

Cockatoo Park

ROUND ROBIN RANCH SORTING RULES

Round Robin – All teams are auto draws and all riders ride together at least once. Each rider accumulates cow counts. The rider with the highest cow count score at the end of the day is deemed to be the winner.

Placing is on individual rider scores not the team with the highest score.

1. Judge's decision is final in all matters.
2. The maximum time limit is 1 minute.
3. There will be 11 head of cattle at one end of the arena marked with visible numbers from 0 to 9 and one clean skin.
4. When the nose of the first horse crosses the gateway, the starting number for the team will be announced.
5. Team starts sorting with the number given by the judge at commencement of run and continue to sort cattle in upwards numerical order. E.g.: your number is 6 then 7,8,9,0,1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
6. Cattle are considered sorted when the tail of the beast crosses through the gateway.
7. If any cattle cross the gateway out of sequence the team will be judged "NO SCORE"
8. If any cattle already sorted re-cross the gateway from the back pen the team will be judged "NO SCORE"
9. A team must stop sorting immediately when judged a "NO SCORE"
10. Any team exhibiting unnecessary rough handling or rushing into or at the mob at excessive speed will result in disqualification at the judge's decision.
11. Once the two (2) riders have entered the arena and the run has commenced – where a horse is deemed out of control by the judge's decision, any rider that dismounts, horse falls, rider is thrown or falls - will result in that run being terminated without a score.
12. No whips may be brought into the arena. No hitting of cattle with any object is allowed. Hazing cattle with hats, reins or rope will be a termination of that run. Slapping of hand or rein to own leg is permitted.
13. At the judge's discretion, a team may be awarded a re-run if one (1) or more head of cattle is deemed unsuitable (health wise) or escapes the arena.
14. Cattle may not be hocked, shouldered, pushed by either horse or rider during the run. Abuse of cattle or horses will be the cause for immediate disqualification of the run without refund of entry fees.
15. It is permissible for a team to stop sorting with less than 10 head sorted (e.g. at 5 head of cattle) and hold cattle already sorted until the clock runs out. The head count will then be the recorded score with a time of 1 minute.