



2024 SNOWPLOW ROADEO

Maine Chapter - APWA

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What is a Snowplow Rodeo?

A snowplow rodeo is a test of driving skills through an obstacle course. Points and time are kept for the course and the team with the lowest total score is declared the champion.

Who is eligible?

Every town in the state is being sent this letter. Only full-time municipal, MDOT, and Maine Turnpike employees will be allowed to compete. Sorry, there are no private contractors. The state is broken up into 16 counties, MDOT, and the Maine Turnpike Authority. Only 2–two person teams are allowed (except as explained below) from each county, MDOT, and MTA. Each county/organization will decide how they wish to send their representatives (i.e., lottery, designate a different team each year, or have a county competition). A third team will be eligible from any county/organization holding a competition/runoff with 12 or more teams participating.

How do I find out what my county is doing?

Please contact us (see below) or a member of the Snowplow Rodeo Committee and we will assist you. The committee is listed below. It is your responsibility to reach out to others in your county, or to the committee.

What equipment is eligible to compete?

This year, only single-axle plow trucks with plow and wing are eligible. The Roadeo Committee will supply trucks used in the state competition.

When will county champions be selected?

All county, MDOT, and MTA champions must be designated with notification given to Shawn Marston no later than Thursday May 23, 2024. Contact your APWA representative for competition/selection dates.

What's the difference between the state course and the county course?

The county courses are designed to give each team an idea of what to expect in the state championship. However, fewer than ten judges and scorers are needed for the county competition, where the state competition requires 20 judges, scorers, and maintenance people. In the state competition, the course is more difficult and is set up to challenge a driving team. The course design is kept secret until the day of the event. In the state competition each team will have to perform a “circle check” on a vehicle. Basically, it requires the team to find the four defects within a five-minute time period (taillight, flat tire, body damage, etc.). All defects can be found without starting or tearing the truck apart.

When and where is the State championship?

The State Championship Roadeo will be held at the 31st Annual Highway Congress on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds. The competition will be in the morning, which will allow all the participants to take part in classes, seminars, other competitions, and see Maine's biggest and best equipment show. You are only required to be at the Roadeo for the registration/walk through at 8:00 a.m. and the actual driving/vehicle check competition itself.

How can I help?

Both the state and county competition will need help with setting up, scorers and judges. Each county will send their best team(s) so this will truly identify the state's best team. If you would like to volunteer to be a county representative in one of the counties where there is not a representative at this time or assist in the state roadeo, please contact a member of the Roadeo Committee listed on back.

Prizes?

Of course, we have prizes! Each competitor will receive a hat and a T-shirt with the state championship competition logo. The first three places will receive cash prizes and plaques. The first-place team will also receive "2024 Champions" jackets which will serve to designate the winners as the best drivers in the state. Also, the winning team will be home to the Snowplow Roadeo trophy until June 2025. The winning team's town/city/organization will be permanently engraved on the trophy.

The Maine Chapter of APWA will pay for the registration, airline tickets and lodging for the Maine State Champion Team to participate in the Western Snow & Ice Roadeo in September in Colorado. The winners are responsible for personal costs.

The individual driver with the best score will receive a cash prize and plaque.

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