



On behalf of the IMEA Board of Directors and Staff, we are proud to announce the return of the IMEA Lineworkers' Rodeo.

When it comes to service - linemen are the epitome of sacrifice. Today there are fewer than 260,000 linemen in the U.S. some of them at any given hour are working hard restoring services from east to west and north to south. They are heroes to communities in times of outages and natural disasters. Linemen remain dedicated to keeping the legacy of the pioneering lineman before them alive.

The term "LINEMAN" has evolved to include a wide array of job responsibilities requiring rigorous training programs to keep pace with technology and the increasing demands of your customer base. In fact, IMEA's training programs have experienced tremendous growth.

The Lineworkers' Rodeo is intended to showcase the knowledge skills and abilities of linemen in a fun and safe and family friendly environment. Rodeos are a competition/fellowship that are intended to strengthen the lineman's skills and improve them in areas of safety and teamwork. competitors often build lasting relationships with fellow competitors and their families.

A special thanks to our outstanding host the City of Lawrenceburg and Lawrenceburg Municipal Utilities. Lawrenceburg is rich in public power history and one of the founding members of IMEA and continues to play an integral part of the organization as we grow and flourish. While visiting, I encourage you to get out and explore the beautiful city and enjoy the Lawrenceburg Fall Music Fest.

Duane Richardson, IMEA
Executive Director



IMEA LINEWORKERS RODEO



Thank You to Our Host

THE CITY OF LAWRENCBURG

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Friday, September 23rd

10:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Apprentice & Team Check-in
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Safety Meeting
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Q&A
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	View the Field / Judges Meeting
3:00 p.m. - Conclusion	Apprentice Events Begin
Conclusion of Events	Cookout

Saturday, September 24th

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Team Check-in
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Judges Meeting
9:00 a.m. - Conclusion	Team Events
3:00 p.m. - Concludes	Cookout / Awards



Apprentice Events:

1. Written Test
2. Pole Top Rescue
3. Mystery Event
4. Mystery Event

Team Events:

1. Pole Top Rescue
2. Mystery Event
3. Mystery Event
4. Mystery Event



2022 IMEA Lineworkers' Rodeo
Lawrenceburg, IN. Fairgrounds
Address: 351 E Eads Pkwy, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

Click [HERE](#) To Register Today

Hotel Reservations

IMEA does not have a room block or any special rate agreements with any hotels. The Lawrenceburg Fall Music Fest (<https://downtownlawrenceburg.com/fallmusicfest/>) Is being held on the same dates so we recommend you book your rooms early.

BOOK ROOMS EARLY

Please see Hotel Options below:

[DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lawrenceburg \(google.com\)](#)

[Hollywood Casino & Hotel Lawrenceburg \(google.com\)](#)

[Baymont by Wyndham Lawrenceburg \(google.com\)](#)

[Quality Inn & Suites \(google.com\)](#)

[Holiday Inn Express Cincinnati West, an IHG Hotel \(google.com\)](#)

[SpringHill Suites by Marriott Cincinnati Airport South \(google.com\)](#)

[Comfort Inn \(google.com\)](#)

[Red Roof Inn Lawrenceburg \(google.com\)](#)

[Rising Star Casino Resort - Rising Sun \(google.com\)](#)

[Towneplace Suites by Marriott Cincinnati Florence \(google.com\)](#)

The Indiana Municipal Electric Association has always been committed and has promoted safety as the number one priority. In several Rodeos around the country dating back to 2019, there have been multiple injuries and some severe. It was determined that all of these were due to the negligence of the fall restraint not being adjusted properly as recommended by the manufacturer.

Therefore, the IMEA is taking steps to ensure competitors use fall restraint the way the manufacturer recommends it be used to eliminate falling off the pole.

At each climbing event for Apprentices or Journeymen, a ring will be painted around the pole at the six-foot mark. If the contestant cuts out from below the ring and comes to the ground, 6 feet or less, this will result in a 10-point deduction. If after both feet pass above the six-foot mark, the climber cuts out and comes to the ground, the Journeyman team or Apprentice will be dis-qualified from the rodeo.

IMEA urges each utility to take the responsibility of ensuring all their competitors use the fall arrest as specified by the manufacturer.

Our Goal

At the end of the Rodeo teams and apprentices will say we were fair and consistent in judging, i.e., we all played by the same rules applied consistently. The Rodeo was a pleasant and fun event.

Rules of Eligibility

The intention of the IMEA Rodeo is to recognize the profession of line work as well as demonstrate the safety, skill and education of electric linemen. The IMEA Rodeo was designed for participation by every day working linemen and are currently employed by a municipally owned electric utility within the boundaries of Indiana

Competition Categories

1. Teams

A team consists of three competitors: two climbers and a ground man (Journeyman or apprentices). If a participant must drop out of the competition for any reason the alternate who takes his place must be a qualified climber.

NOTE: Teams can be formed with participants from the same employer or a combination of employers if the employers are all Municipally owned Electric Utilities within the boundaries of Indiana.

Ground Man

A ground man is a non-climbing participant of the team. He / She will be allowed to climb if one of the climbers should have to drop out for any reason. The ground man must be a qualified climber. Should the groundman replace a climbing member of the team they must be replaced by an alternate to keep the team whole as a three-person team.

2. Apprentices

Apprentices must be classified as an apprentice by the employer.

Items competitors must bring to the rodeo

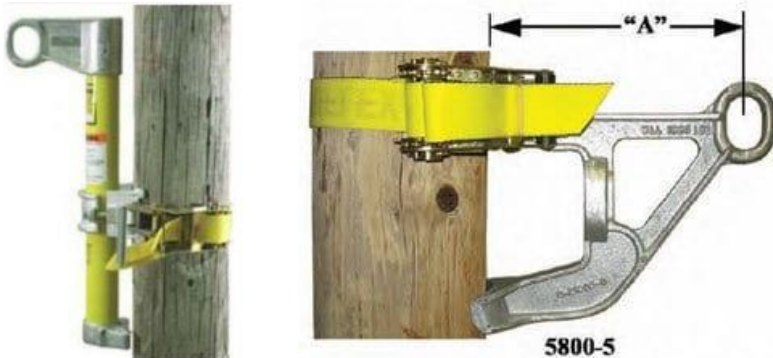
All climbing events will be considered *De-energized, Tested & Grounded*

All Competitors

1. Climbing Gear with approved Fall Arrest Device
2. Hard Hat
3. Leather Gloves
4. Long Sleeve Shirts
5. Safety Glasses
6. Hand Tools

Teams

1. Transformer Gin



2. Block and Tackle (two single blocks can be used in place of a block and tackle)



3. Handline with Block (NOTE: this block and line may not be used to substitute for the block and tackle)



4. High or Low Voltage Gloves



5. Tag Line / Straight Line (Minimum $\frac{1}{2}$ ' Diameter)



Apprentices

1. Tag Line / Straight Line



Apprentices will be required to carry a handline/straight-line for all climbing events (Minimum $\frac{1}{2}$ ' Diameter) and can be carried coiled or uncoiled and must be carried on an approved break away.

Judging

Being a Judge at the IMEA Rodeo

Our goal at the Rodeo is to be fair and consistent in judging all events. If you are, or ever were a qualified practicing working lineman, you are eligible to be a judge. If you volunteer to be a Judge, you must plan to attend the Judges meeting at 2:30 p.m. Friday. In this meeting, each event is reviewed, and final instructions are given so that our judging can be fair and consistent.

Please review the list of items below to see what is expected and needed to participate as a judge.

1. Have experience in the electrical Lineman trade and are or was a journeyman lineman.
2. **Must** attend the Judges meeting on Friday
3. Wear Hard Hats
4. Wear Long Pants
5. Appropriate Footwear
6. Foul Weather Gear is not required; however, it is a good idea to be prepared as the rodeo goes on rain or shine.

Interested in Judging or Volunteering

Determining the number of judges & volunteers is always difficult primarily because it's difficult to know how many competitors we will have. What we do know is we always seem to need more than we have.

If interested in judging or volunteering, please contact:

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Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any additional information or have any questions and we look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,
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