Gunnison Ranch Arena Team Sort

RULES AND INFORMATION

OPEN CLASS: Each team must have 3 riders. Each contestant may be on no more than 4 teams, & must sign a waiver to participate and provide their rating for the drawn teams. For each picked team, an additional drawn team will be created from all contestants based on average rating of all picked teams. Ranch Arena Sort will be capped at 20 picked teams and 20 drawn teams for 40 total teams. Individuals may draw entries up to a maximum of 4 entries per rider.

Jackpot format, prizes & round money (if any) will be announced prior to the start of the Ranch Arena Team Sort. Watershed Incentive prizes and pot will be given to the top local teams, individual, and youth.

Mistreatment of livestock or horses will not be permitted & may result in no time in the event or disqualification of the team from the Ranch Area Team Sort at the judge's discretion.

RANCH AREA 2 GATE SORT. The arena will be bisected north/south with approximately 1/3 of the arena used to create a sorting pen with 2 open equidistant gates, approximately 16 feet wide. At the west end of the arena will be 12 head of cattle, numbered 0-9 and 2 without numbers. Team will be given a number when they enter either gate. Team must then sort cattle starting with their number in numerical order. There is no limit on number of riders in the herd sorting or on in the gates. If any cow crosses the line out of order, or comes back after being sorted out, team will receive a no time. Time will be called when all 10 cows have been sorted in order and the 2 non-numbered cows remain behind the line. Each cow correctly sorted will be marked for time. (3 head in 45 seconds, 4 head in 56 seconds, etc.) Most cattle sorted in fastest time wins. 2 rounds, progressive after 1.

90 second time limit (1:30).

YOUTH CLASS

Same format as above, except youth contestant(s) must enter the herd and sort off cattle. 2 picked teams per youth, and team can include up to 2 adults. Adult partners must block at the gate, but can assist getting youth sorter(s) into the herd and pushing back cattle.

 2:30 time limit for Youth Class.

RANCH SORTING RATING SYSTEM

Novice (Rating of 1 or 2) – Beginning rider learning to pen, sort, and ride at the same time or a person with some riding experience who is just learning to pen and sort. But has yet to show the consistency required to read cattle or be considered an amateur rider.

Amateur (Rating of 3, 4 or 5) – A good rider with good horsemanship and cattle skills. Places in local shows and sometimes places in regional shows. Can read cattle, is aggressive and will make minor errors that prevent them from consistently placing. Wins with open riders in Open and ProAm class.

    #3 Rating - A rider considered just below the average Amateur rider. These are experienced penners and/or sorters that have continued to improve and advance within the rating system.

    #4 Rating - A rider considered just above the #3 Rating and just below the #5 Rating. Does not consistently win like the #5 rated rider.

    #5 Rating - A rider considered above the average Amateur who excels within the Amateur rating. Above average horsemanship and cattle reading skills. Experienced penners and/or sorters who are competitive in Open and/or ProAm class.

Open (Rating of 6 or 7) – Experienced riders with professional ability or professional horseman whose abilities are superior to the Novice and Amateur riders. Exceptional riders with exceptional cattle skills, who excel within penning and/or sorting.

    #6 Rating - An experienced rider, penner and/or sorter, who places consistently in local or regional shows or occasionally on a national level.

    #7 Rating - An exceptional rider with exceptional cattle skills. Pen/Sorts professionally, or has the ability to do so, and is, or can be, extremely successful at the regional and national level.