

2026 GEORGIA FIRE SERVICE CONFERENCE FIREFIGHTERS' COMPETITION

Thursday, August 28, 2026
Augusta, Georgia

OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Please review the following rules and regulations for the Georgia Fire Service Conference Firefighter's Competition. Registration fees must be paid prior to the competition. In addition, all team members must be a member of either the Georgia State Firefighters Association or the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs. For more information, please contact GSFA Business Manager Taylor Moore at taylor@gsffa.org or 770-914-7774.

Team Registration Fee: \$50 per team
Individual Rapid Dress Fee: \$5 per person
Limit: 10 teams

2026 EVENTS



INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

RAPID DRESS

TEAM EVENTS

HOSE AND LADDER

DRESS N SQUIRT

TIGHT SQUEEZE (One into Two)

MYSTERY EVENT



IMPORTANT COMPETITION TIMES

3 p.m. – Rapid Dress Qualifying Round

4 p.m. – Coaches Meeting

5:30 p.m. – Firefighters' Competition Begins

All competitors will be required to wear their turnout coat, pants, helmet, gloves and boots!

2026 RULES & REGULATIONS - **INDIVIDUAL RAPID DRESS**

**ALL RAPID DRESS
COMPETITORS MUST
BE READY TO
COMPETE AT THE
COMPETITION
LOCATION AT 3 PM
FOR THE
QUALIFYING ROUND.**

1. Any member of a legally organized fire department, who is a member of the Georgia State Firefighters Association and/or the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs, may participate in this individual competition.
2. The objective of this event is to "suit up" as quickly and *correctly* as possible and *be ready* to enter a burning building. We will be looking for correctness as well as rapidity. If, for any reason, the judges feel that the firefighter is not properly attired, the firefighter may be disqualified, or penalty points added to the finishing time.
3. This is an individual event. It is to be done with no trick equipment. Equipment and gear used **MUST** be of the type normally used by the firefighting personnel. The firefighter is to use his or her own bunker gear.
4. The event starts with the firefighter in street clothes or work uniform. If the firefighter has on lace-up shoes they must be tied (loosely if desired). In the case of zippered boots, the zipper may be down. Closed toes shoes must be worn to start competition.
5. Night boots and bunker pants must be used. Suspenders must be attached and used. Pants must be secured at the waist and the fly must be secured tightly. Liners must be used.
6. The bunker coat must have ALL snaps snapped, zippers zipped, Velcro aligned properly and attached securely, d-rings snapped, or any other method of attachment fastened as it was designed to be worn on both inner and outer closures. Liners must be used.
7. To begin, the breathing apparatus is to be turned off, straps extended, and the regulator not pre-attached to the face piece unless so designed by the manufacturer. If a type of SCBA is worn that has a low-pressure hose this shall not be pre-attached to the regulator. The firefighter may use any method to don the SCBA. Upon completion of the event the SCBA must be in full operation to include:
 - a. Air on fully
 - b. Regulator attached securely to the face piece or low-pressure hose attached securely to the regulator.
 - c. Waist belt buckled.
 - d. Face piece (mask) properly in place and secure.

NO MODIFICATION OF SCBA WILL BE ALLOWED!

8. Nomex hood shall be worn properly, so as to cover any exposed skin and face piece harness assembly with **NO** visible skin showing around hood or SCBA face piece. Hood goes over face piece harness assembly.
9. Helmet strap must be under chin and drawn tight as to assure it will stay on in actual conditions. Gloves are to be on at the completion of the event. If coat is equipped with thumbled wristlet, non-gauntlet gloves may be used. Coats without thumbled wristlets will require a gauntlet type glove.

10. The gear must be NFPA structural firefighting protective clothing. The firefighter may lay out the gear in any manner he/she chooses. No braces, brackets, hangers, or outside help may be used. The firefighter will stand beside his gear and time will start when the firefighter “makes his move” for his gear. The firefighter will start with hands in the air.
11. When the firefighter has completed the event, he/she should hold gloved hands above the head to signal completion. The hands are to remain in this position to enable the judges to ensure that all criteria have been met.
 - Each competitor will be given two opportunities to dress with the best time being used for qualification.
 - The four competitors with the lowest times will become finalists and compete at 5:30 p.m. at the start of the competition.
 - Finalists will be given one opportunity to compete in finals.
 - No qualifying times will be considered in the final. In the case of a tie there will be a “*dress-off*.”

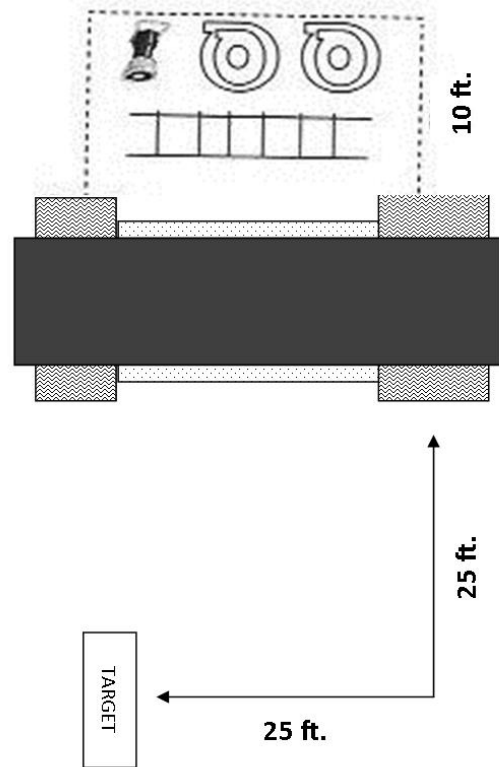
2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS - TEAM EVENTS

1. Any member of a legally organized fire department, who is a member of the Georgia State Firefighters Association or the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs, may participate in the competition.
2. Teams must consist of a minimum of five and a maximum of 7 participating members. All team events run with five personnel (may have 2 substitutes).
3. Coaches may be one of the seven participating team members —or, if not participating — in addition to the seven team members. Each team must designate one person to be coach. Only the designated team coach may approach the head judge with concerns.
4. Each team event will be timed with points awarded as follows:
 - 1st place: 30 points
 - 2nd place: 20 points
 - 3rd place: 15 points
 - 4th place: 10 points
 - 5th place: 5 points
5. At the completion of the four team events, points will be added and the team with the most points declared the overall winner.
6. In the event of a point tie, the times of all events for the tied teams will be totaled and the team with the lowest total time wins.
7. Teams must participate in all team events to be eligible to win. Disqualification from an event for reasons other than misconduct does not constitute 'non-participation.'
8. Any infraction of the rules and regulations by a team member or coach may disqualify the team from the particular event. The head judge will determine whether time penalties or disqualification will be issued.
9. Penalties where not otherwise specified will be three (3) seconds.
10. Penalties will not be issued for leaking hose connections; although the team may be disqualified from the event should the connection "blow apart."
11. A team will only be allowed one chance to complete an event unless there is an equipment malfunction. If equipment malfunction occurs, upon the head judge's review and approval, no penalty will be issued, and the team will be allowed to repeat the event.
12. Penalties, disqualification, or ejection from competition for profanity or misconduct by the team members or coaches will be issued at the discretion of the head judge.
13. Hose, ladders, nozzles, ladder belts, and equipment other than personal protective clothing will be provided and must be used by all teams. Teams may not substitute their own equipment.
14. Protective clothing is required for all team events and consists of helmet, coat, pants, boots and gloves. All protective clothing shall be NFPA approved structural firefighting gear. Hip boots are not acceptable in lieu of bunker pants.
15. Hose may be rolled in any approved manner for events which require hose rolls. Accordion folds are not considered rolls.

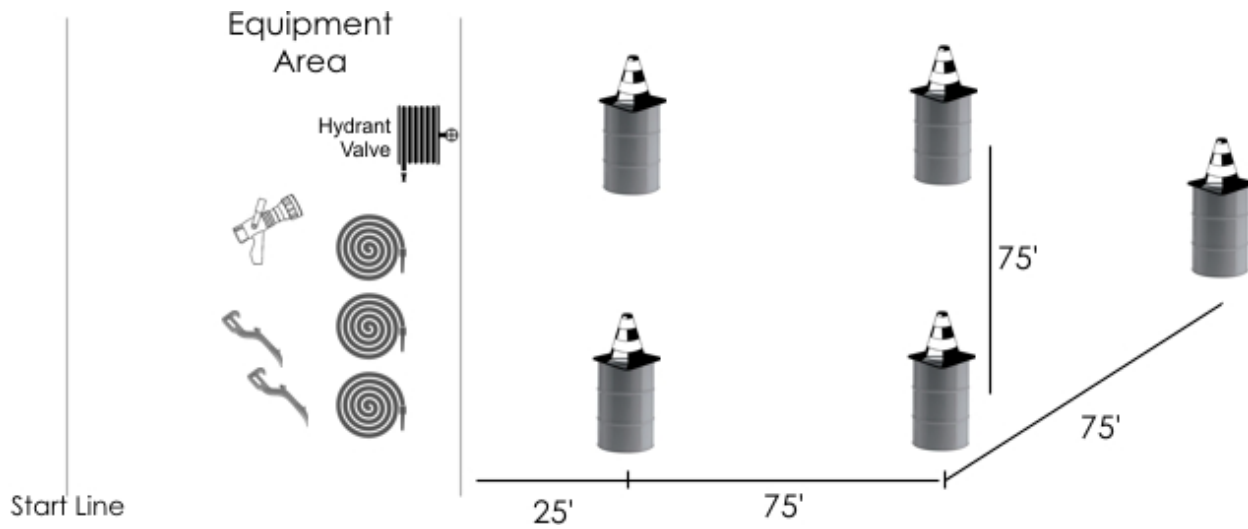
16. When an event requires a target to be knocked over, it must be knocked over by a fire stream.
17. All decisions of the head judge are final.
18. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed while in the overall vicinity of the competition. Abuse of this rule will be grounds for immediate disqualification from the entire competition.
19. Coaches will draw a number at the coaches meeting that will be held at the competition site immediately following the qualifying round of the rapid dress contestants before the competition. The teams will rotate down after the first event.
20. Full protective clothing does not include hood or SCBA.
21. Nozzle pressure will be maintained at approximately 100 PSI.

TEAM EVENT: HOSE & LADDER

1. The event will begin with all 5 members seated in the cab of the apparatus. Doors will be closed by the judges.
2. The designated equipment area will be the wheel base length of the apparatus by 10 feet wide on the passenger's side.
3. There will be two sections of $1\frac{3}{4}$ " hose; one $1\frac{3}{4}$ " nozzle; one ladder belt and one 24-foot extension ladder staged in the designated equipment area.
4. At the sound of the judge's whistle the team will dismount the apparatus, connect the 2 hoses, connect the nozzle to the hose, connect the female end of the hoses to the pump panel side of the apparatus, raise the ladder to the appropriate height (3 rungs above the platform level), take the nozzle up the ladder, secure person on the ladder with ladder belt and place the nozzle in the target receptacle which will be on the scaffolding at a height between 11 – 13 feet.
5. The ladder shall NOT be extended in the horizontal position and the heel must be on the ground when it is extended.
6. Whenever anyone is on the ladder, the ladder MUST be heeled.
7. The event will be over when: 1) all hose connections are made; 2) the hose connection is made to the apparatus pump panel side; 3) the ladder is raised; 4) the team member is locked in to ladder with the ladder belt; and 5) the nozzle is placed in target receptacle.
8. Coats, pants, boots, hand protection and helmet must be worn by all team members.



TEAM EVENT: DRESS & SQUIRT



1. The 5-man team will be staged behind the starting line in street clothes (no shoes required) with their protective clothing in their possession.
2. At the sound of the judge's whistle, members will don protective clothing (coats, pants, boots and helmets.) (gloves optional)
3. No members may cross start line until all members of the team are dressed. External storm flaps must be secured, and helmet straps must be secured. Quicker members may assist others in getting dressed.
4. Once all members are dressed, the team may proceed to the equipment area where there will be three sections of 3" hose rolled in any manner lying along with two spanner wrenches and one 2½" combination nozzle.
5. The team will unroll the three sections of hose and:

- a. Connect hose to hydrant valve
- b. Make hose connections
- c. Connect nozzle to hose

Note: The order that a., b. and c. is done doesn't matter; it may be done simultaneously.

6. When this has been accomplished the team will turn on the valve and advance the hose, knocking over five targets. The targets will be sitting on top of 55 gallon drums and spaced along the runway approximately 75' apart.
7. There must be at least one team member on the nozzle and one team member within 5 feet of nozzle backing him/her up when flowing water.

TEAM EVENT: TIGHT SQUEEZE ONE INTO TWO

1. The team will consist of five (5) members wearing full protective clothing. The event will begin at the sound of the judge's whistle.
2. At the beginning of the event, all team members will be on the starting line.
3. The equipment staged in the equipment box will consist of: 1- 50 ft. section of 3" hose, 3 - 50 ft. sections of 1.75" hose, a 2.5" x 1.5" gated wye, and 2 - 1.5" nozzles.
4. At the sound of the judge's whistle, the team will assemble all equipment in the following manner: The 3" hose shall be connected to the screw type hydrant gate on the supply line, the other end shall go through the barrel. On the male end of the 3" hose, the 2.5" x 1.5" gated wye shall be attached. 2 - 1.75" hoses shall be attached to one side of the gated wye and 1 - 1.75" hose shall be attached to the other. The nozzles shall be attached to the end of the 1.75" hoses. Targets on left side will be approximately 175' from the start line and targets on right side will be approximately 125' from start line. At any time a member goes past the barrel, it must be through the barrel.
5. Once the equipment has been assembled, the team must then knock over 5 targets with each line once the gated wye has been opened. A line cannot knock over any of the other line's targets.
6. Any time water is flowing; there must be 2 members within 10' of the nozzle. The event is not over until all members are through the barrel and each line knocks over their targets.

