

# WARREN COUNTY JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER COMPETITION | 2022

## EVENT INFORMATION & RULES

- **Behavior** — Have fun! This is a family-friendly event. Attendees should keep in mind there are children present and display civility and professionalism.
- **Safety** — Competitors and spectators should conduct themselves in a safe manner throughout the weekend. Any person may stop an event for safety reasons.
- **Judging** — Teams, please have at least one adult available to help with judging and/or timing some of the events. We especially need additional judges for the Quick Dress event. All teams please complete a **Team Roster Form** to assist Judges filling out the Timing Sheets and Scorecards.
- **Rules Modifications** — Please note that we try to minimize changes to the printed rules but sometimes due to certain circumstances we may need to deviate from what is listed. Should this occur, we appreciate your understanding and positive attitude.
- **Rulings** — The Event Judges and the Competition Officials reserve the right to disqualify and eject individuals or teams from events or from the competition for wantonly unsafe actions or unsportsmanlike conduct. Sorry, no refunds. Only adult team members may formally dispute a decision or outcome.
- **Emergencies / Medical** — EMS and the Sheriff's Office will be standing by at the event. Competitors will be medically evaluated after each field event in the Rehab Area. Team Advisors must have **emergency contact** and **medical information** for each team member. Members should be covered by their department's insurance. The closest hospital is Maria Parham Health, 566 Ruin Creek Road, Henderson, NC 27536 (Exit 212 off I-85), (252) 438-4143.
- **Drinks** — Water will be available for competitors to keep hydrated. Ice will be available at the Warrenton Rural FD station at no charge (*first come, first served*). Vendors will be available to sell other beverages. Because of the special health risks to youths—including seizures and cardiac arrest—highly-caffeinated and stimulant-containing “energy drinks” are prohibited. Alcohol on the property of the Warren County Recreation Complex is unlawful.
- **Smoking** — Use of tobacco products and smoking, including electronic nicotine delivery systems (e-cigarettes) and vaping, is not permitted by youths. Smoking for adults is permissible outside and away from youths.

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## YOUTH ELIGIBILITY & TEAMS

- **Teams** — A Team consists of at least 4 youth members. Departments that do not have enough youths to form a competition team may (1) merge with another department or departments to form an amalgamated team, or (2) recruit youths from other teams at the competition, if they agree to do so. Youth may compete as a member of more than one team, however, no youth may compete in the same event more than once.
- **Youth Eligibility** — (1) Youth participants for this Competition must be 13 to 18 years old and still a student in school. (2) Competitors must be a duly enrolled member in a fire department or a youth fire program (i.e., no “ringers”).

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## EQUIPMENT & GEAR

- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** — Competitors are required to have their full turnout gear (boots, bunker pants, coat, hood, helmet, and gloves). PPE must be structural firefighting gear with the liner in, and must not be modified. Helmets should be traditional firefighting helmets and not specialized helmets. Gloves must be structural firefighting gloves, unless otherwise noted.
  - **Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)** — SCBAs should be standard air packs with masks and in good working order. SCBAs may not be modified. We have a limited number SCBAs available (SurvivAir) if needed.
  - **Equipment** — For each event, firefighting equipment, hoses, and tools will be supplied, and will be made available for inspection prior to each event.
- Many teams bring a tarp to make an Equipment Area to keep their PPE & SCBA clean and out of the dirt and grass.

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## FIELD EVENTS SYNOPSIS *(see individual event rules for details)*

1. **Quick Dress** — Timed event. 4-person team must don PPE & SCBA in the quickest time possible. Trophies are awarded for (1) fastest Team Dressing and (2) fastest Individual Dressing.
2. **Stretcher Bearer** — Timed event. 4-person team must overcome obstacles while carrying a stretcher to reach the patient (manikin), then maneuver back through the obstacles with the patient in the stretcher.
3. **Pittsburgh Drill** — Timed event. 4-person team must work together to safety negotiate obstacles to quickly remove a downed firefighter.
4. **Zig-Zag Attack and Drag** — *NEW EVENT!* Timed event. 4-person team must communicate and work together to navigate a zig-zag hallway with an attack line to “hit the fire” with the waterstream, then exit back out the entrance.
5. **Water Tug-O-War** — Single-elimination bracket. 4-person team must push a barrel suspended from a cable with a waterstream past their opposing team’s line.

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## KNOWLEDGE-BASED EVENTS SYNOPSIS

1. **Written Testing** — Multiple choice tests, approximately 50 questions at the basic firefighter level. Event limited to only 2 persons per team.
2. **Verbal Testing** — Identify commonly used firefighting equipment and tools, then discuss its function, purpose, and use. Event limited to only 1 person per team.
3. **Crazy 8s Knot Tying** — Timed event. Tie 4 knots in 2 minutes (Figure-8, Figure-8 Bend, Figure-8 on a Bight, and Figure-8 Follow Through). Event limited to only 2 persons per team.

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## AWARDS & POINTS

- **Trophies** —Trophies are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in each competition event.
- **Points System** —
  - Points are awarded as follows for each event:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Place=25 points;
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place=24 points;
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place=23 points, and so forth on down the line.
  - An additional 20 bonus points are granted for winning the following Awards:
    - Best In Field Events Award (*20 points*)
    - Best In Knowledge Events Award (*20 points*)
    - Best Sportsmanship Award (*20 points*)
  - No points granted for Better Luck Next Year Award, Farthest Traveled Team Award, or team plaques.
- **Awards** — In addition to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place trophies, the following awards will also be presented:
  - **Plaques** — Each registered team will be presented a plaque to show our appreciation for your participation in the Warren County Junior Firefighter Competition.
  - **Better Luck Next Year Award** — It's a sad fact of life but somebody's got to finish last. This award is for the team that just didn't have things fall their way, but maybe will next year.
  - **Farthest Traveled Team Award** — Awarded to the team that traveled the farthest distance to attend the competition. Distance calculated from the department's address to the Warren County Recreation Complex.
  - **Best Team In Field Events Award** — Awarded based on the highest sum of points for the field events.
  - **Best Team in Knowledge Events Award** — Awarded based on the highest sum of points for the knowledge-based events.
  - **The Christopher W. Pegram Best Sportsmanship Award** — The field judges vote for the Best Sportsmanship Award based on a team's positive attitude, respect for others, and laudable behavior. Chris Pegram was one of the organizers of the Warren County Junior Firefighters program and was its first Chief Advisor.
  - **The Walter M. Gardner, Jr. Best All-Around Team Award** — The team with the most accumulated points will be awarded the Best All-Around Team Award. Chief Gardner was one of the organizers of the Warren County Junior Firefighters and continues to be a big supporter of the program.

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