



# Ranch Sorting



## Participant Information

- **Contact:** Doug Mattson 218-750-2277 or Jeff Anderson 218-780-3449
- **Registration:**
  - Registration opens 1 hour before the event and closes at 2pm on Saturday.
  - Additional registrations can be made during cattle changes.
  - Ranch Sorting Registration from Friday until Sunday at noon
- **Event Time:**
  - Sunday 9am until done
- **Entry Fee:** \$25 per rider for 2 runs and includes the cattle fee
- **Payout:**
  - Top Team: Buckles
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: TBD
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: TBD
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: TBD
- **Other:**
  - Primitive camping is available onsite.
  - Food and concessions will be available onsite.
  - Limited stall rental is available onsite.

## Rules & Regulations

Ranch sorting is a two-rider team, sorting 10 numbered cattle (Numbered 0-9) for a total of 10 head. A run starts with the team members on the opposite side of the start/foul line from the cattle.

1. The arena will consist of two 60' foot (approximate) equal sized round pens. The opening between the two pens will be approximately 12' and be the start/foul line.
2. Cattle will be settled on the sorting side of the start/foul line prior to a run at the announcer's discretion.
3. The announcer (timer) will draw a number, which will determine the first cow to be sorted. The cattle will then be sorted increasing in sequence from that number.
4. Riders are committed once they cross the start/foul line and will have 60 seconds to finish their run. When the cattle are ready, the announcer will start the run. When the first horse crosses the start/foul line the announcer will call the number to start with. Either contestant may start the run.
5. The cattle must be sorted in sequence. If any out of sequence cow crosses the start/foul line or any cow sorted that re-crosses the Start/foul line will cause a no time.
6. Any cow not entirely across the start/foul line prior to the final buzzer sounding will not be counted.





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7. All teams entered will participate in two runs with the top ten teams competing in a third run. The top ten teams will be the contestants with the most cows sorted from the first two runs.
8. Horse and Rider combinations must be the same in the first two rounds to qualify for the short go. Combination must remain the same in the short go. No substitutions allowed, and no refunds will be given for disqualified teams.
9. When a team completes their run, it is the responsibility of the team members to group the cattle together and hold the herd for the next team.
10. The winners will be ranked by the most cows sorted in the first, second, and third go. Payouts will be to the top three teams.
11. Contact or hazing the cattle by hat, ropes, or any other equipment is a disqualification. A team exhibiting any unnecessary roughness or hazing of the cattle will be flagged a "NO TIME" No whips or bats are allowed in the arena. Excessive roughness may result in a complete disqualification of the entire contest. This includes roughing the cattle in the pen. There will be no refunds to riders disqualified.
12. Any cow that lays down and stays down during a run and interferes with the team's ability to sort the cattle may be grounds for a re-ride. If any cow lies down during a run and stays down, the contestant may stop the ride, raise their hand and request a re-ride. If the announcer and/or committee agree the ride was hindered, a re-ride may be granted.
13. No coaching, spotting, or pointing out cattle (such as when to go, turn around, directions) by any person other than team members will be allowed and may result in disqualification from participating in the third go.
14. If unforeseen conditions occur (excessive heat, bad weather, exhausted cattle, Etc.) The committee reserves the right to pause or cancel the event. It is the responsibility of the committee to ensure the safety and welfare of the contestants, horses, and cattle. The committee will choose the appropriate action and announcer will relay instructions.
15. If the event is paused for any reason, contestants will be expected to be ready to ride when the event resumes. Contestants not ready to compete will be given a no time. If after the pause it is decided that the event must be cancelled for the remainder of the day, contestants present and ready to ride will be given a refund of their entry fee. Contestants not present or not ready to ride will forfeit their entry fee.
16. The decisions of the Team Penning & Ranch Sorting Committee are final.

