

HIDALGO COUNTY FAIR RANCH RODEO RULES

GENERAL RULES

- 1) Any unnecessary roughness or abuse of livestock will result in a disqualification of the team.
- 2) Mandatory dress: Western hat, long sleeve shirt, and western boots.
- 3) Each team will be represented by no less than 4 and no more than 6 team members. Only 4 members may compete in each event.
- 4) Any team that gets a disqualification in an event will get the max time plus 1 minute.

The following events will be competed in this order:

BRANDING (3 min)

Cattle will be penned at one end of the arena. The team will consist of a roper, two flankers and a brander. Time starts as the roper enters the pen. Roper must rope 2 calves by the heels. Your heel loops must come from the ground up. Flankers must be sitting on the ground when the calf is branded and the rope must be removed from the calf before the brand is applied. Each calf must be put back in the pen before another one can be brought out. Time stops after the last calf has been branded and iron is returned to the bucket.

STRAY GATHERING (4 MIN)

Team will start from one end of the arena, two steers will be let out from the other end. Time starts when team crosses the line. Two steers must be headed and heeled and tied down by three legs. Ropes must be off before time is called. Both steers must stay tied for 6 seconds.

TRAILER LOADING (4 min)

There will be a trailer set up in the middle of the arena. Team will start from one end of the arena, your steer will be let out from the other end. Time starts when team crosses the line. Your steer must be roped and loaded in the front of the trailer. The middle gate must be shut and one horse loaded in the back. All 4 team members must get on the back of the truck before time is called.

STEER DRESSING (3 MIN)

Team will start from one end of the arena, your steer will be let out from the other end. Time starts when team crosses the line. Team will consist of one roper and 3 muggers. All 4 members can be horseback but only the designated roper can have their rope down. There will be a two loop limit. Steer must be headed, catch as catch can. Once the steer is roped, team members must dress the steer in bloomers and a hat. Rope must be off before the hat is tied on. Steer must be standing while the bloomers are put on. Time stops when the hat is tied on and team releases the steer. Once team lets the steer go, the bloomers and hat must stay on for 6 seconds.

**There will be an open ranch bronc riding immediately following the ranch rodeo.
Scores won't count toward ranch rodeo average.**