

High Desert Team Penning Association Sorting Classes

Western Heritage All Levels Class \$22.50:

Team members of any age or rating may enter. You are allowed a maximum of three (3) PICK entries per person, with at least one (1) REQUIRED DRAW entry. There is a 60 second time limit. An individual must change one (1) team member with each entry.

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a) Limited to a trot or walk by the sorter: Loping after one stride by the sorter will result in a no time. The gate person can go at any speed to defend the gate as a defensive move however they cannot lope toward or into the herd to sort cattle.

b) Verbal noise, by either contestant, intended to influence the cattle is prohibited. Shouting by either rider to intimidate the cattle will result in a No Time, however, non-verbal noises such as whistling, clucking, slapping chaps, etc... are all common practices among cattlemen and are allowed. Artificial whistles are not allowed.

Rotating of gatekeeper and sorter is optional. Flagger will act as judge and non-compliance with the above rules will result in being flagged out and a No Time received.

OPEN Class \$32.50:

Team members of any age or rating may enter. Open class will allow a maximum of 7 go's total, with a maximum of 6 PICK teams and 1 OPTIONAL DRAW team. An individual must change one (1) team member each time. i.e. Joe and Sally may enter one time. Joe and Susan may enter one time. Sally and Susan may enter one time. There is a 60 second time limit.

#10 Handicap Class \$27.50:

Team members of any age or rating may enter. Teams combined rating (the individual team members ratings added together) must not exceed 10. There will be five (5) PICK entries per person maximum with one (1) REQUIRED DRAW entry. There is a 60 second time limit. An individual must change one (1) team member with each entry. This is a handicapped class.

Example for Handicap

#5 rides with #3 = +2 second handicap
#4 rides with #2 = +4 second handicap
#3 rides with #3 = +4 second handicap
#5 rides with #1 = +4 second handicap
#5 rides with #5 = 0 handicap

#7 Class \$22.50:

Team members of any age may enter. Team members are limited to a rating of 4 or lower. Teams combined rating (the individual team members ratings added together) must not exceed 7. There will be four (4) PICK entries per person maximum, plus one (1) REQUIRED DRAW entry. There is a 60 second time limit. An individual must change one (1) team member with each entry.

Draw Class \$22.50:

Team members of any age or rating may enter. Computer will perform a random draw of individual entries into teams. In the event of computer failure, a manual draw will be completed with one Director & the Secretary present to do the hand draw. There will be three (3) entries per person maximum. There is a 60 second time limit.

Western Heritage #6 Class \$22.50:

Team members of any age may enter. Individual rating must be 4 or lower. Teams combined rating (the individual team members ratings added together) must not exceed 6. You are allowed a maximum of three (3) PICK entries per person, with at least one (1) REQUIRED DRAW entry. There is a 60 second time limit. An individual must change one (1) team member with each entry.

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NOVICE Class \$22.50:

Team members of any age may enter. Both team members must be rated either 1 or 2. A maximum of four (4) PICK entries per person are allowed, plus one (1) REQUIRED DRAW entry. There is a 60 second time limit. An individual must change one (1) team member with each entry.

Junior Class \$15:

Team members 16 years of age and under at the start of the year may enter, if rated as a #1. A #2 rated junior will be assessed by the rating committee as to whether the individual has exceeded the junior level. Considerations are: success/winnings at riding in upper level classes, horsemanship, caliber of horse, etc. Any junior rated a #3 and above is not considered Junior level and therefore cannot compete in this class. Teams are comprised of two adults of any rating acting as defensive gate persons only, and the Junior rider, who will do all the sorting. Gate persons do not pay an entry fee and do not receive a payout. A maximum of three (3) entries per person are allowed. There is a 75 second time limit. An individual must change one (1) team member (gate person) with each entry.

Ranch Hand Class \$26:

Team members of any age may enter. Team member must be a number one (1) rated rider and will perform all sorting. Gate person can be of any age or rating and will use defense maneuvers only on cattle. Gate persons do not pay an entry fee and do not receive a payout. A maximum of two (2) entries per person are allowed. There is a 75 second time limit. An individual must change one (1) team member (gate person) with each entry.