



Minnesota Society of Arboriculture Tree Climbing Championship (TCC) Policy

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1. To compete in the annual Minnesota Society of Arboriculture (MSA) TCC, a climber must be a current MSA member at the time of the competition.
2. To be a gender champion, compete in all preliminary events and Masters' Challenge as well as stay for the entirety of the Masters' Challenge event through the award ceremony. Gender Champions may be subject to Appendix 4 of International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC) rules.
3. Champions are strongly encouraged to volunteer for a minimum of (1) chapter event within the championship year in order to promote, teach, and share their experiences with other members.
4. Masters' Challenge champions (first place male, first place female) will be eligible as Representative Competitors for the MSA chapter at the ITCC.
5. Runners up of the Masters' Challenge (second place male, second place female), plus one additional third place Master's Challenge competitor (male or female, competitor will be chosen via coin toss), will be eligible as Representative Competitors for MSA at the North American Tree Climbing Championship (NATCC). NATCC currently invites a team of three competitors from each chapter where a maximum of 2 may be male.
6. If a qualifying climber is not able to attend ITCC or NATCC, the next highest ranking competitor (based on placement in their respective male or female division, not solely on points) will be offered the spot. In the event NATCC accepts submissions for 'Guest Competitors' MSA will follow NATCC guidelines. These guest submissions will be based on Master's Challenge rank. Preliminary ranking may also be used in the event no Master's competitors are able to attend NATCC.
7. To compete in ITCC and NATCC, MSA Representative Competitors must be a current member of ISA in good standing.
8. MSA will pay the entry fee for the first-place male and female winners to compete at the ITCC, as well as the NATCC entry fee for the team of three.
9. A spending cap for ITCC expenses to be \$1000.00 for each competitor, male and female. This will cover travel to and from the competition host city and lodging while at the competition.



10. A spending cap for NATCC expenses to be \$500.00 for each Representative Competitor (team of three). This will cover travel to and from the competition host city and lodging while at the competition.

11. International competitions that require expenses to exceed the spending limit must have MSA Executive Committee approval. With a reimbursement limit to be no more than \$2000.00 for each male and female competitor.

12. All expenses submitted for reimbursement must follow MSA's reimbursement policy.