



Napa County 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 without names to prevent conflict of interest.
3. Contestants prune 5 vines and are timed for their speed. Judges score the contestant on their pruning technique. When they are finished pruning contestants must clearly signal the timer and step away from their 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. Timing score is based on the fastest pruner and 1 point is docked **for every 5** seconds a contestant time is slower than the fastest pruner.
5. To determine the finalists, technique and speed scores are combined. Eight of the top contestants from each division (men and women) go the finals.
6. Final prune off: Each finalist prunes 5 vines and are timed and judged again. The contestant with the highest combined score is the winner.
7. The contestants placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in each division receives prizes.