

# CATTLE SORTING RULES

The order of competition and cattle numbers are drawn prior to the contest.

Contest consists of 3-person teams on horseback sorting designated cattle by number and taking them across the boundary line in order. There will be 10 head of cattle in the arena of which all 10 will have numbers on them. Competition is based on time and number of cattle crossing the line in order.

As the first horse crosses the foul line, the number of the first animal to be sorted will be announced. The animal number announced must be the first animal across the line and the remaining numbers must follow in correct order. If an animal crosses the foul line out of order, the team will be disqualified. If it was the last number over the line that comes back, team may bring that one back over the line and continue in order.

Time starts when the first rider has crossed the starting line. Time is taken when after all the designated cattle have crossed the line in correct order and all 3 riders are across. The judges determine when all cattle and riders are across the line.

Each team will have 2-minutes to sort the cattle and have them across the line in numerical order. An announcement will be made when one-half of the team's time has elapsed.

There will be a point per animal crossing the line, along with time to get the winner. In case of a tie in points, fastest time will win. There will not be any "no-times" given, they will be marked as a disqualified time. For example, 0 head in 2-minutes will be the same as a disqualified time. Any disqualified time will be marked as 0 head and 2-minutes for time.

Total number of cattle and total time from both runs will decide the winners.

Intentional dismounting is a disqualification, unless for emergency purposes.

Any abuse of the cattle will result in immediate disqualification. Whips, ropes, etc...may not be used to strike the cattle. If any cattle being worked leave the pens (over, under, or thru the fence) during competition, the team will be disqualified. The field judge reserves the right to disqualify any team subjecting cattle to unnecessary abuse.