

## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

### RULES GOVERNING SURFACE MINE RESCUE COMPETITIONS

#### *General*

1. Zone competitions shall include South, Central, North and East Kootenay. A zone is defined as three teams. Zones may combine if there are not enough competitive teams to participate.
2. The top two (2) teams from each zone will be eligible to participate in the provincial competition. If one (1) of the teams is unable to attend the Provincial, then the Chief Judge in consultation with the Chief Inspector may invite the third place team from the applicable zone to compete in the Provincial.
3. Winners from each zone will be selected to represent in the provincial competition on a grand aggregate system.
4. The provincial competition will normally be held on a Saturday in June.
5. The competition will be held regardless of weather.

#### *Tasks & Judges*

6. The surface mine rescue competitions will be conducted on a task-oriented principle. Normally there will be six tasks or combinations thereof. (See Rule 7.)
7. The written and equipment practical task (bench task) will stand on a year-to-year basis. Additional tasks will be selected by a committee from the following:
  - Smoke environment
  - Fire fighting
  - Electrical hazards
  - Searching a building
  - Rope work
  - First aid
  - Vehicle extrication
  - Cliff rescue
  - Water rescue
  - Ice hazards
  - Avalanche
  - Environmental response
8. The Mine Rescue Committee or Chief Judge may select individuals from government, industry or labour with the expertise to formulate and/or judge specific tasks.

#### *Judge qualifications and judging standards;*

- i. All judges and assistants must be holders of Surface Mine Rescue certificates, St. John's Standard First Aid for Industry Certificates with Transportation Endorsement or equivalent certification and be proficient in current surface mine rescue work. Judges who are specialists may not hold all the above required certificates, however, they must be certified in their field of expertise and be competent in the area (task or portion thereof) that they judge.
  - ii. Mine Rescue competency will be judged to the B.C. Mine Rescue Manual
  - iii. First Aid competency will be judged at the current level of St. John Standard First Aid for Industry and Transportation Endorsement, as referenced by the most current manual. When to adopt any changes to standards will be addressed at the fall, Captain and Coaches meeting prior to a competition.
9. The Mine Rescue Competition Committee or Chief Judge may, when necessary, appoint persons to assist the judge at the competition, but such assistants shall report all findings where necessary to the judge they assist, prior to the general meeting of the judges.

## Teams & Equipment

### 10. Teams and Qualifications

Each team shall consist of a maximum of six (6) persons plus an optional No. 7 team person, all of whom must be the holders of certificates of competency in surface mine rescue and a minimum of St. John Standard First Aid for Industry Certificate or equivalent plus Transportation Endorsement:

- i. The No. 7 team member may be substituted repeatedly at the beginning of each task providing the chief task judge is notified of the substitution before the start of each task. Each team shall consist of a maximum of six members competing at any one task; however, in the event of an actual illness or injury *mid-task* a substitution can occur on a permanent basis. Teams who qualify through a zone competition and go on to participate in the provincial competition shall not substitute (change) any team member unless the regular team member is sick, injured or unavailable because of other emergency matters
  - ii. All of the above information to be provided on a standard form signed by the team's mine manager or his/her designate. (See Rule 17 and also be reminded that team registration for zone competitions shall be sent to the host company and/or for provincial competitions be sent to the Chief Judge.)
11. Each team member must wear a protective hat complete with chin strap, safety footwear, safety harness and identifying number and have gloves and safety glasses in his/her possession to be worn as safety requires. The team may supply this gear or it may be provided by the organizing committee.
12. Personal Equipment lists will be provided to the teams by the Competition Committee or the Chief Judge will provide the personal equipment list four (4) weeks or more prior to the competition date.
13. Each team may supply their own rescue equipment that is required to complete the problem and in accordance with a supply list for the tasks:
- i. The Competition Committee or the Chief Judge will provide the team equipment list four (4) weeks or more prior to the competition date.
  - ii. Use of certain equipment or pre-rigged equipment at some tasks may be restricted or disallowed.
  - iii. Equipment must be evenly distributed among the team members and must not be so cumbersome as to create a hazardous situation for any team member.
14. Specialized, auxiliary equipment and rescue vehicles may be supplied as required by the organizing committee in accordance with the supply list.
15. Team members shall not use electronic communication devices such as pdas, cell phones, Blackberrys, etc. The use of such devices will mean automatic disqualification.
- i. A personal video-recording device (non-communicative) is considered for educational purposes and may be used within a task under the chief task judge's discretion. Any video taken during competition SHALL NOT be used for marking or appealing marks made by task judges.
16. Team registration and submission of credentials will take place prior to the competition draw, at the Coaches and Captains Meeting.
17. At a suitable time and place prior to the competition (Coaches and Captains Meeting), a maximum of three (3) persons from each competing team will meet and draw a number determining their respective places in the competition.

### *Competition*

18. All judges and officials shall be provided with some visible means of identification.
19. The Chief Task Judges will establish staging areas to separate competing teams and spectators.
20. The Mine Rescue Committee or Chief Judge will select individuals to escort the teams from a predetermined marshalling area to various task locations.
21. No one, except designated officials, shall be allowed to communicate with teams performing or waiting their turn to do so. This includes the use of electronic communications by escorts.
22. The Chief Judge will ensure that teams do not see upcoming tasks.
23. The judges reserve the right to halt the competition task due to extensive delay, lack of safety precautions or impractical rescue methods. If a team is allowed to resume, they will not be penalized for any time taken in arriving at a decision.
24. Upon completion of a task, the team shall assemble their gear as expediently as possible while the Captain gives a report to the Senior Judge of the task.
25. If a team is deemed to have killed a patient or a team member in a task the following shall apply:
  - i. If a team member is killed that team gets a score of zero (0) for that task.
  - ii. If a patient or other associated person within the task is killed by the team, the team will automatically be placed last in that task. To establish their point total they shall not be scored more than 50% of the points that were awarded to the team with the lowest score in that task.
26. In cases where there is a tie in aggregate points and it becomes necessary to break the tie to determine a winner, the following will apply:
  - i. Points from each of the competition tasks will be totalled (for affected teams) and the team with the highest points (best score) shall be declared the winner, then
  - ii. If the affected teams are still tied after completing i. above, the names of the tasks will be placed in a hat or a box and one task will be drawn - the team having the highest points (best score) in this task shall be declared the winner.
27. The Chief Judge in consultation with the Chief Task Judge may disqualify or assign demerits to any team or person who fails to comply with the above rules.
28. Anyone who is found making a false report could be disqualified from any further competition in the Province of British Columbia.
29. Decisions of the judges shall be final.