Timber Sports Competitive Disciplines

Chopping & Sawing Events

Hot Saw
A single sawyer using a single-cylinder, single-motor power saw makes three vertical cuts – down, up and down – through a 20-inch diameter white pine log. This one-man contest is strictly against time.

Men’s and Women’s Single Buck
A single sawyer uses a one-person bucking saw to cut through a 20-inch (for men) or 16-inch (for women) diameter white pine log. Timing begins when the signal “GO” is called and ends when the log is completely severed.

Men’s/Jack & Jill/Jill & Jill/Master’s (over 50) Double Buck
Two sawyers working as a team use a two-person bucking saw to cut through a 20-inch diameter white pine log. Timing begins when the signal “GO” is called and ends when the log is completely severed.

Springboard Chop
Contestants climb a height of nine feet using two springboard placements and chop through a 12-inch diameter aspen log mounted on top of the spar pole.

Standing Block Chop
Using a five pound, single-bit axe, competitors chop through a vertical standing aspen log 12 inches in diameter and 28 inches long. Timing begins on the signal “GO” and ends when the log is severed.

Men’s/Women’s/Master’s (over 50) Underhand Block Chop
Using a five pound, single-bit axe, competitors chop through a horizontal log 14 inches in diameter and 26 inches long. Timing begins on the signal “GO” and ends when the log is severed.

Axe Throwing

Axe Throw
Each competitor has three throws to score. The center, or Bull’s Eye, scores 5 points; the first ring around the center scores 4 points; the next ring scores 3 points; then 2 points for the next ring and the last ring scores 1 point. The individual with the highest number of points determines the winner of the contest. Both men and women compete in this event.
Speed Climbing

60’ Speed Climb
A competitor scales a 60-foot tall cedar spar pole and returns to the ground. The event is strictly against time and begins when the signal “GO” is given and ends when the contestant touches the ground after climbing to the 60-foot mark. On the descent, climbers must touch the pole every 15 feet. Only traditional spurs are allowed.

90’ Speed Climb
A competitor scales a 90-foot tall cedar spar pole and returns to the ground. The event is strictly against time and begins when the signal “GO” is given and ends when the contestant touches the ground after climbing to the 90-foot mark. On the descent, climbers must touch the pole in every section, as painted on the pole.

Logrolling & Boom Running

Men’s/Women’s Logrolling
The match is on when birlers step off a dock onto a floating log, steady themselves, drop their poles, and begin rolling. It continues until a contestant (or both contestants) fall or the match expires as it reaches the set time limit for each log. When the time limit is reached, the same match continues onto the next smallest log. In the semifinals and finals, the contest is decided by the best three out of five falls. Men start on 15-inch logs and women start on 14-inch logs.

Men’s/Women’s Boom Run
Starting on the logrolling dock, two competitors run head to head on adjacent booms (logs chained together end to end) from the logrolling dock to the chopping dock, circle a specified competition station, and boom run back to the logrolling dock. The competitor must step onto the log rolling dock and touch the starting point to complete the run.

Team Relay

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In this timed event, two teams face off head to head, each consisting of a 60’ speed climber, a male and female boom runner, an underhand chopper, a women’s single buck sawyer and a standing block chopper. The climber must climb and descend the 60’ pole and when his feet touch the pad, the male boom runner takes off from the chopping dock to the logrolling dock, where the female boom runner takes off back to the chopping dock. As soon as she hits the dock, the underhand chopper cuts through a 12-inch log. When the log drops, the single buck commences, and the standing block chop is the event anchor. The first team to finish, wins the competition.