

VON DOELER'S RANCH
CATTLE SORTING BUCKLE SERIES- RULES & REGULATIONS 2026

Sign In: Required for ALL riders PRIOR to mounting. Every rider must sign a release, including those not competing.

Entries: CASH ONLY day of event. Registration opens at 4:30pm.

Practice: 5-6pm. \$5 for 2 minute practice rounds per rider. Slow and controlled only to preserve cattle, limited availability, please show up early if you would like a practice round.

Age categories: Cattle Events will be run as OPEN, all ages.

Grounds Fee: \$10 ground fee, required for ALL riders, including those just hauling in or doing exhibitions only.

Helmets: Strongly encouraged. Mandatory for anyone under 18 years, whether competing or not.

Dress Code: Proper western attire strongly enforced. Cowboy hat or helmet, LONG sleeve button up western shirt, proper jeans without rips, Cowboy boots or certified riding boots.

Payout- Straight Pay. 10 riders pay to 3rd, 11-20 riders, pay to 5th, 21+ riders, pay to 8th

Buckles: High Point Cattle Sorting Champion (2 buckles- given to the two high point riders of the season, not necessarily the same team)

Awards: Reserve Champion awards for Cattle Sorting pending sponsors.

Points & Awards: Must attend 2 of 3 to qualify

Cattle Conduct: Disqualification for horse stepping on cow, biting cow (touching with nose is a warning only), rider running cow into a corner or fence, or excessive running. Judges call is final.

Cattle Sorting: You may enter up to 2 times. Teams of 2. Sorting will be in a double round pen set up. Cattle will be moved from one side to the other in a specific order. Each team will get 2 goes, capped at 2 minutes and 30 seconds each. We will take only the fastest time of 2 rounds for payout and points.

Roping Standoff: Back to back face off roping the dummy- progressive, winner of each round progresses. \$5 entry fee. Beginner (first season / never roped from horseback) and intermediate categories.

Partners: Register with your partner, or show up solo and be placed with another individual or one of our Ranch Hands.

General Conduct: Zero tolerance for any disrespectful behaviour towards fellow competitors, staff,volunteers, etc. from ANYONE. You will be asked to leave with no refund given for any misconduct. We promote a professional, fun environment for all.

Animal Welfare: ZERO tolerance for mistreated horses. Whipping rule (3+ whips in a row = disqualification).

Bio Security: VDR reserves the right to turn you out of the show if your horse is coughing, has a snotty nose or shows any signs of illness. Horses may be temped upon arrival if there are any current disease outbreaks.

Dogs: Must be on leash at all times and at your trailer. NO EXCEPTION. **\$100** fine for loose dog.

Water: Please bring as much water as you can for your horses. We will have water tanks. Water from the taps, hosing horses etc. will NOT be available **we are on a well**

Toilets: Outhouse on site

Secretary: Questions only taken during a drag or between classes. **DO NOT** disturb our secretaries while riders are running. They must have their eyes on the riders & timers!

Spectators / Admission: All competitors may bring up to TWO guests. VDR members are FREE. All other spectators there have a \$5 admission fee per person. Under 5 is free. Bring your own lawn chair.

Grounds: Please stay in the parking field ONLY and warmup area only. Riding around the yard, trails etc. is not permitted.

Cleanup: Manure may be SPREAD on field. Please do not dump shaving on the grass. Do not leave cigarettes, gum, or trash in our fields! NO GLASS. Take your trash with you or place it in the trash bins! \$100 fine if your rig left a mess.

Social: Bonfire, dummy roping & music during & after Cattle Sorting, we encourage you to stay for a social hour- or simply join for the fun.

Questions: 705-477-5456.

Thank you for your understanding & cooperation, we look forward to an great season!