



Texas Chapter of APWA 2024 Public Workshop and Equipment Rodeo
Monday, February 5, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Roadeo held at the J.S. Bridwell Ag Center (next to MPEC and Delta Marriott Hotel)
111 N. Burnett, Wichita Falls, TX 76301

MANDATORY ORIENTATION for Competitors | February 5, 2024 @ 7:30 a.m.

ROADEO RULES

I SAFETY

A Safety Rules for Heavy Equipment Operators

- 1 Only use equipment you're trained to use.**
- 2 Be familiar with the limitations of your equipment.**
- 3 Wear proper PPE (such as safety glasses or hard hat, as required).**
- 4 Fasten seat belt.**
- 5 Always check proper function of brakes, steering and other controls.**
- 6 Check reverse alarm before operation.**
- 7 Adjust mirrors to reduce blind spots. If you're unable to see behind your machine, use a person on the ground as a spotter to help direct you and look for obstacles. Never assume that your path is clear if you can't see it.**
- 8 Ensure that no objects or personnel are near the equipment (perform equipment walk-around to verify).**
- 9 When parking machine, lower buckets, booms, set the parking brake and shut off the engine.**
- 10. Always use the handholds, rails, and steps to maintain 3-point contact when entering and leaving machines. Be sure to keep touchpoints clean and free from grease.**

B Safety Rules for Judges

- 1 Wear proper PPE (such as sturdy/steel-toed shoes). A safety vest and hard hat will be provided.**
- 2 Never assume the operator knows your location or path.**
- 3 Make eye contact with the equipment operator and use flags or hand signals to easily communicate.**
- 4 Do not approach operating equipment until bucket is placed on ground and vehicle is in parked status. Never walk near moving equipment at any time!**

II. ROADEO COMPETITION – The Equipment Rodeo Competition is a unique set of trials on both backhoe and excavators, testing the skill of each Operator.

- A. ALL COMPETITORS MUST attend MANDATORY COMPETITOR ORIENTATION.**
- B. No mobile phone or two-way radio usage while on equipment.**
- C. The objective of the Competition Trials is to complete each Trial as accurately and as quickly as possible.**
- D. Competition Trials for Backhoe and Mini-Excavators vary for each event and will be discussed in detail at the MANDATORY COMPETITOR ORIENTATION.**
- E. Penalties will be issued for time and missed/dropped/damaged trial components. Penalties will be discussed in detail at the MANDATORY COMPETITOR ORIENTATION.**
- F. Each competitor will be allowed 15 seconds to familiarize themselves with the equipment controls.**
- G. Equipment is to remain in the stationery position.**
- H. RPM can be adjusted.**
- I. The Rodeo Judge will ask if you are ready. Respond saying “Yes” and/or pat your head to acknowledge readiness.**
- J. Time will not begin until the bucket is lifted from the ground.**
- K. Time will end either when the bucket is returned to the designated endpoint (ground) OR when the Judge calls out that the maximum time has been reached.**
- L. The Judge’s decision is FINAL!**