

LINN COUNTY
4-H HORSE
CONTEST GUIDELINES
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This book's intention is meant to be a guideline. Any interpretations will be made by a majority of the horse superintendent, and the Extension agent. Using the State Manuals, including Contest Guides of rules and regulations, County rules and regulations, and County Fair Book will be used. Decisions will be final.

The Linn County 4-H Leader's Association (Executive Council) establishes County Fair policies which all 4-Hers must follow.

The following requirements and procedures will be adhered to for county wide 4-H horse club activities held in Linn County, unless otherwise noted. Guidelines, rules and regulations in the following manuals will be followed: OREGON 4-H HORSE PROJECT MANUAL (4-H 130), 4-H HORSE & PONY DRIVING MANUAL (PNW 229), 4-H HORSE CONTEST GUIDE (EQ 1924), 4-H COLT TRAINER (4-H 1303), HUNT SEAT & JUMPER MANUAL (PNW 488), and the DRESSAGE MANUAL (4-H 1311) along with the county rules and regulations.

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1. GENERAL RULES

- A. Members must be enrolled by 90 days prior to county fair to be eligible for State Fair competition and County Medals.
- B. Members not enrolled by June 1st will not be eligible to show in County Fair.
- C. The 4-H calendar year is Oct. 1st through Sept. 30th. Clubs must re-enroll annually.
 - a. All members and leaders are automatically enrolled in a county insurance program at the time of enrollment for the current year. A mandatory fee must be included at the time of enrollment or the member is not qualified to participate or ride at any county activity until the fee is paid and forms signed and turned in.
- D. All enrolled 4-H leaders have one vote.
- E. *Junior Superintendents have one vote unless there is a conflict of interest.*
- F. Records include:
 - a. Permanent 4H record, Project records for each horse shown, advancements, and 4H notes, optional picture pages & Lease if needed. Must be turned in to Show Office prior to showing, in order to participate at County Pre-Fair and Fair.
 - b. The animal must be in possession by April 15th, or 90 days prior to County Fair whichever is greater, in order to be eligible for State Fair.
- G. An animal obtained after April 15th is subject to review by the Rules Committee (4-H agent and fair superintendents). (ie. vet certificate of health problem, mare foals) The members will be eligible for County Fair awards and are eligible to participate in all County events, but not be eligible for State Fair.
- H. In order for members to show at County Fair, members leasing horses for 4-H projects must follow the 4-H Horse Project suggestion of :
 - a. "You may borrow or lease a horse for your project and make a businesslike agreement with the owner. Include such things as the length of time you are to keep the horse, training, feeding information, special care, shoeing, and breeding. Then be sure to live up to your part of the agreement."
 - b. The Extension Office has a suggested form available, but the lease may be adjusted to fit the member and the owner's requirements. There must be four (4) copies of this lease made: The first copy is to be turned into the Extension Office by April 15th, or 90days prior to county fair which ever is greater. The second copy is to be on file with the Horse Leaders Association, the third copy on file in the member's records, and the 4th copy to your 4-H Leader.
- I. The same project horse must be used in showmanship, equitation, trail, dressage and jumping. Exceptions to this rule are:
 - a. You may have an additional project horse for Ground Trainers, Mini horses, Gaming horses, First Year Under Saddle horses, Harness horses, Roping horses, and Team Penning horses.

- J. Showmanship is required is required for each project horse. Special Day divisions will have Special Day showmanship available.
- K. All Oregon 4-H members participating in any equestrian activity, regardless of riding seat, will wear:
- a. A properly fitted equestrian helmet which meets the standards imposed by the American Society of Testing Material (ASTM) F 1163 and includes certification and labeling required by the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI).
 - b. Headgear will be secured with the harness engaged and be properly fastened when mounted on an equine or in a vehicle (cart, wagon, buggy, etc.) being pulled by one or more equine.
- L. Members may show:
- a. One or more of their owned, leased, or shared project horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules.
 - b. A goal of the 4-H horse project is to provide members maximum experience in all aspects of horsemanship.
 - c. They should do all grooming and most of the training in preparation for showing.
 - d. Novices and Juniors may receive additional help.
 - e. If there is a dangerous situation the member should contact a leader who will advise superintendents of the situation. Superintendents and the Extension Agent will decide what help the 4-H member can receive.
 - f. If the horse is ridden by a person other than the member after Deadline of at least 90 days prior to county fair, the 4-H member and their project horse waive their rights to county medallions and State Fair competition. The experienced member helping with permission will not be penalized.
- M. To be eligible for State Fair, members must ride, show, or exhibit horses they have owned, leased, and trained since April 15th, or 90 days prior to County fair which ever is greater. The member must use the same horse they exhibited at their county shows.
- N. The same horse may be used by more than one 4-H family member. Riders or family members other than the 4-H member should not be training the horse between the 90 day deadline and through County and/or State Fair. Exemptions may be made for challenged riders at the superintendents' discretion.
- O. Parents are asked to observe only, so 4-H members can do their own project work. All riding, schooling or grooming of horses at 4-H functions must be done by club members. Lifting of a saddle by an adult or other 4-H member is allowed for members unable to do so by themselves. Club members are encouraged to assist each other. Older 4-H club members may be solicited to help younger or novice members. At any time there is a safety issue involved, parents may assist. Herdsmanship and grooming of a horse may not be done by adults.

2. CLINIC POINT

- A. Beginning October 1st, points start at zero.
- B. **25 points are needed to be eligible for State Fair.**
- C. Points can be accumulated in any combination.
 - a. Silver Dollar Show – 5 points for minimum of 4 hours, with maximum 15 points available.
 - b. Pre-Fair showing – 5 points.
 - c. All General Linn County Sponsored Clinics and contests – 5 points each.
 - d. Linn County and Benton County Open Gaming PlayDays – 5 points each.
 - e. Open Gaming and other 4-H sponsored shows/clinics – 5 points.
(*Approved prior by the horse Leader's*)
- D. Many events have mandatory requirements to participate at fair. *See those sections.* (Any exceptions must be “pre-approved” prior to fair registration.)

3. MEMBERS

- A. Two or more members of the same family may use the same horse as long as they are not in the same class number. The show should be advised of this situation to prevent possible conflicts. *State Fair and medal situation for shared Horses.*
- B. Married members are allowed to exhibit. Pregnant members must have a doctor's written permission to show.
- C. No chaps are allowed in 4-H riding classes except in trail or cattle events.
- D. Exhibitors must wear their entry numbers on their back any time when handling a horse. Numbers and ASTM SEI approved helmet with harness engaged are required when mounted or driving. Boots are also required anytime the member is handling or riding their horse.
- E. No hoof polish can be applied at County or State Fair.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- A. Based on current or just completed grade:
 - Junior: Grades 4,5,6
 - Intermediate: Grades 7,8,9
 - Senior: Grades 10, 11, 12
 - Novice: Optional choice for juniors, intermediates, or seniors.
- B. If in the first year as a novice, if the member wins a medallion, they must move up to the regular classes the following year. Once the member has moved up to regular classes they may NOT return to novice classes. If the 4-H leader feels it would not be safe for a member to move up in classes, they may petition the horse leaders to let the member be a second year novice.

5. ADVANCEMENTS

- A. By the final year of each age division, the member must have completed the following advancements from the Oregon Horse Advancement Program #1302R prior to County Fair and have them signed by their leader:

Novice: Step 1

Second Year: Step 1

Junior: Step 1

Intermediate: Step 1 and Step 2

Senior: Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3

6. STATE FAIR QUALIFICATIONS

- A. To be eligible for State Fair equitation, a member must be in 7th grade or above and must show the same horse in both showmanship and equitation classes.
- B. 4-H members may ride in both English and Western at County Fair, with the higher score to be used in determining State Fair participation.
- C. State Fair qualification is to be determined by the following requirements being met:
- a. Equitation scores
 - b. Showmanship score
 - c. Horse Knowledge Test completed
 - d. Interview completed
 - e. Hands on clinic participation (Yearly points met)
 - f. Current year's records
 - a. The current year's records must be up to date and turned in before you can show at County Fair. Points are not included, but a yes or no notation is made. Gamers see section (see section 10) for your State Gaming Finals qualification requirements.
- D. To show at State Fair, members must have won blue ribbons, meet State Fair qualifying requirements (See County Fair book for current year requirements) attend the organizational meetings prior to State Fair, and must notify the State Fair Coordinator at least seven days prior to State Fair if they cannot attend.
- E. Parents and the member's leader must give approval for qualified members to participate at State Fair with a signature on the appropriate forms.

7. GROUND TRAINING:

- A. Two class categories are offered; member trained and member trained with assistance.
- a. Member Trained horses: are trained by the 4-H member only. Parents, leaders and trainers are able to give tips or suggestions but all of the training of the animal is done by the 4-H member.

Verbal guidance by a professional trainer, through county and/or state fair.

- b. Member trained with assistance: are trained more than 50 % by the member after the 90 day deadline and may have groundwork assistance from parent, leader or trainer.
 - c. *All training time is documented during training process and on the score sheet for the judge (for member trained with assistance they will separately record parent, leader and/or trainer time.)
- B. Open to any equine that has never been ridden.
 - C. Animals entered in this class may NOT be entered in any equitation class, but must be entered in special day showmanship.
 - D. Ground training classes:
 - a. Foals (current year) – County Only.
 - 1a member trained
 - 1b member trained with assistance.
 - b. Yearlings (born last year) - eligible for State Fair. Colts must be gelded if over 12 calendar months of age. One Intermediate and one Senior yearling ground trainer is eligible for State Fair.
 - 2a member trained
 - 2b member trained with assistance. (COUNTY ONLY)
 - c. Two year old geldings & fillies - eligible for State Fair. One Intermediate and one Senior two year old ground trainer is eligible for State Fair.
 - 3a member trained
 - 3b member trained with assistance. (COUNTY ONLY)
 - d. 3 years or older that has never been ridden.(COUNTY ONLY)
 - 4a member trained
 - 4b member trained with assistance
 - E. Class will consist of contestant performing several items in Step IV-B of the Advancement Program. Only one member will perform at a time per judge.
 - F. A score sheet for this class is available at the extension office or from your leader. You must have your form filled out IN ADVANCE of entering the ring. You will give the form to the judge indicating what maneuvers you will perform and in what order you will demonstrate them.
 - G. A time limit of 15 minutes maximum will be allowed each contestant.
 - H. Recognition will be made according to how well items attempted are accomplished.
 - I. The selection of the participant for State Fair in this division will be determined by all the prior requirements of State Fair Participation, plus will have the highest blue in ground training class, with showmanship will be a tie breaker.
 - J. Ground training project horses may be shown on Special Day only.
 - K. A member may qualify for State Fair with an equitation horse as well as with a ground trainer.

8. FIRST YEAR UNDER SADDLE:

- A. Two class categories are offered; member trained and member trained with assistance.
 - a. Member Trained horses: are trained by the 4-H member only. Parents, leaders and trainers are able to give tips or suggestions but all of the training of the animal is done by the 4-H member, this horse may not have been mounted by anyone else.
 - b. Member trained with assistance: are trained more than 50 % by the member after the 90 day deadline, and may have mounted and groundwork assistance from parent, leader or trainer.
 - c. *All training time is documented during training process and recorded on the score sheet for the judge (for member trained with assistance they will separately record parent, leader and/or trainer time.)
- B. There is a ten minute maximum time limit to per form. No rail work will be required
- C. The required form for this class may be requested from the Extension Office or from your leader. Be sure to list the length of time in training on this horse by you, the member, and then list the maneuvers you will perform and in what order you will demonstrate them. This must be filled out in advance before entering into the ring and will be handed directly to the judge.
- D. The definition of a First Year Under Saddle horse is a horse that has not been ridden or mounted before October 1 of the current 4-H year.
- E. First Year Under Saddle horses must compete in special day showmanship. Follow the procedures as outlined—available at the Linn County Extension Office.
- F. First year under saddle horses shown in this class are not eligible for Regular equitation classes.

8.1 Sample First Year under Saddle Performance:

Performance time – A maximum of 10 minutes will be allotted to perform trained maneuvers for the judge. No group rail-work will be included in this class. Scoring is based on accomplishment achieved in regard to length of training time. Any time overage will not be counted toward score.

8.2 Equipment:

- A. Entries will be shown in a standard headstall to include a throatlatch.
- B. Leather or woven material curb straps only.
- C. Split reins or Mecate will be used, with an approved rubber mouth pieces or snaffle bit, Bosel or side-pull, (no leverage.)
- D. Humane training aids can be used if done so properly (e.g. martingale, spurs, draw reins.)

8.3 Elements of work: (must include)

- A. Equipment check
- B. Seat & hands
- C. Dismount Mount (with or without header)
- D. Walk

- E. Figure 8 at a trot
- F. Back 4 or more steps

(Optional)

- A. Leads in a circle
- B. Leads in a figure 8 with optional lead changes
- C. Forehand turn(s)
- D. Haunch turn(s)
- E. Side pass
- F. Two track

SCORE SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

9. WET MARE: (County Only)

- A. There is a ten minute maximum time limit to perform. No rail work will be required.
- B. The required form for this class may be requested from the Extension Office or from your leader. Be sure to list the length of time in training on this horse by you, the member, and then list the maneuvers you will perform and in what order you will demonstrate them. This must be filled out in advance before entering into the ring and will be handed directly to the judge.
- C. The wet mare class is not a state fair qualifying event.
 - a. Wet mares are to be shown on Special Day only and must be shown in Special Day showmanship class. They MAY NOT be shown in regular equitation and showmanship classes.
- D. Weanling may be in the arena during pattern with appropriately dressed handler. (Handler is 4-Her, parent, or Leader with boots, and long sleeve shirts.)

10. GAMING:

- A. No novices may ride in gaming events at Pre-Fair, County Fair or at 4-H State Gaming Finals.
- B. A gaming horse must be shown in Gaming showmanship class held just prior to the gaming classes unless this horse will also be used as a regular equitation horse in the at County Fair.
- C. The Gaming member may show another horse in regular showmanship and in regular equitation classes.
- D. A member may qualify with an Equitation horse as well as with a Gaming horse for State Fair Finals.
- E. Members must be Intermediates or Seniors and qualify at County fair to Game at State.
- F. First time gamers must attend two clinics and past gamers must attend one clinic each year to compete in gaming events at County Fair. Pre-fair gaming counts as a gaming clinic. (Exceptions must be “pre-approved” prior to Fair registration deadline.)

- G. To qualify as a participant in the 4-H State Gaming Finals, the member must:
 - a. Ride at County Fair.
 - b. Completed the yearly clinic hour requirements
 - c. Horse Knowledge Test
 - d. Interview completed
 - e. Current record books turned in.
- H. Actual selection of participants for 4-H State Gaming Finals will be determined by state guidelines.

11. HUNTER HACK:

- A. Consists of rail work and two jumps
- B. Novices may not compete in Hunter Hack.
- C. There is no Hunter Hack class offered at State Fair.
- D. Horse must be used in regular equitation and showmanship classes. Horse **MAY NOT** be used in Special Day Showmanship.
- E. One jumping clinic a year must be attended before competing at fair. (Exceptions must be “pre-approved” prior to Fair registration deadline.)
- D. All jumpers are required to pass a safety check prior to the Hunter Hack class. The judge or qualified designated leader will evaluate each participant and determine if they are qualified to participate in the scheduled Hunter Hack class.
- E. Maiden Hunter Hack is for exhibitors in their first year over fences only. No cross entry is allowed between Maiden Hunter Hack and Hunt Seat Over Fences.

12. HUNT SEAT OVER FENCES:

- A. Novices **MAY NOT** compete in Hunt Seat Over Fences.
- B. One jumping clinic a year must be attended before competing at fair. (Exceptions must be “pre-approved” prior to Fair registration deadline.)
- C. All jumpers are required to pass a safety check prior to jumping class. The judge or qualified designated leader will evaluate each participant and determine if they are qualified to participate in the scheduled jump class.
- D. Intermediate and senior exhibitors are eligible for State Fair in Hunt Seat Over Fences if they receive a blue ribbon at County Fair and qualify for the State Fair team in their equitation class. Jump a qualifying course of at least 6 different jumps with at least 3 of them at a maximum height and spread. There must be at least one combination and one change of direction.
- E. Horse must be used in regular equitation and showmanship classes.
- F. Hunter hack is a pre-requisite with a qualifying score in order to continue on to Hunt seat over fences.

13. HORSE AND PONY HARNESS:

- A. Horses or ponies must be shown in Special Day showmanship class,

- unless this horse is used for regular equitation and showmanship.
- B. Members may exhibit a horse used only for driving, Showmanship and In hand Trail, if available. The member may exhibit an equitation horse also.
 - C. There are 2 ways of an Intermediate or Senior may qualify for State Fair:
 - a. Contestants who qualify for State Fair in equitation showmanship may also enter driving if they receive a blue ribbon in that event at their County fair. Using the same horse or pony used in equitation/showmanship.
 - b. Contestants may also qualify with their non equation horse or pony if they receive a minimum Combined score of 170 (in driving and showmanship) at their county fair. In addition, the showmanship score must be 80 points or higher and the driving score must be 85 points or higher. They must also meet all county pre-requisites.
 - D. A member may qualify for State Fair with an equitation horse as well as with a horse in harness.
 - E. The equine may also be used for regular equitation and showmanship classes.

14. DRESSAGE:

- A. Refer to your State manuals: 4-H Horse Contest Guide (EQ 1924) and Dressage Manual (4-H 1311)
- B. Intermediate and Senior members are eligible for State Fair in Dressage if they receive a blue ribbon (58% or above) at County Fair on training level test 2-4 or any first level test and meet State Fair qualifications.
- C. The horse must be used in regular equitation and showmanship classes.
- D. Times for individual rides will be assigned by the show Committee.

15. HORSE PSYCHOLOGY.

- A. 4-H members participating must be Junior or Novice members.
- B. Contestants must compete in the 4-H showmanship and equitation classes.
- C. They will have a 10 minute time limit to complete all the items listed below:
- D. Basis for Scoring:
 - a. Enter the arena carrying a bridle and leading a horse by the lead rope secured to the halter. Go to the hitching rail, and hand the bridle to the ring steward. 5 Pts.
 - b. Tie lead rope around the horse's neck, using a bowline knot. 15 Pts.
 - c. Must demonstrate a slip knot 15 Pts.
 - d. Pick up, inspect, and clean one front foot using a hoof pick. 10 Pts.
 - e. Name the part(s) of the horse indicated by the Judge. 10 Pts.
 - f. Bridle the horse. 15 Pts.
 - g. Name the part(s) of tack indicated by the judge. 10 Pts.

- h. Remove the bridle. 15 Pts.
- i. Replace the halter and lead the horse from the ring. 5 Pts.

16. GROOM CONTEST:

- A. The purpose of this contest is to give horse club members an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to work together to groom and prepare a horse or show with the end result of actually showing the horse in showmanship by one of the members of each team. Mixed club teams are allowed.
- B. The contest is open to more than one team from each 4-H Horse Club. Teams may be of mixed ages, but will be judged according to eldest member. The squad shall consist of 4 - 5 members, to be decided on by the club or team. Mixed clubs teams are permissible.
- C. Rules:
 - a. Each team participating must make arrangements to furnish an ungroomed horse. Before the class begins, the judge will inspect all horses entered to determine whether they are suitable for the contest (disqualifications could be a well groomed horse, one used for showing recently, or dirt rubbed artificially onto the horse, etc.)
 - b. Contestants must furnish all grooming equipment and supplies, upon entering the arena. No electrical or battery operated equipment may be used. Only 4 buckets (5 gal. each) of water will be allowed.
 - c. The showman will come to the competition dressed in show clothes. They may have protective dressing over their show clothes for the grooming portion of the contest. The showman is not allowed to groom the horse. The show man holds the horse during the competition while the other team mates groom. No horses will be tied.
 - d. Time allowed for grooming the horse will be 45 minutes. All squad members will assist. There will be a 10 minute warning before the end of the contest.
 - e. Following the grooming, squad members will have 10 Minutes to practice showing the horse. All members may assist, but only one will be selected by the squad to do the final showing.
 - f. Any club providing an unmanageable and unsafe horse, as determined by the judge, will be disqualified.
 - g. No coaching from the sidelines will be allowed. Points will be deducted at the judge's discretion

D. GROOM SQUAD CONTEST BASIS FOR SCORING:

Grooming	30 Pts.
Quality of grooming	20 Pts.
General improvement	20 Pts.
Safety	20 Pts.
Teamwork, organization	10 Pts.
Showmanship	10 Pts.
Totaling	100 Pts.

17. TEAM PENNING:

- A. Any unwritten rule or clarifications will be referred to USTPA Guidelines.
- B. No novices may ride in Team Penning.
- C. Team-penners must attend one pre-approved team penning clinic on the ground and one under saddle in order to ride in the team penning event at County Sponsored Event.
- D. Within a 90 second time limit, a team of three riders must cut from a herd of cattle and pen three head of cattle with the assigned (same) identity number or colored neck band.
- E. A warning will be given to the team working the cattle 30 seconds prior to a final time being called at 90 seconds.
- F. All cattle will be bunched on the cattle side of the starting line before the time begins. The line flag person will raise the flag to signal when the arena is ready. Contestants will be given their cattle penning number/color when the line flag person drops his flag as the nose of the first horse crosses the starting line. Riders are committed once they enter the arena. Any delay will be a disqualification.
- G. Once committed to the cattle, a team is completely responsible for the animals. It is the team's responsibility before working the cattle to pull up and call for a judge if, in their opinion there is an injured animal in their numbered/colored cattle. Once the cattle are worked, no excuses are accepted.
- H. As each new team begins a run, there must be no less than 12, and no more than 30 head of cattle in the arena. All cattle within a herd must be numbered/colored in groups of three.
 - a. In the event that more or less than three identical numbers are in the arena and is the number given the team riding, a re-ride must be given at the end of the set of cattle. Time for all other teams within such a misnumbered herd will remain the same.
 - b. There must always be the same number of cattle in each of the herds used in a go round. All teams riding in the short/over herd will be given a re-ride.
- I. 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.
- J. However, time continues until all unpenned cattle are on the cattle side of the starting line. In the event an animal escapes from the pen after time is called for, but prior to the time that any unpenned cattle are on the cattle side of the foul line, the team will be judged a "no time". Two horses and riders must be on the pen side when time is called.
 - a. A team calling for time with any wrong numbered/colored cattle in the pen will be judged a "no time".
 - b. A team may call for A time with only one or two assigned cattle being penned. However, teams penning three head of cattle place higher than two, and two place higher than one, regardless of time.
- K. Placing will be determined by averaging the two best times and number of cattle penned.

- L. If more than four head of cattle are brought across the start/foul line at any one time, the team will be judged a "no time". The start/foul line will be a variable distance of 40% to 50% of the arena.
- M. Contact with cattle by hands, hats, ropes, bats, romel or any other equipment is a disqualification. A team exhibiting any unnecessary roughness may be judged a "no time". No hazing with chaps, hats, or ropes will be allowed. Romels or reins may be swung or popped on horse or chaps.
- N. A team will be disqualified by the judge for any action he or she feels to be unnecessary roughness to the cattle or "unsportsmanlike" conduct. If excessive roughness continues, any team or team member may be disqualified by the judge from the day's event.
- O. If an animal leaves the arena, either through or over the fence, the team can either be disqualified for unnecessary roughness, given time on their remaining cattle, or be given a re-ride depending on the judge's decision. If a re-ride is given, it must be given at the end of that set of cattle. If more than one re-ride is given in any go-round, they will be taken in order of occurrence.
- P. The working order of the teams and cattle number/ colors will be drawn before the start of the contest.
- Q. All contestants must wear safety helmets and approved footwear.

18. BREAKAWAY ROPING:

- A. No novices may ride in Breakaway Roping.
- B. This is a timed event with a two minute time limit.
 - a. Two loops will be permitted. One or two ropes are to be tied to the saddle horn by a heavy string in such a manner as to allow the rope to be released from the horn when the calf reaches the end of the rope.
 - b. A visible cloth or flag must be attached to the end of the rope tied to the horn to make it easier for the flagger to see it break free.
 - c. Should the roper desire to use a second loop it must be tied to the saddle horn, and this rope must be used for the second loop.
 - d. The contestant may free his first rope from the horn after a miss, before getting the second loop ready if he/she wishes. If the second loop falls it cannot be rebuilt.
- C. No Time:
 - a. The contestant shall receive no time should he/she break the rope from the horn by hand or touch the rope or string after the catch is made.
 - b. If the rope dallies or will not break free when the calf reaches the end of it the contestant will receive no time.
- D. Time will be called from drop of the flag at barrier to the break of the rope string from the saddle horn. A legal catch is to be any loop that goes completely over the calf's head and draws up on any part of the calf's body causing the rope to break away from the saddle horn. Roping the calf without releasing the loop from the hand is not permitted.

- E. Any attempt by a contestant to position his horse in the box enabling the contestant to rope the calf without leaving the box shall be disqualification.
- F. Rope may not pass through bridle, tie down, neck rope, or any other device.
- G. It is recommended, whenever possible, that the judge be on horseback and flag the class. The judge will determine legal catches or any other rule infractions.
- H. This event shall be performed following the same general rules as youth calf roping under the usual common rodeo standards and conditions.
- I. Western type equipment must be used. Use of a hackamore (including mechanical hackamore) or other type of bridles is the optional choice of the contestant. However, the judge may prohibit the use of bits or equipment he/she may consider severe.

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