

Steer Riding

General Rules:

1. Contestant is not to use sharp spurs. No part of spur may have sharp edges including rowels and wire locks.
2. Fall – If chest or brisket, belly, side or rump contacts the ground animal will be considered fallen. Knee is not considered fallen.
3. Contestants may pull ropes from either side.
4. Contestant must compete on stock drawn for them.

Time Limit:

1. Steer will be ridden six seconds in Senior Steer Riding
2. Steer will be ridden four seconds in Junior Steer Riding.
3. Time to start when the animal's inside front shoulder passes the plane of the chute.

Event Rules:

1. Bell must be under belly of steer.
2. Riding is to be done with one hand and loose rope, with or without handhold.
3. No split finger wrap, no knots or hitches to prevent rope from falling off steer when rider leaves him.
4. No more than two men may be on the chute to pull contestant's rope.
5. The judge on the latch side of the chute gate shall serve as a backup timer in the steer riding event or a person assigned by the Arena Director may serve as the back-up timer. The judge's stopwatch reading shall be used as a means of verification when the length of the qualified ride is in question. The judge shall stop his watch when, in his opinion, the contestant has been disqualified for any reason, or when he hears the whistle or horn, whichever comes first. In either instance, the judge will refer to his watch for a time verification on each ride. In any instance where the time is eight seconds or more on the judge's watch, the contestant shall be entitled to a marking without penalty. In the instance the whistle blows before the eight seconds, the judge must go with the whistle.

Scoring and Penalties:

1. Ride and animal to be marked separately.
2. Figures used in marking the riding events shall range from 1 to 25 on both bucking animal and contestant and use the full spread.
3. No bell – no marking.
4. If contestant makes qualified ride with any part of rope in riding hand, he is to be marked.

5. Contestant will receive no score for any of the following offenses.
 - a. Being bucked off.
 - b. Touching animal, equipment or person with free hand.
 - c. Using sharp spurs.
 - d. Placing spurs or chaps under the rope when the rope is being tightened.
6. Judges may disqualify a steer rider who has been advised he is next to go if he is not above the animal with his glove on when the previous steer leaves the arena.

Re-rides:

1. The matter of the re-rides shall be decided by the judges.
2. If re-ride is given, judge shall inform the contestant immediately of his marking and an option of a re-ride.
3. Contestant may refuse re-ride and take his marking.
4. Contestant must make his decision immediately.
5. No re-ride will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by contestant in any event.
6. Re-rides may be given only when stock fails to break, stops, or fouls the rider.
7. If, in the opinion of the judges, a rider makes two honest efforts to get out on a chute-fighting animal and is unable to do so, he may have a re-ride drawn for.
8. Contestants who are fouled at chute and declare will be entitled to a re-ride at judges' discretion.
9. If animal falls down out of chute contestant will be entitled to a re-ride at the discretion of the judges.
10. If animal loses flank, fails to break, stops, or fouls rider, rider may take same animal back, providing stock contractor is willing, or he may have re-ride drawn.
11. A contestant will only have the option of a re-ride if the flank comes off the animal and the contestant did not complete a qualified ride but was qualified up to the point of the flank coming off.

Equipment:

1. All contestants must wear helmets.
2. All contestants must wear an Athletic Protective Mouth Piece while contesting. Mouthpiece may not be trimmed any smaller than the size required to cover all teeth.
3. All contestants must wear a vest designed to protect the chest and back while contesting in the steer Riding Event.

Livestock Requirement:

1. Bulls and/or Steers may be used
 - a. All horned bulls must have horns tipped to at least the size of a half dollar and steers must have horns tipped to the size of a dime, cut back or kept out of the draw. This is the

responsibility of the stock contractor at the discretion of the Arena Director and the judges.