

Ranch Herd Roping

Divisions:

Youth
3-5 Open
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Amateur

Rules:

90 second time limit
Unlimited loops
Any regulation length of rope with a breakaway Honda
Cattle will be numbered.
Exhibitor will rope the numbered cow given to them.
Roping reins are allowed
Only FQHR approved bits and tie downs may be used
Minimum of 10 cattle in herd to be used

Judging:

Quietness in herd. Plus/minus

Disturbance to the herd. Plus / minus

Strike or biting by horse. penalty

Legal catch with Honda coming tight upon dallying to saddle horn and breaking Honda

Turn Tail to the herd DQ

Disqualified if horse lopes

The objective of this class is to rope a cow with minimal disturbance to the cattle. The horse may travel at a walk or trot. If a horse breaks into a lope, at all, then the Rider and horse will be disqualified. This class is designed for the inexperienced horse or Rider. Any horse that has competed in any other FQHR roping classes (other than other Ranch Herd Roping classes) or another association roping after January 2016 is not eligible. Only $\frac{1}{4}$ of the arena is used in this class. Horses and Riders form a barrier behind the time line to keep the cattle contained in that area of the arena. One herd holder on each side of the herd may be used for a total of 2 herd holders.

This is a timed class with a total of 90 seconds, unlimited loops and designated cattle. Time will start when the Horse and Rider cross the timeline which will be marked by a cone or some other clearly identified marker on each side of the arena. Time will stop when a legal catch has been made and the Honda breaks (the rope must be dallied to the saddle horn and come tight to break the breakaway honda) or the horse lopes causing it to be disqualified OR 90 seconds is up. Legal catches are defined as: 2 horns, half head, neck, 1 OR 2 hind legs.

A flagger will be used on the fence away from the judge to indicate when the rope breaks away should the exhibitor have their back to the judge.