



WEST TEXAS DRIFTERS RIDING CLUB

2023 TEAM PENNING GENERAL RULES

TEAM PENNING:

A Team will consist of (3) riders. Riders must sort out three (3) specifically identified head of cattle from a heard and pen them at the other end of the arena. Time continues until all unpenned cattle are completely on the side of the starting line, within a specified time. The fastest time with the most head penned wins.

➤ **BOOKS:**

- ✓ Books open at 8:00 am
- ✓ Books close at 9:30 am
- ✓ Runs begin at 10:00 am

➤ **RUNS:**

- ✓ Runs will be \$25 per person, \$75 per team
- ✓ The same team may run only one time.
- ✓ Must have three members to make a team.
- ✓ Each run will last 120 seconds (2minutes).

GENERAL RULES:

1. Within the 120-second (2 minute) time limit, a team must cut out from the herd and pen all three head of cattle with the same assigned identity number. The fastest time wins.
2. All cattle will be bunched on the cattle side of the starting line before time begins. The line flagger will raise the flag to signal the arena is ready. Contestants will be given their cattle penning (assigned) number when the flagger drops the flag as the nose of the first horse crosses the starting line, time will begin. Riders are committed once they enter the arena.
3. As each new team begins a run, there must be thirty head of cattle in the arena. In the event that more or less than three identical numbers are discovered within a herd, the issue must be addressed and a judge's decision is to be called for.
4. To call for time, one rider must stand in the gate and raise a hand for the flag. The flag will drop when the nose of the first horse enters the gate, and the rider calls for time.
5. Time continues until all unpenned cattle are completely on the cattle side of the starting line.
6. Any cattle that have crossed the starting line must be pushed back to the cattle side before calling for time. If more than five head of cattle are across the starting line at the same time, the team will be given a **NO-TIME**.
7. A team calling for time with any wrong numbered (trash) cattle in the pen will be given a **NO-TIME**.
8. Contact with cattle by hands, hat, rope, bat, Rommel, or any other equipment is a disqualification. No hazing with whips, hats, or ropes is allowed. Falling hats must be immediately dropped or placed back on the head to avoid disqualification for hazing. Rommels or reins may be popped on horse or chaps.