



## Minnesota Society of Arboriculture Tree Climbing Championship Competitor Policy

1. The number of competitors will be capped at 60.
  - a. Two spots will be held for the previous year's first place male and female winners
  - b. Up to 5 guest competitors will be accepted. Guest competitors are not eligible to compete in the Masters' Challenge.
2. Competitors shall be MSA members at the time of the competition.
3. It is each competitor's responsibility to read, understand, and adhere to the [International Tree Climbing Championship Rulebook](#) in its entirety prior to the event.
4. Competitors are required to attend all mandatory meetings.
5. To be a MSA TCC division champion, competitors:
  - a. shall compete in all preliminary events and the Masters' Challenge
  - b. shall stay for the entirety of the Masters' Challenge until the conclusion of the award ceremony.
  - c. may be subject to Appendix 4 of [ITCC Rule Book](#)
  - d. are strongly encouraged to volunteer for at least one chapter event within the championship year in order to promote, teach, and share their experiences with other members.
6. Masters' Challenge champions (first place male, first place female) will be eligible as Representative Competitors for the MSA chapter at the ITCC.
  - a. MSA will pay the registration fee and up to \$1,000 travel reimbursement for the first-place male and female finishers to compete at the ITCC. Runners up of the Masters' Challenge (second place male, second place female) will be eligible as Representative Competitors for MSA at the NATCC.
  - b. MSA will pay the registration fee and up to \$500 travel reimbursement for the second-place male and female finishers to compete at NATCC.
  - c. NATCC currently invites chapters to send a team of 3 competitors, where a maximum of 2 competitors may be male. A third place Masters' Challenge finisher (male or female) will be offered the spot, but is responsible for their own NATCC registration and travel costs. If both division finishers wish to compete, the qualifying competitor will be determined by whose score is closest to their division's second place competitor (not solely based on points).
7. If a qualifying competitor is not able to attend ITCC or NATCC, the next highest-placing competitor in their respective male or female division (not solely based on points) will be offered the spot. In matters of determining the third spot for NATCC, refer to 6.c.