

EWWN BACKHOE RODEO COMPETITION

We are proud to announce that the Annual Eastern Water and Wastewater Network Backhoe Rodeo Contest. Event will take place in **Tarboro on October 23, 2025**. The cost is \$25 per operator, which includes lunch and t-shirt. Registration starts at 9:00 AM and the events start at 10:00 AM. The best time in each event wins that event — the best time overall wins the competition.

The six areas of competition for this year's event will be:

1. BALL and CONE:

Five traffic cones will be placed in erratic order with a tennis ball placed on top of each cone. The teeth of the backhoe bucket will be painted different colors, as will the tennis balls. The objective is to remove the tennis balls, with the backhoe bucket teeth, from the cones without hitting the cone and the operator will be required to match and use the colored tooth corresponding with the ball (same color) being removed from the cone.

Completion time:	<i>One hundred and eighty (180) seconds</i>	
Penalties:	Miss match colors (teeth/ball)	10 seconds
	Hit or touch the cone	10 seconds
	Knock over the cone	30 seconds

2. BUILDING BLOCKS:

A thirty second penalty for each uncompleted level in the stack. If the stack tips over, it is a failure to complete the event. Each level must be turned the opposite direction than the one below. The last block must stand on its end on top of the stack.

Completion time:	<i>One hundred and eighty (180) seconds</i>	
Penalties:	Uncompleted level	30 seconds

3. PIPE WALK:

Move pipe from one stand over to the stand next to it using the rope and ring provided. There are two pipes to move.

Completion time: *One hundred and eighty (180) seconds*
Penalties: **Drop the pipe** 60 seconds
Hitting the stand with the bucket 30 seconds

4. **PUZZLE BOARD:** Chevron Stripes on puzzle pieces must line up with strips on the board. If the stripes don't line up it is a 30 second penalty per side on the pieces.
Hitting the board with the bucket is a Disqualification.
Dropping the chain is a Disqualification.

Completion time: *One hundred and eighty (180) seconds*
Penalties: **Stripes don't line up** 30 seconds

5. **SLAM DUMP:** Pick the ball off the color-coded cones and dump in the same-colored trash can.

Completion time: *One hundred and eighty (180) seconds*
Penalties: **Knocking trash can over or off the pole with the bucket** 180 seconds
Wrong trash can 30 seconds
Drop the ball 30 seconds

6. **PICK and ROLL:** Pick up the pipe with the (rope and rings provided) balls inside. Then set pipe on the bucket rolling the balls onto the catching base.

Completion time: *One hundred and eighty (180) seconds*
Penalties: **10 seconds for every ball that doesn't make it into the catching base**
Drop the pipe 30 seconds
Knocking the bucket over 30 seconds

EWWN BACKHOE RODEO COMPETITION APPLICATION

Please sign me up for the 2025 EWWN Annual Backhoe Rodeo Contest

UTILITY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP CODE: _____

NAME OF OPERATOR: _____

Registration for contestant waiver: Waiver, Release and Assumption of Risk:

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read the rules and regulations of this contest along with this Waiver, Release, and Assumption of Risk and fully understand its terms, conditions and meaning. In return for allowing my participation in the EWWN Annual Backhoe Rodeo Contest activities, I voluntarily assume all risk and responsibility for my physical condition and for my injuries or damages to my person or property which I might sustain in that participation. I further voluntarily release and discharge the EWWN, its president, officers, employees, members, or guests, for any injury or damage to my person or property due to negligence, carelessness, or any other fault. It is further understood that this Waiver, Release, and Assumption of Risk is binding on my heirs, personal representatives, legal representatives, successors, and assigns. I assume full responsibility for my actions and behavior during the contest.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2025

Signature: _____

PRINT FULL NAME _____



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Rules and Regulations

1. Each municipality or local government authority may register as many operators as it wishes.
2. **All Operators,** must abide by rules of the competition.
3. **All Operators,** must complete and sign the Application Form.
4. **All Operators,** must abide by all safety rules.
5. Only those contestants that have registered for the competition will be allowed to participate, there will be **NO** substitutes for any contest.
6. Contestants may only compete on one team.
7. A panel of judges will oversee the competition and their decisions will be final. If any questions or discrepancies arise that are not covered in the rules and regulations, the panel of judges will make a decision that will be final.
8. If there are any problems with the equipment during the competition, that contestant may be allowed to start over with either new or repaired equipment.
9. **Failure to complete the adjective of each event will disqualify you from any placement in that event and the best overall time placement.**