

## **VDR RANCH RODEO RULES & REGULATIONS**

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

**Turn Out / Class Changes:** All entries are FINAL. Class changes are not accepted. There will be no refunds given for turn outs without a vet or doctor note. NO EXCEPTIONS. Certified turn outs will still be charged admin fees.

**Draw:** Draw will be posted on Friday June 3rd by 8pm. Please check your entries ASAP and notify us prior to 10pm if there is an error.

**Age categories-** Based on your age as of January 1st.

**Green as Grass Requirements** (as per NBHA guidelines).

**Grand Entry:** Mandatory for all unless unsafe to do so. Please be ready to go after O'Canada.

**Grounds Fee:** Required for ALL riders, including those just hauling in or doing exhibitions only.

**Helmets:** Strongly encouraged and 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.

**Timed Event Divisions-** NBHA classes will be pointed (not necessarily paid out) in divisions.

**Payout-** VDR payout as follows- Less than 20 riders, pay to 3rd. More than 20 riders, pay to 5th. More than 40 riders, pay to 8th (with the exception of any NBHA co-sanctioned class that is also a 2d or 3d class).

\*Year end awards for VDR Series will be based on the top placers (no divisions).

**Year End Awards:** Must attend 2 of 3 to qualify for year end awards. June 5th, July 30th, Sept. 25th. Award ceremony to be held in October (tentative). .

**Awards:** Buckles for: Open Barrels, Open all around Champion, Youth All Around Champion. Prizes for EVERY CLASS, champion & reserve champion. We will post a prize list as sponsorship progresses for our series. If limited sponsorship ribbons will be awarded at minimum.

**Cattle events (breakaway, branding & sorting):** Run as an open class, points will be split into Youth or Open based on age. If more than 6 Youth AND 6 open riders, we will split the class into youth & open.

**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.

**Breakaway:** 1 minute time limit to get in the box. Regular hondo (not a breakaway hondo) tied on with breakaway string, must have a flag on the end of your rope.

**Branding:** Flag stick with dabber. You must stamp the cow (on either side) anywhere BEHIND the shoulder. Riders will leave the box exactly as you would breakaway roping. Time cap to 45 seconds.

**Cattle Sorting:** You may enter up to 2 times. Teams of 2. Sorting will be in round pen, you will get 2 goes, capped at 2 minutes and 30 seconds each.

**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.

**Dogs:** Must be on leash at all times and preferably stay at your trailer.

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

**Saloon & Bonfire:** Cowboy meal, water, juice & pop from 12:30pm- 5pm. Everyone is welcome for our afternoon / evening bonfire!

**Spectators / Admission:** All competitors may bring up to THREE guests. VDR members are FREE. All other spectators there is a \$5 admission fee per person. Toddlers are free.

**NBHA:** Please familiarize yourself with NBHA rules & contact them directly for NBHA specific questions.

**Overnight:** All overnight guests must make note on registration form & sign in upon arrival. If arriving after 10pm please call the ranch in advance to make arrangements. Panels allowed. NO HOT WIRE, mesh, string etc.

**Grounds:** Please stay in the parking field ONLY and warmup area only. Riding around the yard, trails etc. is NOT permitted. Manure may be SPREAD on field. Please do not dump shaving on the grass! If you do, we ask you rake them up in the morning, we will come around with the Tractor for pick up. Do not leave cigarettes, gum, or trash in our fields! NO GLASS. Please take your trash with you or place it in the trash bins!

**Questions:** Questions taken by phone only (call or text) 705-477-6655.

***Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to a fun series!***