



HANTS COUNTY EXHIBITION CHAIN SAW FILING/FAST CUT COMPETITION

Briefly, the Chain Saw Filing/Fast Cut Competition tests an entrant's ability to freehand file a chain (teeth and/or drags), and use the chain to compete against others, using the same chainsaw, to make the fastest timed cuts through a timber. It is set up to test the person's ability to make a chain cut and his/her technique in handling a chain saw to make fast cuts.

There are two classes, a Husqvarna class and a Stihl class. The entrant purchases a chain for \$20.00 (which he/she keeps), files it and uses it in a fast cut competition. He/she is asked to make timed cuts, one downward and one upward, through a 10' by 10' timber. Fastest time wins. The fastest competitor in each class will then file a chain for the chain saw in the opposite class and saw again. The person having the fastest combined time being the overall winner.

RULES FOR THE FILING/FAST CUT COMPETITION

1. All equipment, required (chain saws, chains and files) to participate in the filing/fast cut competition, shall be provided at the registration site. Chain saws will be provided by Dealers (a Husqvarna and a Stihl). Oregon chains will be provided, as well as, round files to fit the chain and flat files. All filing is to be done freehand. Filing guides are not permitted.
2. Each competitor will register to enter the competition by paying the registration fee. At this time he/she will pick up a chain for a Husqvarna or a Stihl and file the chain in a supervised area. The competitor will then return the filed chain to the registrar until the competitor is called upon to compete in the fast cut competition
3. The competitors in each class will draw for sawing order.
4. Each competitor must have or be supplied with proper safety clothing and be wearing the clothing properly when operating any chain saw in the competition.
5. The chain saws are not to be tampered with in the staging area except to put on the chain and tension his/her chain. The chains are not to be tampered with after the original filing. No adjustments may be made to the working of the chain saw in the staging area or elsewhere by any competitor.

6. The competitor will be timed while he/she makes two cuts through a 6" length of 10" by 10" timber, one downward and one upward. (The contestant can choose the order of these cuts.) Timing will begin when the competitor starts the first cut and will end when the saw finishes the second cut. At the end of each cut a complete 10" by 10" block (cookie) of timber must fall from the timber. The contestant shall be disqualified if on any cut his chain comes out through the side of the timber or shatters any portion of the cut block.

7. Two timers, one official timer/judge and a backup timer will time each competitor's cuts and his/her time will be posted.

RULES FOR THE OPEN CLASS COMPETITION

1. Each competitor must register his/her saw(s) before the start of the competition.

2. The competitors in each class will draw for sawing order.

3. Each competitor must have or be supplied with proper safety clothing and be wearing the clothing properly when operating any chain saw in the competition.

4. Competitors will be timed while he/she makes three cuts through a 6" length of 10" by 10" timber (one downward, one upward and a second downward). Timing will begin when the competitor starts the first cut and will end when the saw finishes the third cut. The contestant shall be disqualified if on any cut his chain comes out through the side of the timber or shatters any portion of the cut block.

5. Two timers, one official timer/judge and a backup timer will time each competitor's cuts and his/her time will be posted.