

The Working Ranch Challenge was created by real cowboys in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico to simulate and educate proper ranch horse and cattle handling techniques through three competitions: Ranch Roping, Ranch Penning and Ranch Prowling (Trail)

The Cowboy Stock Horse Show will use WRC rules and procedures as a **GUIDELINE** for its show. **Please note that Cowboy Stock Horse Show is not sanctioned nor approved by WRC.** However, it has permission from WRC to refer exhibitors to its website to view its videos.

Cowboy Stock Horse Show rules are below. Class procedure is similar to WRC.

COWBOY STOCK HORSE

Rules and Regulations

Exhibitors may enter any 1, 2 or all 3 classes but must enter all 3 to be eligible of any all-around award. All points are for single-horse-and-rider. Exhibitors may show as many horses as they wish. **ALL WORK IN ALL CLASSES MUST BE DONE AT A WALK OR TROT!**

LEGAL EQUIPMENT

Any **HUMANE** western bit or a bosal as defined by AQHA is allowed. A snaffle or a leverage bit may be used on any age horse. Split reins, closed reins, romal or mecate is allowed. Split reins may be used either one handed or two handed on any aged horse. **No mechanical hackamores. No tie-downs, draw reins, martingales, or other Training Equipment.**

ATTIRE

Western attire required. Chaps, chinks, spurs protective helmets and/or face protection are optional. Long sleeved, button down shirt with collar, jeans and cowboy boots are required.

HORSES

Any breed of horse, registered or grade, may be shown. Mules and/or donkeys are permitted also.

CLASSES

Ranch Roping will be conducted in a 60'(aprox) pen, using a specifically designed Break-away honda. (Magic Honda) Time will start when exhibitor enters the pen and the designated number is called. Time stops when the honda breaks. Exhibitor may throw as many loops as time permits. The rope must come tight on the saddle horn to break the honda. Exhibitor may not break the honda without going to the horn. Doing so will result in disqualification. Legal catches include: HORNED CATTLE: Slick Horns, Half-Head, Neck or look-through-the-loop; MULEYS must look-through-the-loop; ONE OR BOTH HEELS.

Ranch Penning will utilize a 60'(aprox) pen and sort off one numbered animal, into a smaller pen. Exhibitor must walk or trot only. Time starts when exhibitor enters pen and number is called. Time ends when exhibitor closes gate on penned cow/s **and raises their hand**. If exhibitor pens more than the designated cow, there will be a 10 second penalty for each additional cow penned. Exhibitors may enter the pen and sort off any additional cows before they close the gate and raise their hand if time permits.

Ranch Prowling (Trail) will use obstacles like those that are found on working ranches. The course will consist of at least 5 obstacles. The 4 mandatory obstacles are: Gate, Drag, Pick Through (Go-Overs), Jump. Optional obstacles include anything typically found on a ranch that a normal ranch horse should be able to negotiate. All work to be done at a walk or a trot. Exhibitors must dally on the horn for the drag. Failure to do so will result in a 30 Second Penalty. Bumping any area of the horses rear legs with the Drag will result in a 30 Second Penalty.

SCORING

All 3 classes will be scored on time. Cowboy Stock Horse will allow 3 minutes across the board in all 3 classes to complete the work in that class. If an exhibitor has not finished the work in a particular class when 3 minutes has expired, that exhibitor will receive NO TIME.

PENALTIES

Disqualification – No Time

Continued Loping in any class shall be a disqualification.

Boisterous or unnecessary scattering the herd will not be allowed and could result in disqualification or a 30 Second Penalty at the discretion of the judge.

Unsportsmanlike conduct, abuse of livestock or horses, bloody mouth or sides, illegal equipment, any dangerous, unsafe activity by horse or rider are considered **Red Flag Disqualifications**, and, if any occur, will be called by the judge(s).

Breaking the Honda on the wrong cow will be a disqualification.

Breaking the Honda without going to the horn will be a disqualification.

Failure to complete the work for a particular class.

Second time intentionally “turning tail” to cow in penning.

30 Second Penalties

Omitting an obstacle

Completing an obstacle incorrectly

Knockdown or severely disturbing an obstacle

Failure to dally on the horn in the Drag

Bumping any part of the horse’s legs with the Drag

15 Second Penalty

First time intentionally “turning tail” to the cow in Penning; second time is disqualification.

10 Second Penalties

Loping for more than 2 strides per occurrence in any class

Stepping out of an obstacle with 2 feet per occurrence

5 Second Penalties

Stepping out of an obstacle with one foot per occurrence

Hitting a jump

THE JUDGE, AT HIS OR HER DISCRETION, MAY LEVY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES, INCLUDING DQ AND NO TIME, IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE!

JUDGES, FLAGMEN, TIMEKEEPERS, OFFICIALS decisions are final. No exceptions!

WARNING!

Under Alabama Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to the EQUINE ACTIVITIES LIABILITY PROTECTION ACT.