



NAPA PRUNING CONTEST RULES

1. Contestants are judged on pruning technique and speed of pruning.
2. Judging teams for each contestant are picked randomly. Contests are numbered to keep anonymity to prevent conflict of interest.
3. Contestants prune 5 vines and are timed for their speed. Then a panel of judges scores the contestant on their pruning technique. When you are finished pruning you must clearly signal the timer and step away from your vine.
4. Total scoring points for contestants are up to **100 points for pruning technique** and **40 points for pruning speed**. Scoring is weighted heavier towards technique. Points are docked for poor pruning (see below). Timing score is based on the fastest pruner and 1 point is docked for every 5 seconds a contest time is slower than the fastest pruner.
5. Eight of the top contestants from the men's division and six contestants from the women's division then go on to the finals.
6. To determine the finalist, technique and speed scores are combined. The top 20% of highest combined scores are listed then the top contestants (8 from the men's division; 6 from the women's division) with the highest technical scores continue on to the finals.
7. Final prune off: Each finalist prunes 5 vines and are timed and judged again. The contestant with the highest combined score is the winner.
8. The constants placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in each division receive prizes.