

## Ranch Sorting Rules

### General Rules

1. Four riders to a team.
2. No team can be enter more than once in a class
3. 2 Minute time limit.
4. Time starts when designated cutter crosses line.
5. Winner gets the most cattle sorted within the 2 minute time limit.
6. Pay outs up to third place for every 10 teams.
7. Run off only for tie of first place.

### Reasons to be Disqualified "DQ'd":

1. Designated first cutter must cut and take cow through lane before cutter position can rotate.
2. Must take one cow through the first lane at a time. If you drive more than one cow through you will be DQ'd.
3. Can take cow through first lane either direction but nose of cow must break the barrier to consider through the lane.
4. No use of HATS, WHIPS, ETC ONLY use of hands and arms to URGE cattle forward or away.
5. No roughing cattle or mounts.
6. If sorted cow gets back to the herd must start pattern again.
7. Cow may only exit through center gate.
8. No returns allowed through either gates.

### Housekeeping

1. Judge's decision is final.
2. No training or schooling horses when team is in play. Must have horse butts up against back of arena.
3. Riders need to remain still and quite if cattle work their way down to waiting area.
4. **No running** horses at high speeds back to holding area, please walk, trot, slow canter back if must .
5. When pushing cattle back move them at a walk.