

## Rodeo Extension Unit

**\*\*Some terms you will want to know:**

**Bulldogger:** A steer wrestler

**Bullfighter:** Protects the bull rider after he dismounts or is bucked off

**Box:** The three-sided fence, an area the horse and rider back into before they make a roping or steer wrestling run

**Chute:** A pen that holds an animal safely in position

**Barrelman:** An entertainer who uses a barrel to distract a bull after a ride

**Barrier:** A line at the front of the box that the contestant and his horse cannot cross until the steer or calf has a head start

**Hooey:** The knot that a cowboy uses to finish tying the calf's legs together in tie-down roping.

**Header:** A mounted partner in team roping who throws the first rope over the animal's head or horns

**Heeler:** A mounted partner in team roping who throws the second rope to catch both the steer's hind legs; roping one leg results in a five-second penalty.

**Mark out:** In the bareback and saddle bronc riding, a cowboy's feet must be above the point of the horse's shoulders when the horse's front feet hit the ground - if so, he "marked the horse out," but if not, he "missed him out" and the ride is disqualified.

**Try:** A noun used for both cowboys and livestock, denoting grit, determination, fitness, stamina and resilience

**Rank:** An adjective of praise and respect used to describe especially challenging roughstock.

**Pigtail:** A piece of string attached to the barrier that breaks if a timed-event contestant's horse exits the box too soon, not giving the calf or steer enough of a head start according to rules.

**Hazer:** In steer wrestling, the cowboy who rides on the right side of the steer from the contestant to make sure the steer runs straight.

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**Dally:** In team roping, each roper, after throwing his loop, wraps the loose rope around his saddle horn - dallies - and the two ropers move their horses to face each other, pulling the ropes taut to stop the clock.

**Riggin:** A suitcase-style handhold customized to a rider's grip and attached to a molded piece of leather that is cinched, with a pad, around the horse's girth.

**Piggin' string:** In tie-down roping, the small rope used to tie a calf's legs together.