



2024 Athlete Application Overview

Thank you for your interest in competing in STIHL TIMBERSPORTS®. This application packet provides all potential competitors a general overview of the 2024 season.

For the 2024 season, STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® will continue to qualify athletes for the Men, Women, and Rookie divisions through athlete resumes. The full qualification process is detailed on the following page. The U.S. Men's and Women's Championship will feature the same number of athletes as last year, in the same competition formats, and will take place as part of German Fest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Prize money may be reallocated in an effort to reward the best athletes and encourage others to strive for that level.

In an effort to improve our global competitiveness and collaborate with our northern neighbors, the Men's Trophy event this year will feature top-ranked athletes from both the USA and Canada, who will compete against each other for the title in the first ever North American Trophy. More details will be provided to athletes who are selected for this invitational event. The Rookie division this year will feature an intensive training camp designed to elevate the skill level and preparedness of Rookie athletes to compete on the international stage. There will be a competition held at the end of the Rookie Training Camp, and the winner will qualify to compete in the 2024 Rookie World Championship. These changes will allow us to focus our resources on the major competitions, establish a new international event, create a viable Rookie division development program, and maintain the status of STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® as the most elite lumberjack sports competition in the United States.

STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® in the U.S. has a long and rich history. We continue to evolve over the years and have made several adjustments to our formats, always with the goal of improving the safety, fairness and excitement of our sport. We believe that these changes will ensure this tradition continues, and the future success of STIHL TIMBERSPORTS®.

To apply for the 2024 season, the following three documents must be completed, signed, and returned by January 31:

- 1. Athlete Application**
- 2. Competitor Resume**
- 3. Athlete Advisory Committee Elections**

On behalf of everyone at STIHL, I wish you all the best of luck in competition this year!

Best regards,

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Rules and Regulations

The STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® international rules are available at the following link:

<https://data.stihl-timbersports.com/data/rulesandregulations.pdf>

Qualification Process

Below is the qualification process for the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® U.S. Series:

1. Athletes submit resumes with their best times for each discipline, relative to their division, from within the last three years. Other required information includes contest location, year, wood size, wood species, and contest official. Times can be included from both STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® events and other lumberjack competitions.
2. Granite State Lumberjack Shows analyzes the resumes of all athletes, and ranks individuals based on their times for each discipline. This analysis is purely data driven and is the same process used for the past several years.
3. The Athlete Advisory Committee, which consists of five members elected by the athletes each season, then conducts a detailed analysis of the athlete rankings to ensure they are accurate. The Athlete Advisory Committee verifies resume information, makes objective comparisons of athletes, and discusses performance observations in order to adjust the rankings accordingly.
4. The North American Sports Director works in conjunction with the Athlete Advisory Committee to ensure the rankings are fair and complete, and then submits the rankings to STIHL for final determination.
5. The following numbers of athletes will be qualified for the U.S. Series, with four (4) alternates for each division ranked in order, in case of an athlete dropping out.
 - a. Men's Pro Division – 24 athletes
 - 3 pools of 8 athletes in the Semi-Finals (*Traditional Individual Format*)
 - 12 athletes advance to the Finals (*Individual Round Format*)
 - b. Women's Division – 12 athletes
 - c. Rookie Division – 8 athletes
6. In order to ensure there is still a path for new athletes in each division to enter STIHL TIMBERSPORTS®, STIHL will continue to sponsor select lumberjack competitions around the nation that compete in the same disciplines and use similar wood size and species. This will allow athletes to build their resumes during the competition season so they have an opportunity to apply to the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® U.S. Series the following year.



Competition Format

Below is the competition format for the 2024 season. There will be four (4) alternate athletes for each division, ranked in order. Competition formats are subject to change.

Men's Pro Division

- U.S. Championship
 - 24 athletes will be qualified to compete in the U.S. Men's Championship.
 - Semi-Finals – 3 pools of 8 athletes will compete in the Men's Semi-Finals, which will be held in the *Traditional Individual Format*.
 - Finals – 4 athletes from each pool (12 total) will advance to the Men's Finals, which will be held in the *Individual Round Format* (aka "elimination" format).
 - The winner will qualify to compete in the 2024 Individual World Championship.
- North American Trophy
 - 16 athletes from USA and Canada will be qualified to compete.
 - Athletes will be qualified using the same process noted on the previous page.
 - Based on the final results of the event, the highest ranked athlete from each country (USA and Canada) will qualify to compete in the 2024 World Trophy.

Women's Division

- U.S. Championship
 - 12 athletes will be qualified to compete in the U.S. Women's Championship, which will be held in the 4-discipline *Women Competition Format*.

Rookie Division

- Eligibility
 - Rookie athletes must be under the age of 25 on January 1, 2024.
 - Rookie athletes must not have already competed in an official STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® competition with all six disciplines.
- Rookie Training Camp
 - 8 athletes will be qualified and invited to attend the Rookie Training Camp, which will be led by current and former pro STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® athletes.
 - The training camp will feature two days of intensive training sessions designed to elevate the skill level and preparedness of Rookie athletes to compete on the international stage.
 - There will be a competition held at the end of the Rookie Training Camp, and the winner will qualify to compete in the 2024 Rookie World Championship.



2024 Events

Below is the tentative schedule of 2024 events (dates and locations are subject to change):

| Event | Location | Dates |
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| Rookie Training Camp | Troy, North Carolina | March 8-10 |
| North American Trophy | Virginia Beach, Virginia | May 4 |
| World Trophy Rookie World Championship | TBD | May 24-25 |
| U.S. Women's Championship U.S. Men's Championship | Milwaukee, Wisconsin | July 26-28 |
| World Championship | Toulouse, France | November 8-9 |

Athlete Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Athlete Advisory Committee (AAC) is to help ensure a safe and fair competition at all STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® U.S. events. The AAC represents all athletes and regularly communicates with the North American Sports Director regarding the qualification and competition process. Athletes should feel free to correspond any questions, suggestions, or concerns to the AAC.

2024 Athlete Advisory Committee Elections

For 2024 there will be both a Men's and Women's AAC consisting of 5 members each. Rookies will be represented by the Men's AAC. The term for each AAC member will be for the annual season (January–December). AAC general duties are as follows:

- Assist Granite State Lumberjack Shows with qualification and ranking of athletes for the season.
- Work with the North American Sports Director to ensure the qualification and competition process is fair for the entire field of athletes within the official rules and regulations of STIHL TIMBERSPORTS®.
- Receive input from athletes and present issues or concerns to the North American Sports Director. This pertains to specific occurrences within competitions, broad season topics, or issues with rules and regulations.
- Assist with the selection of Team USA for the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® World Championship.
- Maintain continual discussion in regards to growth of the sport for the betterment of the athlete community.

If you have any questions, contact the North American Sports Director, Nathan Waterfield at: nathanwaterfield@gmail.com

Vote for the 2024 Advisory Committee members on the last page of this application.



2024 Athlete Application

Applications are due January 31

Submit your Athlete Application, Competitor Resume, and Advisory Committee Election forms in **PDF file format** to Granite State Lumberjack Shows via email to: rose.chagnongs1s@gmail.com

If you do not have the ability to email in PDF file format, you can also mail hard copies of the application documents to Granite State Lumberjack Shows at:

Rose Chagnon
47 Silver Street
Farmington, NH 03835

Note: No entry fee is required this year to submit the application.

Athlete Information: (all fields are required)

Name: _____

Birthdate (MM/DD/YY): _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ lbs.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Division: (Choose one of the following options)

- I would like to be considered for the **Men's Pro Division**
- I would like to be considered for the **Women's Division**
- I would like to be considered for the **Rookie Division**

Springboard: (Men and Rookies only)

Which way do you cut a springboard? Right Left

Clothing Size: (Select and enter your preferred sizes)

| Item | Men's Sizes | | Women's Sizes | |
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| T-Shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2X <input type="checkbox"/> 3X | | <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2X <input type="checkbox"/> 3X | |
| Duluth T-Shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2X <input type="checkbox"/> 3X | | <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2X <input type="checkbox"/> 3X | |
| Pants | Waist: | Length: | US Size: | Length: |



2024 Competitor Resume

All applications must include this resume to be considered for United States STIHL TIMBERSPORTS®. Times must be from within the last three years.

- Please check this box if you wish to use your STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® times from the last three years. If so, leave the tables below blank and sign at the bottom.

Underhand Chop

| Contest Location | Year | Wood Size | Wood Species | Time | Contest Official |
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Standing Block Chop

| Contest Location | Year | Wood Size | Wood Species | Time | Contest Official |
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Single Buck

| Contest Location | Year | Wood Size | Wood Species | Time | Contest Official |
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Stock Saw

| Contest Location | Year | Wood Size | Wood Species | Time | Contest Official |
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Springboard Chop (Pro Men and Rookies Only)

| Contest Location | Year | Wood Size | Wood Species | Time | Contest Official |
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For Rookies, please indicate if the times above are for: 1 springboard or 2 springboards

Hot Saw (Pro Men Only)

| Contest Location | Year | Wood Size | Wood Species | Time | Contest Official |
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The information I have submitted above is truthful and accurate (sign below).

Signature

Date

Print Name



2024 Athlete Advisory Committee Elections

To vote for 2024 Athlete Advisory Committee members, select **five** representative from the list of nominees below. Men and Rookies vote only for the Men's AAC, and Women vote only for the Women's AAC.

Men's Athlete Advisory Committee Nominees

- Arden Cogar Jr.
- Billy Kunelius
- Grant Foreman
- Josh Wilson
- Matt Slingerland
- Zach Brouse

Women's Athlete Advisory Committee Nominees

- Alexandria Miller
- Christi Unger
- Haley Smith
- Jessica Karraker
- Julie Miller
- Kate Page
- Nancy Zalewski
- Rene Wilson