



# WSRRA

# Open, Women & Jr Rules

2025

**WSRRA Code of Conduct Will Be Strictly Enforced in All Events. Any changes to the rules will be posted at the event and presented during the captain's meeting.**

**All ties will be broken by the fastest branding time.**

**NO TIE DOWNS (Allowed for Juniors) and SLICK HORN Only – NO Rubber**

**\*Rules are subject to change at team meeting**

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- **TRAILER LOADING/DOCTORING: NO LOOP LIMIT / 6 MINUTES**
    - TEAM WILL ENTER ARENA FROM EAST END. ALL TEAM MEMBERS PARTICIPATE
    - TWO STEERS WILL BE RELEASED INTO ARENA
    - TIME WILL START WITH THE FLAGGER.
    - ONE STEER WILL BE LOADED INTO THE TRAILER AND THE OTHER ONE DOCTORED.
      - ORDER OF EVENTS WILL BE AT THE TEAM'S DISCRETION.
      - DOCTORING:
        - LEGAL HEAD CATCHES ONLY, NECK, HALF HEAD OR AROUND HORNS. A FRONT LEG IN LOOP IS ALLOWED.
        - ANY ILLEGAL CATCH CAN BE DALLIED AND ROPE MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE COW CAN BE RE-ROPED. THE COW MUST HAVE ROPE REMOVED ON GROUND BY TEAM, OR IT CAN BE HEADED OR HEELED TO REMOVE ROPE. NO TRIPPING OF COW WILL BE ALLOWED.
        - ONCE STEER IS ROPED, OTHER TWO TEAM MEMBERS WILL DISMOUNT AND PUT ANIMAL IN FRONT FEET, HIND FEET STRETCH.
        - COW MUST BE LAID DOWN. A SINGLE HEEL CATCH MUST BE SWITCHED.
        - HEEL LOOP MUST BE BELOW TAILHEAD WHEN STEER IS STRETCHED.
        - TIME STOPS WHEN COW IS DOCTORED AND STEER IS LOADED.
      - TRAILER LOADING:
        - HEAD CATCHES ONLY: AROUND HORNS, HALF HEAD, OR NECK. FRONT LEG ALLOWED.
        - NO HORSES WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE TRAILER.
        - TIME STOPS WHEN ONE STEER IS LOADED AND GATE IS CLOSED AND LATCHED (ROAD READY) AND THE OTHER STEER IS DOCTORED
  - **SORT & ROPE TIE DOWN: 4 LOOPS / 6 MINUTES**
    - TIME STARTS WHEN FLAGGER SAYS GO.
    - PEN WILL HAVE HORNED CATTLE AND 3 MULEYS. TEAM WILL SORT 1 MULEY OUT OF THE HERD THROUGH OPEN GATES.
      - MAXIMUM 3 TEAM MEMBERS IN THE HERD.
      - CATTLE WILL BE SORTED THROUGH GATE.
    - MULEY CANNOT BE ROPED UNTIL SORTED THROUGH GATE.
    - TEAM WILL HEAD AND HEEL MULEY.
    - TEAM MUST HEAD AND HEEL THE STEER WITH A LEGAL HEAD CATCH; NECK OR NECK AND A FRONT LEG. BELLY CATCHES ARE ILLEGAL; ROPE MUST BE REMOVED OR ROPER MAY PITCH ROPE BEFORE COW IS RE-ROPED.
    - TEAM MEMBERS WILL THROW DOWN STEER, PULL HEEL ROPE, AND TIE ANY THREE LEGS. TIED IN 3 BONE CROSS WITH WRAP AND HALF HITCH. AFTER THE STEER IS LAID DOWN, THE HEAD CATCH MUST BE UNDALLIED AND THE STEER MUST BE ON A LOOSE ROPE WHILE BEING TIED. PIGGING STRINGS OR SHORT LINES CAN BE USED TO TIE STEER. NO TYING WITH LARIAT ROPE IS ALLOWED
    - STEER WILL REMAIN TIED FOR SIX (6) SECONDS ON LOOSE HEAD ROPE (UNDALLIED). NO TIME IF MULEY DOESN'T REMAIN TIED.
    - TIME STOPS WHEN MULEY IS TIED.
    - PENALTIES:
      - EVERY DIRTY COW THROUGH THE GATE 30 SECONDS
      - 30 SECOND PENALTY FOR DALLIED HEAD CATCH WHILE TYING
    - AFTER DESIGNATED CATTLE ARE THROUGH THE GATE, WSRRA ARENA CREW WILL CLOSE THE GATE THE MULEY CANNOT GET BACK TO THE HERD.

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- **TEAM ROPING:** 8 LOOPS / 90 SECOND TIME LIMIT/4 LOOPS MAX PER DESIGNATED TEAM
  - ALL STANDARD TEAM ROPING RULES WILL APPLY
  - ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST PARTICIPATE.
  - 2 HEAD, ROPED AT THE SAME TIME.
  - ARM BANDS IN ONE COLOR WILL BE PASSED OUT TO THE TEAM.
  - CONTESTANTS WILL PICK THEIR PARTNER PRIOR TO STARTING THE EVENT AND WEAR MATCHING ARM BANDS.
  - NO SWITCHING PARTNERS DURING THE ROPING.
  - BOTH STEERS MUST BE ROPED AND STRETCHED BEFORE THE TIME STOPS.
  - TEAM TIME WILL BE TOTAL ON TWO HEAD
  - 5 SEC. PENALTY FOR SINGLE LEG CATCHES
  - HEAD CATCHES ONLY: NECK, HALF HEAD, OR AROUND HORNS. FRONT LEG ALLOWED. ROPER MAY FINISH RUN IF ILLEGAL HEAD CATCH OR BELLY CATCH COMES CLEAN.
- **TEAM BRANDING:** 4 HEAD / 8 MINUTES (WOMEN AND JUNIORS - 2 HEAD 8 MINUTES)
  - EACH TEAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO BRAND 4 CALVES OR 2 CALVES FOR WOMEN AND JUNIORS.
  - ANNOUNCER WILL START THE TIME.
  - HORSES MUST BE WALKED TO THE FLAG LINE. NO TROTTING OR LOPING UNTIL HORSES CROSS THE FLAG LINE IN THE PEN.
  - TWO MEMBERS WILL WORK THE GROUND. AFTER THE FIRST TWO CALVES ARE BRANDED, THE TEAM MEMBERS WILL CHANGE PLACES.
  - GROUND CREW MUST BE IN DESIGNATED AREA BEFORE ANY LOOP IS THROWN AND MUST STAY IN DESIGNATED AREA UNTIL CALF IS HEADED AND HEELED. **GROUND CREW LEAVES WHEN HEELER HAS DALLIED.**
  - CALF MUST BE HEADED BEFORE IT IS HEELED.
  - THE HEAD CATCH MUST BE AROUND THE NECK OR AROUND THE NECK AND ONE FRONT LEG. FRONT LEG IN LOOP IS LEGAL. BELLY CATCHES ARE ILLEGAL.
  - THE GROUND CREW MAY ASSIST IN REMOVING ILLEGAL CATCHES OR DROPPED ROPES BUT MUST RETURN TO THE DESIGNATED AREA BEFORE ANOTHER LOOP IS THROWN.
  - THE HEELER MAY CATCH ONE OR BOTH HIND FEET.
  - AS SOON AS CALF IS HEADED AND HEELED, GROUND CREW MAY LEAVE DESIGNATED AREA, THROW CALF, AND SWITCH ROPES. **IF THE CALF GETS UP WHILE SWITCHING ROPES, THE GROUND CREW CAN CONTINUE WORKING ON THE ANIMAL AS LONG AS THE ANIMAL HAS A ROPE ON ONE END, BUT THE CALF MUST BE STRETCHED BY ALL FOUR FEET BEFORE THE BRAND MAY LEAVE THE CIRCLE**
  - YOU MAY NOT TAKE THE IRON WITH YOU TO WORK THE GROUND AND THE BRAND MUST STAY IN THE CIRCLE UNTIL ROPES ARE SWITCHED AND CALF IS READY TO BRAND.
  - GROUND CREW MUST RETURN TO DESIGNATED AREA AFTER EACH CALF IS BRANDED.
  - TIME STOPS WHEN THE LAST CALF IS BRANDED, GROUND CREW HAS RETURNED TO THE DESIGNATED AREA.
  - IF A ROPER FALLS FROM HIS HORSE, GROUND CREW CAN ONLY GRAB ROPE TO AVOID AN ACCIDENT. ROPE MAY BE HANDED BACK TO ROPER.
  - NO ONE EXCEPT TEAM MEMBERS, JUDGES, AND/OR WSRRA OFFICIALS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE ARENA.
  - EACH TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED ONE HOLDER FOR HORSES IN THE BRANDING PEN. HOLDERS MUST BE IN WESTERN
  - ATTIRE AND ONLY ONE PERSON ALLOWED IN THE V.
  - ARENA DIRECTOR AND JUDGES WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON ANY RULING DISPUTES.
  - BRAND LOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE THE BRANDING. BRAND LOCATION WILL BE MARKED ON A DIAGRAM TO SHOW BRAND LOCATION AND THE "LOW BRAND" LINE
  - PENALTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
    - BRANDED ON WRONG SIDE DQ
    - UNNECESSARILY ROUGH ON CATTLE DQ
    - LEAVING DESIGNATED AREA EARLY 30 SECONDS
    - NOT WALKING HORSES TO HERD 30 SECONDS
    - IRON TOUCHES GROUND 30 SECONDS
    - BOTCHED, BAD OR MISPLACED BRAND (INCLUDES LOW BRANDS) 30 SECONDS

**RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT TEAM MEETING.  
QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO BRANDON NUFFER (307)359-0055**