

Rigger Training Guidelines

I.A.T.S.E Local 10 Buffalo

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I.A.T.S.E. Local 10 Buffalo Rigging Committee Mission Statement

The mission of the IATSE local 10 Buffalo Rigging Committee is to oversee the management, advancement, and safety of riggers working in venues under an IATSE local 10 contract.

Members of the committee work with union leadership to foster an environment to advance these principles in practice. By holding our members to these high standards, IATSE local 10 riggers will be the premier entertainment riggers in Western NY.

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I.A.T.S.E. Local 10 Buffalo Rigging Training Mission Statement

The mission of the IATSE local 10 Buffalo Rigger training is to provide an environment where members wishing to become a rigger have a clear and concise path forward. By providing training, we will allow the prospective rigger ample time to become comfortable completing tasks in line with industry standards. Once the training is complete, the prospective rigger will be added to the list of premier entertainment riggers in Western NY.

Process to become a Rigger

1. Meet all requirements necessary to be eligible to take the Prospective Rigger Training Class
2. Attend all days of the Prospective Rigger Training Class and successfully complete all tasks given in a safe and effective manner.
3. After completing the class, a prospective rigger must take all calls asked of them during the probationary period.
4. After the probationary period, the Rigging Committee along with the Head Rigger and President will decide if you met all requirements to obtain the title of Rigger.

Requirements to take Prospective Rigger

Training Class

1. Have a minimum of five(5) years of experience as a stagehand and also have a good understanding of all departments
2. Be on the referral list and in Good Standing with I.A.T.S.E Local 10 Buffalo.
3. Must own necessary and proper equipment to complete and perform all tasks at each venue, including venue specific equipment, which include:
 - a. OSHA approved safety harness
 - b. 2 OSHA approved vertical lifeline lanyards or double retractor
 - c. 200ft IN rope for Key Bank Center
 - d. 150ft OUT rope for Key Bank Center
 - e. 60ft rope for Darien Lakes PAC
 - f. Carabiners
 - g. Slings/Runners (minimum of 4ft)
 - h. Sheave/Pulley

The below items are recommended but not required:

- i. A self-leveling laser for ground rigging
- j. 25' Tape Measure
- k. Chalk for marking the floor

Prospective Rigger Training Class Outline

The Prospective Rigger Training Class will take place over a couple of days and will cover all topics necessary to becoming a safe and efficient rigger. This class will be taught by senior members of our local who know the ins and outs of our venues. There will be an ETCP trained rigger, on site, to offer any tips or suggestions while the class is taking place. There will also be days of this training that will take place at the union office and will cover rigging math and other safety items before stepping foot in the arena. At the conclusion of the Prospective Rigger Training Class, all prospective Riggers will have met the following benchmarks:

- Demonstrate the ability to understand and follow directions
- Work cooperatively with other riggers
- Work under pressure in a safe and professional manner
- Safely work at height on catwalks, stairs, and beams
- Properly build points on the ground
- Properly rig points to a beam, both dead hang and bridle points
- Properly let in both a 1 ton and 2 ton bridle and dead hang point
- Demonstrate the ability to use proper OSHA approved safety equipment
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of the rescue system

Probationary Period

After the prospective rigger has completed the Perspective Rigger Training Class he/she will enter a probationary period. During this time, you must be available for all rigging calls happening in the jurisdiction of local 10 Buffalo. While working during the probationary period you will be paired with an experienced rigger on all calls. You will be required to complete ten(10) up RIG calls and ten(10) down RIG calls. If you miss multiple calls without first discussing it with the Business Agent, Call Steward, and/or Head Rigger, you may be required to take the Perspective Rigger Class over or be denied the term Up/Down Rig next to your name.

Final Approval

After the perspective rigger has completed the Perspective Rigger Training Class, the ten(10) up RIG calls and ten(10) down RIG calls, the perspective rigger will be evaluated. This evaluation will be completed by the rigging committee with input from the Business Agent, Call Stewards, and Head Rigger. This evaluation will come with one of three conclusions. The perspective rigger will either have Up/Down Rig added next to their name, be told they need more probationary time, or be denied Up/Down Rig and have to start over from the beginning if they choose to. The decision will be sent to the perspective rigger in writing and if they disagree with the conclusion, the perspective rigger can file an appeal as is defined in the bylaws of I.A.T.S.E Local 10 Buffalo.

Glossary of Terms

I.A.T.S.E Local 10 Rigging Committee- Member of local 10 Buffalo who are the top riggers.

Members are chosen by the Head Rigger and Local President.

Head Rigger- The person on each call who is in charge of overseeing all up and down riggers.

Perspective Rigger- Any person on the I.A.T.S.E Local 10 referral list who wants to have

Up/Down Rig next to their name.

ETCP- Stands for Entertainment Technician Certification Program. This program administers the Theatre and Arena Rigger, as well as the Electrician and Portable Power Distribution exams.

Photo and drawing appendixes