
TBD Training Schedule to be determined

#### Friday

All Day Set Up  
TBD Training Schedule to be determined  
2:00-3:00 p.m. Judges meeting  
3:00-4:00 p.m. Event walk-through and discussion of any rule changes  
4:30pm Gear Check

#### Saturday

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

9:00 a.m. Master's Challenge

### Saturday Preliminary Events

*Contestants compete in 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.
- **(2) Work Climb:** Move throughout the crown of a tree and perform specified task in a timely manner.
- **(2) 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.

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### Masters 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.

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### 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.