



SPIKE DRIVING COMPETITION OFFICIAL RULES

How to Participate:

1. No purchase necessary. There is no fee to enter the competition.
2. The competition commences June 16, 2018 at 11:00AM and closes June 16, 2018 at 6:00PM.
3. You may enter by attending at the competition on Saturday, June 16, 2018 between the hours of 11:00AM and 2:00PM and completing a registration form, including a waiver of liability form. A parent or guardian must execute the Waiver of Liability on behalf of Entrants under 18 years of age.
4. Entrants must select and participate in only one of two categories: (i) "Professional" for active or retired railroad Maintenance of Way employees of ONTC or any other railroad, and (ii) "Team" for persons without any previous railroad employment as a maintenance of way worker.
5. Entrants must wear appropriate safety equipment, including safety glasses and boots. Entrants must supply their own safety boots.
6. The Sponsor reserves the right at any time and for any reason without prior notice to disqualify any individual who violates these Official Rules or acts in a disruptive manner or who is otherwise declared ineligible to participate.

How to Win:

1. Entrants compete against the clock, with two officials using stopwatches to time the activity of each entrant. The official time commences when the horn sounds and ends once the entrant completes driving the required number of spikes and places the spike maul down.
2. Entrants must drive all spikes at a single tie plate (3 spikes for Professional category and 2 spikes for Amateur category).
3. Tie plates will be provided by the Sponsor in Sponsor's sole discretion.
4. All spikes are pre-driven (pre-set) approximately one (1") inch through the tie plate.
5. If a spike becomes loose or falls out of the tie plate, the entrant must retrieve the spike and continue with that spike.
6. Entrants must drive each spike within 3/8th of an inch with the tie plate and place the spike maul down in order to have their time recorded and be eligible to win.
7. Entrants must use the spike maul supplied by the Sponsor. Spike maul handles broken during competition will disqualify the time. Entrant must start over again.
8. Each Entrant in each category will participate in two "heats". Entrants that fail to participate in two heats will be disqualified. Average times for each Entrant will be determined based on the Entrants time for each of the two heats. The Entrants in each category with the first, second or third quickest average time are eligible to win a prize in that category.

Prizes:

1. The following prizes are available to be won:

Professional Category

1 St Place Professional \$500

2 nd Place Professional \$350

3 rd Place Professional \$200

*\$100 bonus to 1st place competitor that beats the time of 8.078 seconds (last year's winning time)

Team Category

1 St Place Team \$400

2 nd Place Team \$200

3 rd Place Team \$100

General Rules:

1. This competition is sponsored by Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC)
2. It is expressly understood and agreed by all participants that ONTC does not accept responsibility, in whole or in part, for loss, damage or injury, howsoever caused in connection with any prize or the conduct of the competition.
3. Winners will be required to sign a declaration and release, confirming eligibility, compliance with these Official Rules and releasing ONTC and its officers, employees, and representatives from any liability, claims, damages and/or responsibility in connection with the conduct of the competition or the awarding of prizes or the use of the prize, before receiving their prize. The winners agree to the use of their name, addresses, voices, images, photograph or other likeness for publicity purposes without compensation.
4. The Sponsor is not responsible for commencing, continuing or completing the Spike Driving Competition or awarding prizes in the event of circumstances beyond ONTC's control.
5. Only one prize per individual will be awarded.
6. All decisions of the competition judges with respect to this competition are final. In the event of a tie in any category the tied entrants will be required to participate in one (1) tie-breaking heat, and in the event of a further tie the tied entrants will participate in a second (or third or more) tie-breaking heat until a winner is declared.
7. All references to dates and times reflect Eastern Time.
8. All entries for the competition will be destroyed on or after three (3) years from the competition date.
9. These Official Rules are subject to change without notice (including, but not limited to changing the number, value, and types of prizes, the competition dates and times) in the sole and absolute discretion of the Sponsor.
10. These Official Rules govern the competition and must be followed. By entering this competition, entrants accept and agree to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of the ONTC and the contest judges, which are final on all matters related to this competition. Copies of the Official Rules may be obtained at the time and location of the competition. In the event of any conflict with any provisions contained in these Official Rules and competition details contained in any form of promotional material or media, these Official Rules shall prevail.

For any questions relating to this competition or these official rules, please contact ONTC Marketing at 705-472-4500 ext 530.