



2020 Collegiate STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® Rules

GENERAL:

- All contestants must be registered and submit a signed waiver form before being allowed to compete.
- Competitors are responsible for having their own medical and other applicable insurance. No such insurance is provided by STIHL or any other entity associated with the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS.
- Competitors are responsible for providing their own axes, chopping leg/foot protection and single buck saw and axes. STIHL will provide the competition chain saw, chaps and eye/ear protection.

TIMING:

- The commencement of timing of the Underhand, Standing Block and Single Buck occurs when the Head Judge or Starter's cadence (Athletes Ready. Stand to your Timber, Three-Two-One-Go) reaches the word "Go"; and ends when the block is severed.
- The commencement of timing for Stock Saw occurs when the Head Judge or Starter's cadence ("Whistle, Warm up your saw. Athletes Ready. Stand to your Timber, Three-Two-One-Go ") reaches the word "Go"; and ends when the second "Cookie" is severed from the log.
- It is under the discretion of the Head Judge if a contestant is to be disqualified for "Jumping the Gun".
- In sawing events, failure to cut complete disks or cutting over the line marked on the wood will result in disqualification and no points awarded. Incomplete disks can be re-cut.
- In the chopping event, failure to sever the block into 2 pieces will result in disqualification and no points awarded.
- Disqualification (DQ) results in no points in that event. Competitors who are stopped at the 2 minute mark or who choose to opt out of an event due to inexperience receive 1 point for that event.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- All axe heads must be pinned.
- Contestants must wear foot protection in the Underhand Chop and foot/leg protection in the Standing Block chop.
- Hearing Protection, Eye Protection, and Chaps are required for the STIHL Stock Saw event (provided by STIHL).
- A whistle will sound to clear the deck before a heat begins and will sound again to mark the end of the heat.
- There will be a 2 minute maximum time for each event. At the 2 minute mark the event will be stopped (by whistle blow) and contestants who have not finished will be given a time of 2 minutes and last place points.
- If a piece of safety equipment comes off during an event it must be replaced before the event is completed
- The head judge has the authority during any event to stop a contestant who is deemed to be unsafe

WOOD:

The preferred wood for the STIHL events will be round wood (white pine) in the following sizes:

- STIHL Stock Saw 40 cm / 15.75" diameter
- Single Buck/Crosscut 40 cm / 15.75" diameter
- Underhand Chop 30 cm / 11.81" diameter
- Standing Chop 27 cm/ 10.63" diameter

Some regional variations will be allowed for species and diameter.

TIE BREAKERS:

- For ties in individual events, each contestant will be given the higher amount of points.
- All points ties that need to be broken will be broken by summing times for all 4 disciplines: A DQ will be worth 180 seconds.
- If two competitors receive identical times in a discipline, each competitor will receive points for the tied place.



ORDER OF EVENTS

1. Stock Saw
2. Standing Block
3. Single Buck
4. Underhand Chop

UNDERHAND/HORIZONTAL CHOP:

- Time Starts: On the word "Go" Time Stops: When the block is clearly severed.
- The block is chopped from both sides until completely severed.
- Foot protection must be worn.
- Note: Upon completing and stepping off the block, do not touch the block until the head judge has determined that the block is completely cut.

STANDING/VERTICAL CHOP:

- Time Starts: On the word "Go" Time Stops: When the block is clearly severed.
- The block is chopped from both sides until completely severed.
- Foot and leg protection must be worn.
- The first hit must be an "up" hit.

STIHL STOCK SAW:

- One down cut, One up cut, in that order. If the contestant cuts out, they may re-do the cut in any order (up or down).
- **STIHL MS 462** will be used for all collegiate qualifying competitions. The **STIHL MS 661** will be used at the Collegiate Championship competition. The stock saws will be provided by a STIHL designated technician. Immediately prior to the first heat the ring foreman will use each saw to make one cut on the contest wood to warm it up.
- The wood will be marked with a line drawn around the entire block, 10cm in from the end of the block. If this line is completely severed at any point or the competitor cuts on the other side of the line the competitor is disqualified.
- The saw must be started in an accepted safe manner (between the legs or on the ground). The saw technician will start the saw for you if desired.
- The saws are to be running, and all 8 fingers of the competitor's hands must be resting on a line drawn on the top of the block until "Go".
- Warm Up: 15 seconds to warm up the saw. The countdown will begin 15 seconds after the end of the warm up period.
- Time Starts: On the word "Go". Time Stops: When the second (2nd) disc is clearly severed.
- All discs must be complete, "cutting-out" results in disqualification.
- Hearing Protection, Eye Protection, and Chaps are required.
- If the saw shuts off after the contestant touches it the contestant can restart it and finish the cut and then turn it over to the saw technician who will determine if the saw is still working correctly.
 - If the saw is determined to be in working order, then the contestant's time stands.
 - If the saw is determined to be malfunctioning, a new saw will be introduced and the competitor will be granted a re-cut.

SINGLE BUCK / CROSSCUT SAW:

- Contestants may have a helper to wedge the saw. All helpers should stand on the log side of saw. Saws may **not** be sprayed with oil during the competition. All oiling must be done before the saw is brought to the saw bunk.
- No competitor is allowed to use a counter weight on the opposite end of the crosscut saw.
- Time Starts: On the word "Go". Time Stops: When the disc is clearly severed.
- Competitor is allowed a 25cm arc starting cut on 40cm wood.
- 4cm of wood is allowed to make the cut.
- The disc must be complete, or the contestant will be disqualified.
- Contestants may question the location of starting cuts designated on or near obvious knots. Alternative location of the starting cut will be decided by the head judge. Knots encountered thereafter will be considered luck of the draw. Cut-outs will disqualify the cut.