



2026 MHBB - Ranch Saddle Bronc Judging Criteria & Rules:

- Wildest, yet most controlled ride!
- Using a standard stock saddle, slick-fork saddle, or slick-fork saddle with bucking rolls.
- Bucking rolls, sack or saddle blanket rolled up and tied across the fork is allowed.
Riders can hold horn, cantle, night latch (rope or safety strap tied through saddle gullet to help the rider hold on), or rope strap.
- No spur-out required and loss of stirrup is allowed.
- No hobbling of stirrups (tying stirrups together under the belly of the horse) or binds on stirrup leathers (tying stirrup leathers to cinch and off-side billet).
- No “chapping” a horse at the gate (throwing or slapping a pair of chaps or raincoat at the horse).
- Horses will be throat latched, at contractor’s discretion. (“Throat latch” means tying the buck rein to the halter strap that goes under the throat instead of tying to the halter ring under the chin.)
- Same hand must remain on rein throughout ride.
- Fanning with hat is allowed. Quirts will not be allowed. Coiled rope is required on saddle, attached by rope strap.
- Ride is for 8 seconds.
- Two well qualified rough-stock judges each score horse from 1 to 25 points and rider 1 to 25 points (100 points total possible for ride).
- The rodeo event is open to amateur and professional riders.
- Contestants will be awarded points for control, aggressiveness, exposure, length of Spur Stroke, drag timing.
- Re-Rides: **Ride ‘em Down, then Ride ‘em Up!** Should the animal become injured, should there be a malfunction of stock contractor’s equipment, then Rider’s may option of a re-ride.
- **Consideration for a Re-Ride will be given** for inferior performance of the horse **at or under** the Judges animal **score of 16** (both Judges)