



# RED FLAG JUDGE RULES



## INSTRUCTIONS

Red flag judging holds a pivotal position in our contest, dedicated to upholding safety standards and ensuring fair play. As a Red Flag Judge, your role is to monitor and enforce safety rules as required.

Your main responsibility is to oversee all factors of the activity, ensuring safety protocols are followed. In the event of any rule violations, you will implement a 30-second stand-down immediately and explain the infringement to the contestant. Promoting transparency and understanding of contest safety.

You may also be called upon to adjudicate various aspects of the event, such as determining the completion of sections, confirming the fulfilment of specific requirements, or counting attempts at challenges, for instance.

## RED FLAG JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

- Safety eyewear (when contestants are using a chainsaw or axe).
- Closed-toed shoes must be worn.
- High-vis vest must be worn.
- Bright flag & Stopwatch.

## GENERAL SAFETY RULES

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Can not risk harm to others.
- Unattended knives are to be covered.
- Safety glasses should be worn with water under high-pressure.
- Lifting with your knees, seek assistance of all two person lifts.
- No running with sharp items.
- No running through trip hazards.
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back
- Do not throw any tools or equipment

## AXES

- Never swing the Axe in the direction of people i.e. Crowd, Other Contestants.
- Axe is allowed to be raised above the head but not behind it when swinging.
- If bits of split wood fly off into another contestant's area, it is a flag offence.

## FENCING

- Safety glasses must always be worn.
- Gloves are optional.
- Wire off cuts to be controlled and kept organised, stray or wayward off cuts are penalised.

## CHAINSAWS

- Chainsaw chaps, Earmuffs & Face shield must always be worn.
- Safety Glasses are required, unless fogging from moisture, then optional.
- Gloves are optional when using chainsaw, unless handling the chain.
- Pre-start checks to be done once per day, unless instructed otherwise.
- **Starting:** With the chainsaw securely resting on a surface, connect the battery and unlock the chain brake.
- Two hands on the chainsaw when in use.
- No tip cutting (first ¼ of bar).
- No up cutting with the top of the blade.
- No looking directly over the bar. In the case of kickbacks.
- The chain must not cut the ground or dirt.
- **Idle:** Chainsaw can be in an "idle" position. The idle position is the battery connected and the chain brake locked. This is for moving materials to continue doing the same task. The chainsaw cannot be left at "idle".
- **Finishing:** With the chainsaw securely resting on a surface, disconnect the battery and lock the chain brake.

## HAND TOOLS

- Safety Glasses must always be worn.
- Glove on nail/holding hand always, Optional glove on hammer/tool hand.
- Exposed nails/screws in wood cannot be left unattended.
- Nails/screws are not allowed to be held in the mouth or behind the ear etc.
- Nails/screws are not allowed to be left/dropped on the ground.

## MOTORBIKES

- Pre-start checks to be done once per day, unless instructed otherwise.
- When bikes are stopped, they should be put in neutral, and the handbrake should be activated when applicable.
- Helmet must be always worn correctly and when operating.
- No side saddle riding.
- Two hands must be on the handlebars when a motorbike is in motion.