

# Wisconsin Arborist Association

## 2025 Tree Climbing Championship Event Policies and Code of Conduct

1. The WAA TCC shall consist of a men's & women's division. The maximum number of climbers in the competition, including the defending champions, will be 45.  
\*Two spots will be held for the previous year's male & female champions.
2. Contestants must compete in the (5) preliminary events to qualify as one of the top place finishers to advance to the Masters Challenge. The preliminary events include Open ascent, Belayed Speed Climb, Work Climb Throwline, & Aerial Rescue. The competitors with the highest combined points for the (5) preliminary events will advance to the Masters Challenge.
3. Only In State Competitors are eligible to advance to the ITCC. The Wisconsin climber who placed first in the Masters Challenge will advance to the ITCC.
4. The WAA allows at least (5) Out of state competitors to participate in the preliminary events. If they place in the top (5) in the preliminary events, they would be allowed to compete in the Masters Challenge as a guest. (Can't win awards)
5. It is each competitor's responsibility to read, understand, and adhere to the current ITCC rulebook in its entirety prior to the event.
6. Competitors are required to respond to emails from the WAA TCC committee, attend mandatory meetings, including gear check & walk through of events.
7. In-Ring Judges and competitors are both eligible to receive ISA CEU's for the event.
8. To be a WAA TCC division champion, competitors:
  - a. Shall compete in all primary events and the Masters' Challenge.
  - b. Shall stay for the entirety of the Masters' Challenge until the conclusion of the award ceremony.
  - c. May be subject to Appendix 4 of the ITCC Rule Book.
  - d. Must volunteer for at least one chapter event within the championship year to promote, teach, and share their experiences with other members.
9. Masters' Challenge champions (first place male, first place female) will be eligible as Representative Competitors for the WAA chapter at the ITCC.
  - a. WAA will pay the registration fee and up to \$2500 for international travel reimbursement for the first-place male and female to compete at the ITCC. In addition to the competitor registration fee.
  - b. WAA will pay the registration fee and up to \$1500 for domestic travel reimbursement for the first-place male and female to compete at the ITCC.
  - c. [TCC Champions Policy](#)
10. If a qualifying competitor is not able to attend ITCC or NATCC, the next highest-placing competitor in their respective male or female division (not solely based on points) will be offered the spot.
11. The Wisconsin Chapter will allow dogs or other well-behaved pets at the events, but will not be held liable, responsible, or otherwise involved with any interactions with the pet, including any accidents, mishaps, or injuries that occur due to the pet. The WAA shall not be liable for any injury to the pet or to visitors, competitors, other human or animal attendees of the event.

12. The TCC will be held rain or shine. In the event that severe weather is expected, the event may be pushed to an alternate date with Masters Challenge immediately following.
13. No refunds or cancellations will be available due to weather.
14. Cancellations with a full refund must be made up (2) weeks prior to the event, there are competitors on the waitlist or another individual willing to take the spot.
15. All event attendees must abide by the Code of Conduct.
  - a. The WAA is committed to providing a safe, productive, and welcoming meeting and event environment for all participants.
  - b. All participants, including, but not limited to board members, members, attendees, competitors, speakers, volunteers, sponsors, exhibitors, staff members, service providers, spectators, and all other connected with the event are expected to abide by this Code of Conduct.
  - c. Expected behavior: Be considerate of others. Be respectful of others and viewpoints that may be different from your own. Be mindful of your words and actions. Comply with all rules, policies, and procedures of the facilities at which any event is being held. Address and report inappropriate behavior and comments that are discriminatory, harassing, abusive, offensive or unwelcome.
  - d. Unacceptable Behavior: Unsportsmanlike conduct, vulgarity or disrespect to event officials, harassment, including sexual harassment, or discrimination based on age, ancestry, color, gender identity or expression, national origin, physical or mental disability, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances.
  - e. Anyone who is not complying with the code of conduct can and will be asked to vacate the premises at the discretion of the TCC Chairperson or Head Judge.
16. All who attend, volunteer, or compete do so at their own risk and must sign a waiver.
17. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Any children disrupting the event or creating an unsafe environment, including entering the competition ring, will be asked to leave.
18. All event attendees, volunteers, sponsors, vendors, and participants will treat the trees with the utmost care and respect, making efforts to not harm or damage them in any way. Efforts should be made to leave the event space and the grounds better than were found.