

South Carolina SCFR2026 Explorer/Junior FF Competition

Saturday, June 13, 2026 Event Rules

Event One- Gear Donning:

- Each member will place their turnout at the marked starting point.
(You will be allowed to stand on your shoes due to heat of pavement)
- On command, each competitor will don turnout coat, turnout pants with suspenders, boots, hood, helmet, gloves and department-provided S.C.B.A. according to SC Fire Academy Standards. All gear must be structural firefighting equipment. **No wild land or extrication gloves or gear of any kind allowed.**
- Cylinder on S.C.B.A must be completely on.
- Failing to secure a proper mask seal or pre-connecting any PPE or SCBA will cause the competitor to properly correct the issue without time being restarted.
- All PPE must be separated from all other PPE or SCBA prior to beginning the competition to include flash hoods.
- No powders, oils, or foreign substances are allowed to be used for the event.
- Competitor MUST advise the judge of any PPE defects PRIOR to the competition and must make an attempt to properly don all of the PPE or be penalized.
- To signal they have completed the event, the competitor will stand, raise his or her hands over their heads and wait on the judge to evaluate the skill. Competitor may doff gear when judge approves but must remain in position until time is recorded.
- Each individual time will be recorded. Competitors MUST stay in position until time is recorded. If competing in Team Gear Donning, the top four (4) individual department member times will be added together to give overall team time.

All gear donning must meet all standards set forth by South Carolina Fire Academy

Event Two- Hose Deployment:

- Team will consist of four (4) members wearing complete personal protective clothing with the exception of SCBA and flash hood. No one (1) member can compete on more than one (1) team.
- Team will begin by rolling one (1) 50ft section of 2 ½ hose in a doughnut roll and two (2) 50ft sections of 1 ¾ hose in a doughnut roll and place at the marked starting line. A 2 ½ gated wye and two (2) 1 ¾ nozzles will also be placed at the marked starting line.
- All protective gear will be placed at marked entry line. All PPE must be separated from all other PPE or SCBA prior to beginning the competition to include safety glasses and flash hoods.
- At the signal, all team members will properly don their PPE. Once PPE is on correctly, they may advance to the start line to begin deploying hose and making hose connections. Face shield, safety glasses, or goggles must be used during the event prior to the competitor advancing.
- Helmet borks cannot be used for eye protection. Safety glasses, goggles, and face shields must be used and must be staged with the turnout gear on the ground unless prescription glasses are normally worn. All PPE must be separated from all other PPE or SCBA prior to beginning the competition to include safety glasses and flash hoods.

- No powders, oils, or foreign substances are allowed to be used for the event.
- The 2 ½ hose will be deployed and connected to the hydrant, the gated wye will be connected to the 2 ½ hose, and then two (2) 50ft attack lines will be connected to the gated wye including the nozzle. To complete the event, all team members must cross the finish line with both attack lines connected, stretched, and deployed. To signal that all connections have been made and everyone is across the finish line, all team members are to raise at least one hand over their head.
- Team members must be in control of couplings, connections, nozzles, and the gated wye at all times avoiding dropping any of them to the ground to prevent damage or injury.
- Judges will evaluate PPE and hose connections for penalties. Connections only have to be hand tight and we will be using no water for this event (dry hose)
- All hose and appliances will be provided on site for the competition
- **Teams will need to be prepared to QUICKLY roll hose and place equipment at the starting point when the team is called to the competition floor to minimize delays. Please train teams on this prior to the competition of quickly rolling hose and placing all equipment at the starting line.**
- Penalties (5 seconds, 10 seconds) are listed on the awards page

General

1. Competition is limited to active members of a BSA Explorer Post or Jr. Firefighter Program sponsored by a Fire Department ages 14 to 18 covered by proper insurance.
2. Each Team or Individual must fill out a registration form and waiver.
3. Competition will consist of (2) two events: Gear Donning and Team Hose Deployment
4. Registration forms and waivers must be received no later than May 26, 2026. **All registrations and waivers need to be completed and sent by May 28, 2026 to **ASHLEY @ the SC State Firefighter's Association at PO Box 211725 Columbia, SC 29210 or faxed to 803-454-1895.****
5. Every department will have to provide at least one advisor to serve as a judge.
6. **No** SCBA's will be provided for the gear donning event. Participants must bring their own SCBA for each participant and scheduling will allow for minimal SCBA to be needed for the gear donning event as competitors from the same department will be scattered in the line-up.
7. **All** participants and advisors must wear appropriate attire. There will be **NO** derogatory or offensive clothing worn while participating in this event. If you have any clothing that is offensive or derogatory, you will be asked to change it. If you do not change it, you will not be able to participate in the event.

We will compete at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center on **Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 1pm**. All participants and post leaders are encouraged to attend the networking session beginning at 12:00 PM Saturday afternoon inside the Convention Center. The networking session will include networking and a discussion of the rules for the events to streamline the evening timeline of events. Please indicate on each registration form how many will be attending the session.

- ✓ Contact Assistant Chief Will Catoe at 803-438-2553 or email chief2@lugofffire.com with any questions or clarifications.