



# LOCATE RODEO &

Celebrating our 10-year Anniversary  
August 17-18, 2017, Nottawasaga Inn

## Official Rules and Regulations

### DISCLAIMER

The information contained within this document is subject to change without notice. Please continue to check our website, [www.orcga.com](http://www.orcga.com) often for any updates or changes that may occur.

### OUR GOAL

The intention of the ORCGA Utility Locate Rodeo is to recognize the profession of underground utility facility locating and to demonstrate the safety, skills and on-going educational efforts associated with high quality workmanship. At the end of the day's competition, the participants will say that it was fair and consistent in judging and the Rodeo was a pleasant and fun event.

### ELIGIBILITY

- If you are or have been a practicing technician employed by a utility company, one of their locate contractors, or an owner or employee of a private locating company, you are eligible to compete in the Rodeo.
- If you have located facilities within the confines of the Rodeo Event grounds within 6 months prior to the event, you are ineligible to compete.

### GENERAL RULES AND MEETING

- All Competitors **must** check-in at the MANDATORY Registration between **4:30 pm and 5:30 pm on Thursday August 17, 2017 outside Room 15 at the Nottawasaga Inn.** You must pick up your packets and sign waivers **prior to the meeting.**
- All Competitors must attend the MANDATORY Competitor & Volunteer meeting in Room 15 at the Nottawasaga Inn from **5:30 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday August 17, 2017. Failure to report by 5:30 pm may result in total event disqualification.** See Master Judge immediately to discuss.
- Packets will include copies of rules, schedule, Competitor Number Plate, T-shirt, hat, other information and merchandise
- Breakfast in the Riverview Restaurant will begin at **7:45 am on Friday August 18, 2017.**
- Roll Call is at **8:50 am sharp on Friday August 18, 2017.** Competitors should be outside the North Lobby Entrance Door in the Parking lot with their equipment by 8:35 am.
- All VOLUNTEERS and COMPETITORS must be at the Staging Area promptly at 9:00 am for group Photo's and last minute instructions. **Any COMPETITOR that misses the Group Photo will be Disqualified.**
- Competition will begin at approximately 9:30 am **Friday August 18, 2017.**
- Competition will proceed in all weather conditions, except during thunderstorms. If thunderstorms occur, some events may be shortened or eliminated but scoring will not be adversely impacted
- Judging for the ORCGA Utility Locate Rodeo is based on rules adopted by the International Utility Locate Rodeo.
- Dress Code:
  - Competitors must wear their provided t-shirts and competitor number plate at all times throughout the Rodeo. Competitors may wear any type of trousers, jeans or shorts (all clothing must be professional...no holes, etc.) While safety shoes are recommended, competitors may wear any type of work shoes including boots or clean tennis shoes

- Competitors must wear a hat and safety vest with their competitor number plate visibly attached to it during their actual competition at their event zones. With the exception to the competitor number plate, these items may be removed before and after your competitive sessions.
- Rodeo hats will be provided but you may wear a hat with your company logo. This will be the only hat substitution allowed. **You or your company must provide safety vests.**
- **\*Competitor number plate must be worn at all times during the hours of competition**

***Any Competitor that misses the Mandatory Registration, the Mandatory Meetings, Roll Call or Shuttle Bus will be disqualified from all competition.***

## **DEFINITIONS**

- **Rodeo Wheel-** Placed in the “Event Area” as the competitors measuring point for all utilities within the specified event. It looks similar to the look of a wagon wheel, this set up has a center pin with a revolving tape measure attached to it. It has 8 lines and end points from the center pin. Each end point is a specific color. The color at the end point is considered the color of the line (ie. yellow, orange, blue, red, purple, green, pink, black). The event site template colors correspond with the placement of each end point on every event site.
- **Center Line of Facility-**Top-dead center of the target Utility/facility as determined by the event site committee.
- **Event Area-** Immediate area of a particular Event Zone. The boundaries will be identified by 4 or more traffic cones. The “Rodeo Wheel” and/or other markings will also clearly identify the area.
- **Out of bounds** – is defined as anytime a competitor moves outside the boundaries of the event site defined by the traffic cones. If a competitor crosses the boundary the judge will verbally warn the competitor he is out of bounds, this is a 10-point deduction. If the competitor doesn’t return within the event boundary immediately he will be disqualified for that event and must stop all locating immediately.
- **Competitors Locate-** Location of target utility facility as designated by the competitor with its measurement (location) as certified on the Event Template
- **Timing Out** – if the judge calls time, competitor must stop all activity, because time has exceeded 12 minutes (Locate from Hell will be 3 minutes), then a time of 12 minutes and 01 second (Locate from Hell will be 3 minutes and 01 second) will be entered. Measurements on the event site template prior to the call of time will be entered and a 50-point deduction will be assessed to the competitor’s score for that event by the scoring software. Other deductions, listed under the Infractions section, will be applied.
- **Calling Time** – this is when the competitor calls time by stating “**I am finished**” as he/she believes the event has been completed
- **Ghost Measurement** – measurement placed on any signal other than the intended target facility, this is a 100-point deduction

## **COMPETITION**

- Four Competitive Divisions will be available:
  - Telecommunication
  - Gas
  - Water
  - Power
- Maximum 12 slots for each division
- Each division will be divided into 3 groups of 4 competitors or less.
- Individual Event winners will receive awards.
- Registration fee \$169.50 per competitor slot for ORCGA members, \$226.00 for Non-Members
- Top Three Winners in each division will receive awards, including the LFH
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place in each Division \$300.00
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in each Division \$225.00
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in each Division \$150.00

## "THE LOCATE FROM HELL"

This event will be designed with a 3-minute meantime

- Locating equipment will be provided by sponsoring equipment manufacturers. Choose from the provided equipment; announce your equipment choice to the judge and the transmitter will be turned to the frequency of your choosing (all transmitters will be hooked up prior to competition).
- Rodeo Poker Chips will be the only markers used and provided at event site.
- A judge will assist in taking measurements
- An Event volunteer will record measurements as the competitor calls them out

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Each event will be pre-determined by the Event Site Committee.
- Conductive Locating, Inductive Locating or a combination of both is allowed
- Use of a cell phone is prohibited while competing on an event site.
- The clock starts when the Judge says "Begin"
- Map/plat of underground utilities will be posted for Competitor. The competitor will have up to 12 minutes (3 minutes for Locate From Hell competitors) to view map/plat, find an access point and hook up locate the facility (with Rodeo issued Poker Chips only) then document measurements onto the provided template (as in the real world, the maps/plats shall serve as reference documents only...they are not guaranteed to be 100% accurate)
- Competitors may bring their own stop watch
- Time updates **will not** be given out by a judge to the competitor.
- The Rodeo Poker chips may be moved as many times as necessary. The competitor may place a chip to designate the exact location of the utility as determined by the competitor there is no deduction for moving the chips.
- All of this must be performed within the 12-minute timeframe (3 minutes for Locate From Hell competitors)
- Competitors will record their own measurements. The location of the Rodeo Poker Chip as measured by the participant is the accuracy component in judging the event. A tape measuring instrument will be provided at each event zone attached to the center-point of the wheel. All measurements must be recorded in feet and inches and legible.
- The competitor will pull and log the measurement from the center-point of the wheel to the crossing point on any and all of the "spokes" of the wheel that the target utility crosses.
- When the competitor has finished, he/she will give the completed template to the event zone scoring person and verify measurements, then proceed to a designated area or he/she may remain as a spectator.
- Competitor must return Event site to original condition before calling time
  - rolling measuring tape up to its original position
  - return chips to the judges table and placed in the box they were taken from
- Once Competitor has completed the Event, he/she must say "I am finished" Only then will the clock will stop.
- Time will be kept by the judge.
- Times will be recorded on a stopwatch in minutes and seconds.
- Clock will not be stopped for any reason unless a foreign or unforeseen issue arises. Any premature stoppage of time will be determined solely by the on-site judge. The competitor may request a review by the Master Judges if he/she believes the situation was not addressed equitably.
- Time will be considered for tie-breaking only. In the event time does not break the tie, competitors who are tied will each receive the full prize, or share in the prizes for the place they are tied in.
- If the tie is in first, there will only be 2 (two) first place awards given and 1 (one) third place awards given. If the tie is in second place, then 2 (two) second place awards and 1 (one) first place award will be given with no third place being awarded. If the tie is in third place there will be 1 (one) first, 1 (one) second and 2 (two) third places awarded.

## **ACCURACY**

- Each competitor will begin each event with 1000 points
- If a competitor calls time and fails to record any measurements on the template at all, he/she will receive a score of "0" for that event.
- If a competitor fails to record measurements on any single string or crossing where the Master Template indicates the targeted facility actually crosses, he/she will lose the amount of points associated with the actual Master Template measurement, i.e., "If a fails to take a measurement on the Blue pin and the Master Template shows the targeted facility crossing the Blue pin at 6'2" (74 inches) from the Center pin, the competitor will take a 74 point infraction" "If the crossing happens to be 19'5" (234 inches) from the Center pin, the competitor will take a 234 point infraction."
- Infractions will be calculated in the negative if it is necessary for the calculation of the final scores.

## **ONE POINT INFRACTIONS**

1. Failure to return all Rodeo Poker Chips to the designated box on the Judges Table. This includes placing all rodeo tool to their original location before calling time. (1 point per chip/tool)
2. Failure to retract Tape Measure and return to designated area
3. Failure to have Locating Instruments and accessories secured in a carrying case or bag. Case or Bag must be at the Judge's table before time starts and before time is called.

## **FIVE POINT INFRACTIONS**

1. Failure to reconnect bonds on any access point
2. Breaking a string or displacing any spoke or hub of the event site wheel.
3. Failure to wear hat and safety vest while in the Event Area
4. Alteration of provided t-shirt, hat, competitor number plate or any other supplied materials

## **TEN POINT INFRACTIONS**

1. If a competitor goes outside the boundaries of event site, he will receive a 10-point deduction. The judge will warn the competitor to return to the event site area.

## **FIFTY POINT INFRACTIONS**

1. If a competitor opens any access point undesignated (not already opened) to view utilities or hook up to any utilities, they will receive a 50-point deduction.
2. Failure to return utility record to Judge's table in the condition it was received.

If the judge calls time, competitor must stop all activity, because time has exceeded 12 minutes (Locate from Hell will be 3 minutes), then a time of 12 minutes and 01 second (Locate from Hell will be 3 minutes and 01 second) will be entered. Measurements on the event site template prior to the call of time will be entered and a 50-point deduction will be assessed to the competitor's score for that event by the scoring software.

## **ONE HUNDRED POINT INFRACTIONS**

Occurs when a Ghost measurement is placed on any signal other than the intended target facility

## **DISQUALIFICATION**

1. Aggressive behavior or unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. Strayed from designated event boundaries and failed to return immediately (2<sup>nd</sup> infraction)
3. Damage to any access point or facility including but not limited to peeling or removing wire coating or insulated jacket material.
4. Using a cell phone while competing at event site.
5. Competitor altering the event site in such a way as to hinder or help another competitor.
6. Failure to be present at the Mandatory Registration between 4:30pm and 5:30 pm on Thursday August 17, 2017.
7. Failure to be present at the Mandatory Rules Meeting at 5:30pm sharp on Thursday August 17, 2017
8. \*Unforeseen travel delays such as airport delays, etc. will be taken into consideration. If this occurs, you must contact the ORCGA President & CEO, Ian Munro, by phone (905-327-9004) as soon as you discover the problem. The information will then be discussed with the Master Judges for final authorization. This information will be prioritized and either a call back from the competitor or phone number to re-contact the competitor will be required for final notification.
9. Failure to be present at Roll Call at 8:50 am sharp on Friday, August 18, 2017.
10. Failure to arrive at the Staging Area at 9:00 am sharp on Friday, August 18, 2017.
11. Competitor will be allowed access to his/her Events until it is their turn to compete. After each Event the Competitor must proceed to the staging area for their next event. Once a Competitor completes all of their Events, the Competitor may remain as a spectator in a designated area however, the Competitor shall not make hand gestures or other signs that would benefit or hurt another Competitor's chances. Any Competitor found in violation will be immediately disqualified for the entire Competition and asked to leave the Rodeo grounds.
12. Any competitor that shares information with another, on any event will be disqualified
13. Any competitor that strays from designated areas and does not return after being warned by the judge will be disqualified. The competitor should finish the event site and a Master Judge will be called to the event site to verify a disqualification has occurred.
14. Any competitor that removes his/her provided T-Shirt and /or Rodeo Competitor Number Plate, at any time during the Rodeo, will be disqualified
15. Unprofessional behavior will result in disqualification
16. Entering the Nottawasaga Rodeo grounds on or after August 17, 2017, unless escorted by Rodeo Staff will result in disqualification
17. Attempts to gain access to Hotel records or any other information on the physical plant at the Nottawasaga Inn will result in disqualification
18. Intentional sabotage or tampering with equipment, event sites or other attempts at disruption will result in disqualification.

## **OTHER INFRACTIONS**

- Any competitor exhibiting aggressive behavior, verbal or physical, including throwing equipment will be disqualified by the Master Judges.

## **COMPETITOR SUBSTITUTION**

- An alternate or substitute for any pre-registered Competitor must be declared Thursday, August 17, 2017 no later than NOON and will be allowed as long as the alternate or substitute meets eligibility requirements. Please note that any substitutions provided after the program has been sent to the printers will not be changed.
- Any alternate or substitute must comply with all rules and procedures set forth by the committee

## **JUDGES**

- The Rodeo will consist of Master Judges and Event Judges. The Master Judges shall oversee the entire Competition and be available to settle disputes. All decisions by the Master Judges are final.
- Judges will treat all Competitors with professional respect and courtesy. High-Fives, smirks, or other visible signs of inappropriate activity will not be tolerated from judging staff. Unfair judging and disrespect to competitors will not be tolerated. Disrespect from Competitors will not be tolerated either. This type of behavior may result in total Rodeo disqualification.
- Master Judges reserves the right to impose additional penalties not shown in the rules when unforeseen conditions arise that may be deemed unsafe or inappropriate...or not generally practiced in the Industry.

## **RULES FOR EVENT JUDGE QUESTIONS**

- Competitors may ask the on-site judge questions prior to the event, but not after the clock has started
- It is the Competitor's responsibility to ask the questions prior to beginning an event
- The Competitor will have a maximum of two minutes to stand ready with equipment in hand and ask the judge any questions. This timeframe includes the judge's answers (No questions allowed from "Locate from Hell" competitors) This two minutes does not include viewing the plat/map
- The competitor must make protests to the Event Judges only. Protests are to be declared after event is completed and before the competitor leaves the Event site. Upon competitor notification to an Event Judge of the protest, the Event Judge shall contact the Event Leader who will contact the Master Judge to discuss the situation and make the "official call".
- Video or photo footage will not be allowed to settle judging disputes

## **CONTESTING A CALL**

- If a Competitor can demonstrate a problem with any particular judging call, he/she should protest to the Event Judge after he/she has completed the Event before leaving the event site.
- Upon competitor's notification to an Event Judge of a protest, the Event Judge shall contact the Event Leader who will contact the Master Judge(s) to discuss the situation and make the "official call" and/or settle the dispute.
- The Master Judge(s) will be available by radio or as needed and will proceed as soon as possible to the event in question in order to rectify the situation
- The Competition will proceed with an alternate judge while the dispute is settled
- Decisions of the Master Judges are final.

## **TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT**

- All types of electro-magnetic locating devices will be allowed in this competition except at the LFH.
- Each Competitor may use his/her own equipment but all equipment must be in safe operating condition
- Please make certain that your equipment and tools are clearly marked with your name and company identification. Neither the ORCGA Utility Locate Rodeo nor their sponsoring companies will be responsible for your property.