

Clovis Ranch Rodeo

April 6, 2019

Official Event Rules

CONTESTANT RULES of CONDUCT

- ↵ 1. Anyone (contestant or otherwise) entering the arena shall be wearing long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, boots and a cowboy hat.
- ↵ 2. Abuse of either personal animals or event animals (kicking, whipping, tripping, gouging of eyes, or any action, which is totally unnecessary) is strictly prohibited. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- ↵ 3. HUMANE TREATMENT OF RODEO ANIMALS. No animal shall be treated inhumanely by any member. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- ↵ 4. No alcoholic beverages permitted in arena. Excessive alcohol outside of the arena will get you and your team disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- ↵ 5. No loud, obnoxious profanity or un-sportsman-like conduct.
- ↵ 6. The violation of any conduct rule could result in Team Disqualification.
- ↵ 7. JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL! Judges may disqualify a contestant at their discretion as a penalty for disregarding any official rule.
- ↵ 8. Contestants must use the same horse in all events. If a contestant's horse becomes unable to continue competing and a veterinarian or Ranch Rodeo official confirms the condition of the horse, the judges may allow a substitute horse to be used. Changing Horses without permission will result in immediate disqualification of you and your Team.
- ↵ 9. SORE, LAME, SICK OR INJURED ANIMALS. Animals for all events will be inspected before the draw, and no sore, lame, sick or injured animal or animal with defective eyesight, shall be permitted in the draw at anytime. Should an animal become sick or incapacitated between the time it is drawn and the time it is scheduled to be used in competitions, that animal shall not be used in competition, and another animal shall be drawn for the contestant.
- ↵ 10. Teams will consist of four (4) members. One member of the Team MUST provide Proof of Membership in the Clovis Rodeo Association, the California Cattlemens, the Fresno Kings County Cattlemens, the Madera County Cattlemens, the Tulare County Cattlemens, the Merced Mariposa County Cattlemens Associations, or the Western States Ranch Rodeo Association. (Note: Cattlemens or Cattlewomens will satisfy the requirement).
- ↵ 11. Contestants may enter on one (1) Team only.



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- ↵ 12. Each member of the Team will draw for the Team member positions. Two (2) numbers will be issued. One will be for the Team member to wear on his or her back, and the other one will be placed on the saddle blanket of his or her horse. These numbers must be worn at all times.
- ↵ 13. Events #3, #4, #5, and #6 will be run concurrently, and events #7 and #8 will be run concurrently. Event #9 will be held immediately following the completion of the Team Roping.
- ↵ 14. All points earned in all events will be for the Team.
- ↵ 15. The Entry office will open at 7:00am. All Team members must be present at the 8:00am Orientation in order to discuss rules and receive order of go. The Event will then begin shortly thereafter.
- ↵ 16. A contestant raffle will be held at the conclusion of the Ranch Rodeo. The Team and /or Team member must be present to win.
- ↵ 17. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE TO ANYONE.

POINTS

- ↵ 1. Points shall be awarded in each event. The team with the most points is the winner. The points shall be given as follows:

1st:	11 points
2nd:	10 points
3rd:	9 points
4th:	8 points
5th:	7 points
6th:	6 points
7th:	5 points
8th:	4 points
9th:	3 points
10th:	2 points
Participation:	1 point

Note: The Participation point will only be given if the Team or its member completes the event at hand.

- ↵ 2. In the case of a Tie, Tie Breaker events will be drawn in the presence of all the exhibitors. The Team scoring the highest in that event will be declared the winner. All ties will be handled in this manner.
- ↵ 3. The awards will be handed out at the Dinner after the competition in the Rodeo Building.



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EVENT #1 - TEAM BRANDING

- ↵ 1. Four (4) man Team - Header, Heeler and Ground Crew.
- ↵ 2. Three (3) minute time limits - Flagger starts time.
- ↵ 3. Ground crew must stay in chalked area until calf is stretched (headed & heeled).
- ↵ 4. As soon as the calf is headed and heeled, the ground crew may leave the designated area, throw the calf, place the head rope on both front feet, and, if necessary, place the heel rope on both hind feet. While working on the calf, the Branding Iron must be in the bucket. When the calf is stretched by all four feet, the branding iron may leave the designated area. The BRAND MUST be applied correctly (i.e., correct side up, etc.).
- ↵ 5. After the first calf is branded and released, the team members will change places. The new ground men must return to the chalked area while the second calf is being roped.
- ↵ 6. Time stops after 2nd calf is branded, and iron is returned to the bucket.
- ↵ 7. Walk/Trot rule will be enforced, at the Judges' discretion. Any contestant may be flagged out at any time if the rule is being overly abused.
- ↵ 8. The Judges decision is final.
- ↵ 9. Absolutely no roughing of the calves will be allowed or tolerated.
- ↵ 10. Calf must be headed before the heeler can make his catch. The heeler may catch one or both hind feet.
- ↵ 11. The Team member who throws the loop must dally to his own horse.
- ↵ 12. Two (2) legal head loops; around the neck or around the neck with a front leg.
- ↵ 13. The Team members who will rope together will be announced prior to the event.
- ↵ 14. This is the only event in which the Team members may switch horses. The Team can decide which 2 horses that they wish to use in the branding.



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EVENT #2 – TEAM DOCTORING

- ↵ 1. Four (4)-man team - header, heeler, vet and helper. 2 1/2-minute time limit.
- ↵ 2. A herd will be held behind a line approximately 60 feet from the end of the arena. As riders approach the line, the announcer will call a number, which has been drawn for them. Time begins when the roper crosses the line. Roper must cut his numbered cow from the herd, drive it across the start line and rope it. If the cow gets back across the line before it is roped, roper may not chase it through the herd but must slow down and cut it out again. No more than three (3) cows may cross the line as roper cuts his cow out, but the extras must be back across the line before time is called. All four (4) team members shall be horseback.
- ↵ 3. Ropers may dally or tie hard n fast. Each roper may carry only one rope.
- ↵ 4. Four (4) total loops may be thrown, but only one can be thrown per Team member.
- ↵ 5. The Team member who throws the loop must dally to his own horse.
- ↵ 6. Steer must be standing when it is headed and/or heeled. If the steer is caught by one horn, the roper is not allowed to ride up and put the rope over the other horn or the head with his hands but may take the rope off with his hands and then another team member may re-rope.
- ↵ 7. Steer must be lying on its side prior to doctoring with front and hind legs roped and stretched.
- ↵ 8. When steer is on its side and stretched, the vet will place a mark between its eyes and raise his hands, stopping time.
- ↵ 9. Three (3) legal head loops; around the horns, half head or around the neck.



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EVENT #3 – Trail Horse Class

- ↵ 1. The one Team member who competes in this event MUST be declared at sign-in and will compete on his or her own horse. This member will not be allowed to compete in the Ranch Horse-Dry Work Class, the Ranch Horse-Cow Work Class or the Conformation Class.
- ↵ 2. Contestant will be asked to perform a pre-set Trail pattern.
- ↵ 3. This class is designed to show a Horse's ability and willingness to perform several tasks that might be asked of him during the course of a normal day's ranch work. Emphasis will be on manners, and response to the rider.
- ↵ 4. The course will be posted at the Trail arena and will be explained by the Judge prior to the class.
- ↵ 5. Obstacles may include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Opening, passing through, and closing a gate.
 - Ride over logs.
 - Serpentine obstacles at a walk or a trot.
 - Carry an object from one part of the arena to another.
 - Ride over a wooden bridge.
 - Put on and remove a slicker.
 - Animal Hides
 - Jumps
 - Hobbling or Ground Tying
 - Roping a stationary steer
 - Dragging an object either in a straight line or around a pattern.
 - Crossing a Water Hazard
 - Loading into and out of a Trailer
 - Picking up the Horses feet



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EVENT #4 – Ranch Horse-Cow Work Class

- ↵ 1. The Team member who will compete in this event MUST be declared at sign-in and must compete on his or her own horse. This member will not be allowed to compete in the Trail Horse class, the Ranch Horse-Dry Work Class, or the Conformation Class.
- ↵ 2. Contestant must box the cow at the end of the arena to show horse's cow sense. Contestant will then allow the cow to run at least 2/3 length of the arena, either side of the arena is okay, and make at least one turn each way on the fence. After turning the Cow back on the fence, the Contestant will then bring the cow to the center of the arena and circle it in each direction until the Judge blows the whistle. The contestant will then be required to remove the cow from the arena.
- ↵ 3. The Team member with the highest score will be declared the winner of the event.

EVENT #5 – Ranch Horse-Rein Work Class

- ↵ 1. The Team member who will compete in this event MUST be declared at sign-in and must compete with his or her own horse. This member will not be allowed to compete in the Trail Horse class, the Ranch Horse-Cow Work Class, or the Conformation Class.
- ↵ 2. Contestant will complete a simple pattern consisting of circles, lead changes, run downs, stops, spins, turns, and backing. The Pattern will be posted at the Reining arena and explained by the Judge prior to the class.
- ↵ 3. The Team member with the highest score will be declared the winner of the event.



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EVENT #6 – Conformation Class

1. The Team member who will compete in this event MUST be declared at sign-in and must compete with his or her own horse. This member will not be allowed to compete in the Ranch Horse-Cow Work Class, the Ranch Horse-Dry Work Class, or the Trail Horse Class.
- ↵ 2. The Class will be based on balance, structural correctness, breed and sex characteristics, and degree of muscling with balance being the most important.
- ↵ 3. Horses are to enter the arena completely saddled. Once they have been inspected and all accounted for, you will be asked to unsaddle your horse. Horses are to be shown in a good working Halter (rope, braided, nylon or plain leather).
- ↵ 4. The horses will be placed from 1st to 10th, with the remainder of the contestants receiving a participation point for their Team.



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EVENT #7 – CUTTING

- ↵ 1. The 2 Team members who will compete in the Cutting will be the member who is declared at sign-in to compete in the Rein Work and the member who is declared at sign-in to compete in the Conformation. These members will be required to compete in the Cowboy Team Roping (Event #9) but will not be allowed in the Team Roping (Event #8).
- ↵ 2. The Team members will each ride their own horses; switching horses will not be allowed.
- ↵ 3. One member will ride into the herd without disturbing the cattle, bring one or more out of the herd, and then pick one head to work. At that time, the other member will assist in keeping the cow turned back into the cutting horse so that it can work the cow. Both horses should demonstrate instinctive moves to the cow, meaning they should follow, turn, and stop with the animal.
- ↵ 4. Both horses will be judged on their cow sense.
- ↵ 5. Both riders will be judged on their cow savvy. The ability to get both horses shown with the animals that they choose to work with.
- ↵ 6. The Cutting will be judged on, but not limited to, various maneuvers such as work in the herd, controlling the animal, amount of courage, loose reins/limited amount of rider help, etc.
- ↵ 7. Penalties will be assessed for, but not limited to, losing a cow, pawing, biting, or kicking the cattle, failure to separate an animal, working out of position, changing cattle after a commitment, etc.
- ↵ 8. The judge(s) may blow a whistle at anytime to terminate the work.
- ↵ 9. The members will have a maximum of 2 minutes to work.
- ↵ 10. The judge(s) may or may not instruct the members to move or pen certain cattle during their work. The members will be judged on these requests if applicable.
- ↵ 11. The judge(s) will give a composite score for both team members and their horses based on the work completed. The team with the highest score will be declared the winner of the event.
- ↵ 12. The judge's decision is final.



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EVENT #8 – TEAM ROPING

- ↵ 1. Team members who will rope together will be the member who is declared at sign-in to compete in the Cow Work and the member who is declared at sign-in to compete in the Trail. These members will not be allowed to compete in the Cutting or the Cowboy Team Roping. The team members must declare at sign-in who the Header and Heeler will be. The member who will be the Header will not be allowed to compete in the Steer Stopping. The team members must each rope off of their own horse. Switching horses will not be allowed.
- ↵ 2. The Catch Pen will be open.
- ↵ 3. An electric eye will be set up with a barrier.
- ↵ 4. Breaking the barrier will be a 10-second penalty.
- ↵ 5. Three (3) legal head loops; around the horns, half-head or around the neck.
- ↵ 6. One-foot heel loops will result in a 5-second penalty.
- ↵ 7. Three (3) total loops may be thrown.
- ↵ 8. The Team with the fastest time will be declared the winner of the event.

EVENT #9 – Steer Stopping

- ↵ 1. The Team member who will compete in this event is the one who declared at sign-in to be the Heeler in the Team Roping. This Team member must compete with his or her own horse.
 - ↵ 2. The Catch Pen will be open.
 - ↵ 3. An electric eye will be set up.
 - ↵ 4. Breaking the barrier will be a 10-second penalty.
 - ↵ 5. Three (3) legal head loops; around the horns, half-head or around the neck.
 - ↵ 6. The time will stop when the steer is stopped and faces the horse.
 - ↵ 7. The Team with the fastest time will be declared the winner of the event.
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EVENT #10 COWBOY TEAM ROPING

- ↵ 1. Team members who will rope together will be the member who is declared at sign-in to compete in the Rein Work and the member who is declared at sign-in to compete in the Conformation. These members will be the same ones who competed in the Cutting. These members will not be allowed to compete in the Team Roping. The team members must each rope off of their own horse. Switching horses will not be allowed. Both ropers will start in the catch pen gate at the East end of the arena. They will signal the timed event chute at the opposite end of the arena. The time will start when the steers head breaks the eye. The ropers ride toward the steer to rope him.
- ↵ 2. The Catch Pen will be open.
- ↵ 3. An electric eye will be set up.
- ↵ 4. Three (3) legal head loops; around the horns, half-head or around the neck.
- ↵ 5. One-foot heel loops will result in a 5-second penalty.
- ↵ 6. Three (3) total loops may be thrown.
- ↵ 7. The Team with the fastest time will be declared the winner of the event.



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EVENT #11 - TEAM SORTING

- ↵ 1. Four (4)-man teams. 2 1/2-minute time limit.
- ↵ 2. A herd of numbered cattle (0-9) will be held behind a line approximately 60 feet from the end of the arena. As riders approach the line, the announcer will call the number, which has been drawn for them. Time begins when the team crosses the line. The team must take their numbered animal out of the herd and across the line. Then the next animal in numerical sequence, and so on.
- ↵ 3. Any wrong numbered animal that crosses the line will result in Disqualification.
- ↵ 4. The most cattle out in the fastest time wins.
- ↵ 5. Any animal that comes back across the line and back into the herd will result in a Disqualification.
- ↵ 6. Teams will not be allowed to call for time prior to the 2 ½ minute time limit.



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ENTRY

Date of Event: Saturday, April 6th, 2019

Pre-Entries: Entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The event will be limited to the first 25 teams. Postmarks will determine who gets in and who doesn't!

To guarantee a slot, entries along with a \$250 non-refundable deposit must be received by April 1, 2019.

Team Name: _____

Team Members: _____

Association Membership: _____

Western States Ranch Rodeo Association Membership Number(s): _____

Send Entries to: Debbie Valdero-Tweedy
3680 N. Zediker
Sanger, CA 93657
(559) 875-4638

Entry Fees: \$125 per member. (4-member Teams). CASH ONLY ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT!! Everyone must be paid up prior to competing. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Entry Office will be open by 7:00 am. Each Team member will need to be present at sign-in so that they can pay their money, draw for Team member number, and declare events.



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Waiver

In consideration of my entry being accepted for the Clovis Ranch Rodeo, I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Clovis Rodeo Association Ranch Rodeo Committee and understand that any violation of the rules and regulations may disqualify me from the event. I further agree to hold harmless the Clovis Rodeo Association and/or Western States Ranch Rodeo Association, and their officers, agents, members, and employees from any claims resulting for the loss, accident or injury, received by me in connection with participation by me in any event, performance, or other activities. Also, I hereby release the right, title and claims of any photographs that may be taken by the management for their use in promotion and publicity. I certify that I read the rules and regulations of the Clovis Ranch Rodeo.

I have carefully read the aforementioned statement and the accompanying Waiver of Liability and fully understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions contained therein.

Signature of Contestant	Print Name	Birthdate
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Mailing Address	Email Address
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City	State	Zip Code
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Area Code & Telephone Number

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (If Contestant is under 21 years of age)
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Address (If Parent or Legal Guardian's address if different than Contestants)

Telephone Number (If Parent or Legal Guardian's telephone number if different than Contestants)

