

ROPING RULES

1.1 Loops – Roping a steer without turning the rope loose will be considered no catch. Roper must dally to stop a steer. If steer is roped by one horn, the roper is not allowed to ride up and remove the loop or put the loop over the other horn or head with his/her hand(s).

1.2 Legal Catches – There are only three legal head catches: 1) Around both horns; 2) Half a head; 3) Around the neck. If the hondo passes over one horn and the loop over the other, the catch is illegal. If a loop crosses itself in a head catch, it is illegal. This does not include heel catches. Any heel catch behind both shoulders is legal if the rope goes up heels. All bridle catches are considered illegal.

1.2.1 Questioned Catch – Any questioned catch will be decided by judge(s). If a field judge, aka Flagger tells a header to hold a steer so that the Flagger may inspect the head catch, and the header does not do so, the team may receive a no-time.

1.3 Time Taken – Time will be taken when the steer is roped and secure between both partners and both horses are facing the steer with ropes dallied and tight. Both horses front feet must be on the ground and ropers must be mounted when the time is taken. The steer must be standing up when roped by its head and heels. Time is taken when the flag is dropped, however, that time is not official until indication is given by the Flagger or Field Judge to the timer or secretary. The Flagger may flag a team out after the time is taken on a run, based on an illegal head catch or illegal heel catch, the steer was not secure or any other factor that was not clear when the time was taken. A 5 second penalty will be applied for a heel catch with only one leg.

1.4 Tie On Rule – Age for men heelers will be 60 years old during the calendar year (Jan-Dec). Birthdays that occur anytime during the membership year are valid on January 1st of the roping season. Female heelers may tie-on over the age of 18.

1.5 Cross Fire – will not be permitted. Animals must be in tow before the heel rope is released.

1.6 Heeler Ropes Front Foot – if the front foot or feet come out of the heel loop prior to the header facing and thus calling for time, the time will be counted. The Flagger, i.e., judge will not allow an extra time for a front leg to come free.

1.7 Header Ropes Any Leg – should a header rope any leg, it's an automatic no time. Under no circumstance will be the header be allowed to fish-out the leg.

1.8 Dropped Rope – A dropped rope that must be recoiled is considered a thrown rope.

1.9 Arena Clear – Should a team call for a steer before the arena is clear, and are subsequently interfered with by the steer or team still in the arena, this will not be recognized as interference and they shall NOT receive a rerun.

2.1 JUDGES PARTICIPATION – Flag passing is at the discretion of the producer.

2.2.1 JUDGES CONTROL – The field Flagger has an obligation to control the domain within the boundaries of the arena.

2.2.2 JUDGES DECISION, QUESTIONING A CALL - A contestant may request a Flagger to explain what a call was, however, this explanation is not a discussion or debate and the roper should immediately exit the arena after receiving the explanation. The Flagger has performed his/her function of making the call. Any

question or further discourse concerning the call should be addressed directly to the producer immediately. The decision of the field judge is NOT final, the production official after studying all the information has the right to override a call they believe is incorrect.

2.3 SURRENDERING A RUN-If in the opinion of the Field Judge one or both members of a team stops competing during the course of a run, the Judge has the right to stop the run and disqualify the team.

2.4 PROBLEM HORSES - If a roper has had the opportunity to enter the box and can neither get the rope horse in the box, nor bring the horse under control while in the box, and in the opinion of the Judge this situation has become excessive (holding up the roping) a three strike notice will be given. If the roper does not call for the steer on the 3rd attempt the Judge has the option of declaring a no-time on the run. The Judge will give the roper an option of accepting the no-time or drawing out of the event and receiving a refund. No refund will be offered if this situation occurs after the first round.

2.5 CALLING FOR A STEER - Steer belongs to the ropers when called for by the header. Except for mechanical failure the team accepts the situation “as is” regardless of what happens.

2.6 DECLARING A STEER OR PULLING UP – During the course of the run, if the roper is visibly fouled or can visibly see that he/she is, or will be fouled, he/she must declare by PULLING UP or attempting to pull up and not try to go on with the contest. If the roper does not declare by pulling, up he/she accepted the situation as it occurred.

2.7 ROPER TOUCHES THE GROUND - A team will be disqualified if at any time during the course of a run a roper touches the ground.

2.8 CONTESTANT DISQUALIFICATIONS - A. Being under the influence of liquor and/or illicit drugs in the arena; consuming alcoholic beverages and/or illicit drugs in the arena; B. Rowdyism or quarreling within the arena; C. Mistreatment of stock; D. Not being ready to compete when called upon.

2.9 BARRIER will be required at all events. A 5-second penalty will be added for beating the barrier. The penalty for beating the heel barrier will always be the same as the penalty for beating the head barrier.

2.9.1 HEADER BARRIER EYE – shall be set at 9 feet from the headers butt bar, unless box construction prevents those measurements.

2.9.2 HEELER BARRIER EYE – if used, shall be set at 11 feet from the heelers butt bar, unless box construction prevents those measurements.

2.9.3 STEER BARRIER EYE – shall be set at 9 inches from the end of open chute gates. Contractor is permitted the option of setting the steer eye further out based on cattle speed.

2.9.4 LENGTH OF HEAD START – contractors are instructed to adjust the placement of front chute to allow the majority of cattle to be turned at the halfway mark of the arena, based on cattle speed.

2.9.5 HEIGHT OF ELECTRIC EYES - Height of barrier shall be from 32 to 36 inches, with the exception of angle eyes.

2.9.6 BARRIER/TIMER MALFUNCTION - Should a barrier/timer malfunction during the natural course of a competition either for the roper or against the roper, the Field Judge may offer the option of awarding a rerun or removing the barrier penalty. (The steer need not be qualified on to receive a rerun.) However, there shall be no question or disagreement that this situation occurred.

3.1 NUMBER OF CATTLE - Stock contractors are required to have a minimum number of cattle equal to one-fifth the number of teams in the largest day of the competition.

3.1.2 REMOVAL FROM DRAW - Full Send Rodeo official(s), reserve the right to withdraw any steer from the herd at any time. Head duckers, draggers, stoppers, eliminators, unusually slow cattle and cattle that turn back into the corners shall be pulled from the herd immediately as they surface during the roping. Removal from draw does not result in a rerun for the team roping a steer removed from the herd. However, a rerun may be awarded if in the opinion of the producer, supported by the opinion of the Field Judge and/or officials working the roping, that a steer in question did not afford a team the opportunity to compete.

3.1.3 INSPECTION - Roping stock will be inspected by the producer prior to the first event. No sore, lame, sick or injured animal, or animal with defective eyesight shall be permitted in the draw at any time. Should an animal become sick or crippled during the course of the roping, that animal shall be removed from the competition immediately. Animals removed from the arena pursuant to this section shall be placed in a situation as isolated and comfortable as possible to reduce stress.

3.2 HUMANE TREATMENT OF LIVESTOCK - If a roper excessively abuses an animal by any unnecessary non-competitive or competitive action, he/she shall be disqualified and forfeit all entry fees. The Field Judge or other Full Send Rodeo official shall immediately inform the announcer that the ropers has been disqualified and the announcer will immediately announce the disqualification due to unnecessary roughness of livestock.

3.2.1 HORNWRAPS - All Roping Stock will have horn wraps, which offer protection for both the ears and the base of the horns.

3.2.2 ROPES - no metal pieces on ropes or metal hondos.

3.2.3 PRODDING - No animal shall be treated inhumanely or prodded excessively. Standard electric prods shall be used as little as possible. Animal shall be touched only on the hip and shoulder area with prod. Animal shall not be touched with a prod while in the roping chute itself.

3.2.4 FAILURE TO HEED WARNING - Any contestant who fails to heed an initial warning from a Field Flagger that he/she is mistreating an animal he/she will forfeit their entry fees in all divisions for the remainder of that event.

3.2.5 RUN STOPPED BY THE JUDGE – the Field Judge may stop a run at anytime he/she observes an injured animal, to remove that animal from competition. This action will result in a rerun for contestants.

3.3 Visibly Injured Roping Stock - If the roping stock is visibly injured as the run begins, including a broken horn, the team must declare themselves by pulling up immediately.

3.4 Broken Horn - If in the opinion of the Field Judge a non-visible broken horn existed prior to the beginning of a run, he has the option to declare a rerun. However, no rerun shall be awarded where clearly the broken horn was caused by the run itself, or if the judge suspects the broken horn occurred during the run. If run is completed and time taken, even though a broken horn is clearly visible, time shall stand and the Field Judge will remove that animal from the draw.

3.5 CATTLE REMOVED FROM DRAW - Full Send Rodeo Production reserves the right to withdraw any steer from the herd at any time. Reruns will be awarded by the Field Flagger based on the criteria of “opportunity to compete” as described in our rerun policy below and not automatically as a result of a steer removed from the herd. Cattle sorts occur throughout all ropings, and may merely indicate a speed sort.

3.6 RERUNS (Qualification Ropings) –Reruns are handled differently than Finale Reruns as described in Finale information. As it pertains to Qualification Ropings, reruns will be determined by the Field Flagger and will be offered without a request from the roper. If a Flagger does not award a rerun on a steer that a team feels did not afford them the opportunity to compete, they may ask for an explanation, but not argue or discuss the lack of rerun with the Flagger. They may immediately request a review by the roping Producer who has the final decision on the call.

3.6.1 ABILITY TO COMPETE – is the only criteria used to determine reruns. In addition, there are two different perspectives on ability to compete. Flaggers are instructed to give the benefit of the doubt to ropers in any 50-50 “ability to compete” decision within the first three go-rounds of any event. However, the decision criteria will be different within the short-round. Short rounds will be held to a much stricter judgment. This is not a 50-50 situation, and there must be ABSOLUTELY NO-DOUBT to the Flagger, that a team did NOT have a fair ability to compete, before a rerun will be awarded.

Ability to compete does not come into play when it appears to the Flagger that a contestant, or a rope horse, or lack of riding skill causes the problem (head horse doesn’t rate and sets up the steer, heeler turns in at the head and causes the steer to drag, etc) “Ability to compete” decisions are NOT situations where a steer merely slows down as the ropers approach, steers that run to the left fence, steers that are heavy and step out of the corner instead of hopping, trot instead of hop, and a host of other reasons that some ropers feel should afford them a rerun. “Ability to compete” decision might involve an excessively fast steer, or excessively slow steer. Otherwise, drawing between the bottom and top of the herd is still a variable of the sport.

3.7 ANIMAL ESCAPES ARENA-If any animal escapes from the arena, flag will be dropped and time stopped. Contestants will get animal back for a lap-and-tap start (no-barrier), and time already spent will be added to time used in qualifying. If time is not recorded, the decision of the flag judge shall be final.

4.0 TRIAD CLASSIFICATIONS - Full Send Rodeo utilizes the TRIAD classification system which is owned and operated by United States Team Roping Championships.

4.1 SPORTSMANSHIP - Full Send Rodeo reserves the right to disqualify any roper who does not act in a sportsmanlike, reasonable, or professional manner. Disqualified ropers forfeit all fees.

4.2 RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE AND DRAW-OUT TEAMS – Full Send Rodeo reserves the right to refuse service or draw-out any team for inappropriate conduct, conflicts with management, or any other disputes that cannot be settled prior to an event.

4.3 DRESS CODE – Finale Events - Cowboy attire is required at the Series Finales. Cowboy attire is defined as shirts with a sewn on collar, full buttoned front styling, with long sleeves (sleeveless or short sleeved shirt not permitted) and cowboy boots or approved laced cowboy shoes with a heel. Men and women must wear a cowboy hat or helmet. Caps will no be permitted, however, producers may wave the hat rule during inclement weather (excessive wind, rain, etc).

4.4 DRESS CODE – Ropings - Attire should be in good taste.

4.5 HOME VIDEOS - Recording for personal use will be permitted, however, in any event where commercial video services or live internet feed is offered, public usage is strictly prohibited. Unauthorized reproductions, internet postings or commercial sales of home videos is strictly prohibited.

4.6 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RELEASE - Entry into a Full Send Finale or event, means that the contestant grants permission to the rights of their image, likeness and sound of their voices as recorded on

audio or video tape without payment or any other notice or consideration. These images may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed and ropers waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein their likenesses appears. Additionally, contestant waives any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of an image or recording. Material may be used for diverse promotional and educational purposes within an unrestricted geographical area.

4.7 MAJOR OFFENSES - Quarreling or fighting in the arena. Mistreatment of livestock. Misrepresenting or falsifying a classification number. Attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass any Full Send Rodeo official at any time, in or out of the arena, or arguing with a judge at a time when an event is in progress. Engaging in, or attempting to engage in, any action threatening, berating, harassing, intimidating, assaulting/ striking a roping official, a roping spectator, any official representative or employee of the Full Send Rodeo or any Full Send Rodeo Contestant.

4.7.1 PENALTY FOR MAJOR OFFENSES - Ropers attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence or harass any Full Send Rodeo official at any time, in or out of the arena, or talking with a judge or timer while an event is in progress will automatically be disqualified, forfeit entry fees, and face potential disqualification from future events at the discretion of a Full Send Rodeo officer.

4.8 Up and Back – will be permitted at ropings.

4.9 FAILURE TO COMPETE IN SHORT ROUND - A team who fails to compete in any short round is automatically disqualified from the aggregate and thereby forfeits all money, prizes, related to the aggregate.

4.9.1 ROPING OUT OF ORDER – or missing a short round constitutes immediate disqualification.

4.9.2 Final awards will be based on total money won individually by the header and individually by the heeler.

5.0 Facility Standards:

- No tie outs no portable pens in parking lots.
- CASH ONLY payment and CASH PAYOUT - unless you need payment mailed then it will be a check.
- Pick up all trash, manure, and shavings before leaving Riata. If your horse digs a hole please scoop the dirt back in to repair it.
- Full Send Rodeo Productions a dba of Riata Ranch Event Center LLC reserves the right to deny entry at its discretion and reserves the right to evict any person at any time. There will be no refund of fees if you are evicted for violence, vulgarity, cheating, attempting to cheat, or using performance enhancing drugs (exemption for things like Lasix or other veterinary prescribed allowable drugs).
- Sportsmanship:

- Poor sportsmanship will NOT be tolerated. No mistreatment of any personnel involved with series production; including but not limited to office staff , arena staff, grounds crew, sponsors. It also includes any mistreatment to competitors and other contestants - no bullying or harassing. Person filing the complaint will need either video or documentable proof (ie text message or facebook comments) OR an unbiased witness such as a judge at the event. First offense is a warning. Second is DQ from the day's event with no refund. Third is banning from the remainder of the series.
- No animal abuse will be tolerated. This is your warning we have a zero tolerance policy and will DQ all entries at the time of the abuse with no refund of any fees. A second occurrence will result in banning from the series and contacting the local authorities.
- Destruction of property will result in DQ with no refund of any fees, banning from property, authorities will be contacted, and charges pressed.
- Full Send and Riata are hosting fun and professional events that our contestants, families, and event attendees can enjoy and be proud to be involved with as such professionalism and courtesy are key to our events.
- Should there be any outstanding balance owed to the Riata or Full Send Rodeo Productions those fees must be taken care of prior to being allowed to enter any events.
- Everyone winning a check must have a current W9 on file in order for Riata to release checks/ winnings. NO EXCEPTIONS. Failure to submit a W9 at the competition will result in forfeiting of winnings. W9 forms are posed on the website for your convenience AND available at every event. If you choose to have a check mailed to you and you do not cash it within 3 months check will be void and you forfeit your winnings.
- By entering in Full Send Rodeo Productions or riding at Riata Event Center LLC you are ACKNOWLEDGING RISK AND RELEASING LIABILITY

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For Participants Over the Age of Majority in Wyoming where the Equine Activities are Provided by/at the Riata Event Center LLC. *****WARNING: THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. READ IT CAREFULLY!*****

Every Person Must Read and Understand this Waiver Before Participating in Equine Activities.

The following waiver of all claims, release from all liability, assumption of all risks, agreement not to sue and other terms of this agreement are entered into by me (the Participant) with and for the benefit of Riata Ranch Event Center LLC, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, business operators, agents and site property owners or lessees (collectively the "Host"). Without limiting the generality of all, "Equine Activities" includes but is not limited to team roping, barrel races, and other riding activities provided by/at the "Host" to the Participant.

1.) I am aware that there are inherent dangers, hazards and risks (collectively "Risks") associated with "Equine Activities" and injuries resulting from these "Risks" are a common occurrence. I am aware that the "Risks" of "Equine Activities" mean those dangerous conditions which are an integral part of "Equine Activities", including but not limited to:

(a) the propensity of any equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them and to potentially collide with, bite or kick other animals, people or objects;

- (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, tremors, vibrations, unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals and hazards such as subsurface objects;
 - (c) the potential for other participants to behave in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to themselves or others, including failing to act within their abilities to maintain control over an equine.
- 2.) I freely accept and fully assume all responsibility for all "Risks" and possibilities of personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting from my participation in "Equine Activities".
 - 3.) I agree that although the "Host" has taken steps to reduce the "Risks" and increase the safety of the "Equine Activities", it is not possible for the "Host" to make the "Equine Activities" completely safe. I accept these "Risks" and agree to the terms of this waiver even if the "Host" is found to be negligent or in breach of any duty of care or any obligation to me in my participation in "Equine Activities".
 - 4.) In addition to consideration given to the "Host" for my participation in "Equine Activities", I and my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns (collectively my "Legal Representatives") agree to:
 - (a) waive all claims that I have or may have in the future against the "Host";
 - (b) release and forever discharge the "Host" from all liability for any personal injury, death, property damage, or loss resulting from my participation in the equine activity due to any cause, including but not limited to negligence (failure to use such care as a reasonably prudent and careful person would use under similar circumstances), breach of any duty imposed by law, breach of contract or mistake or error in judgment of the "Host"; and
 - (c) to be liable for and to hold harmless and indemnify the "Host" from all actions, proceedings, claims, damages, costs demands, including court costs and costs on a solicitor and own client basis, and liabilities of whatsoever nature or kind arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in "Equine Activities".
 - 5.) I agree that this waiver and all terms contained herein are governed exclusively and in all respects by the laws of Wyoming where the "Equine Activities" are engaged at the "Host". I hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Laramie County, Cheyenne, Wyoming and I agree that no other court can exercise jurisdiction over the terms and claims referred to herein. Any litigation to enforce this waiver will be instituted in the Laramie County, Cheyenne Wyoming in which the "Equine Activities" are provided by/at the "Host".
 - 6.) I confirm that I have had sufficient time to read and understand this waiver in its entirety. I understand that this agreement represents the entire agreement between myself and the "Host", and it is binding on myself and my "Legal Representatives".
 - 7.) I confirm that I have reached the age of majority in the province in which I am participating in "Equine Activities". If under age please have your parent/guardian contact us to sign release.
 - 8.) Photo/Video release I understand that photos and videos may be taken of me and my animals at Riata Event Center and used for marketing and that there will be no compensation/consideration. I release my right to inspect or approve finished product. Riata Event Center LLC and staff are held harmless and release and forever discharged from all claims/cause of action from me, my heirs, or any other person acting on my behalf or my states behalf.

