

KNOT-TYING RELAY

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Equipment: (to be furnished by Union conference)

- 1 - 4" Diameter x 4 foot long Pole
- 6 - 3/16" x 6 foot long braided nylon ropes

Team: Minimum of 2 - maximum of 8

Procedure: Team will line up in relay formation behind Start/Finish Line 20 feet from where the pole is laying on the ground. At the starting signal team member number one runs to the pole and ties a TIMBER HITCH on one end of the pole. Team member number one runs back to tag team member number two, who ties his rope to the end of team member number one's rope with a FISHERMAN'S KNOT and runs back to tag team member number three. Team member three (who has no rope) ties the free end of the ropes tied to the end of the pole to the opposite end of the pole with TWO HALF HITCHES. The ropes now form a loop. Team member number four ties a BOWLINE around the loop. Team member number five ties his rope to number four's with a SHEET BEND. Team member number six joins his rope to number five's with a SQUARE KNOT. Team member number seven joins his rope to number six's with a SHEET BEND. Team member number eight ties a BOWLINE in the free end of number seven's and then uses the loop formed to drag the pole across the Start/Finish Line.

Scoring: Scoring will be based on total elapsed time plus any penalties for incorrect knots.

Note: The team members will line up in the order which the judge will designate. If the team attempts to rearrange its order it will be disqualified.