

BIG LOOP RULES

There shall be 2 time keepers, a field judge and starter.

There will be a 60 second time limit until five places are established and then the fifth place time will become the new time limit.

Animals used in this event will be inspected and objectionable ones will be eliminated.

Saddle horns must be dry mule hide or latigo wrapped only.

Contestants come from behind the score line and the barrier will trip at the shoulder of the horse. There will be a 15 second penalty for broken barrier. The contestant coming from behind the barrier box must take the first shot. The front footer has to start from the other box. The front footer shall not cross the designated red posts in the arena ahead of the stock or a 15 second penalty will be assessed. The team will be disqualified if for any reason either contestant becomes separated from his/her own mount.

Stock belongs to ropers after clearing the chute gate regardless of what happens with one exception; if the stock gets out of the arena, the flag will be dropped and time will be stopped. Ropers will get stock back LAP AND TAP, roping from the barrier box with time added which was taken when stock left the arena.

Each contestant will be allowed to carry only one rope. Each team is allowed 3 loops. Loops must contain 20 feet of rope. Each contestant will have their loop measured and marked by an official before competing. **ALL QUALIFIED CATCHES WILL HAVE THEIR LOOPS REMEASURED.**

Ropers must throw the rope for catch to be legal and they must dally.

Contestants must hold dallies until field judge passes on catches.

Field judge will tell ropers when to turn stock loose. If either contestant, header or front footer, drops their rope before they receive time, they will be disqualified. Time will be taken when stock is roped and both horses face stock in line with ropes dallied tight. Ropes cannot be crossed in any way.

Stock must be standing up when roped by head or front feet.

Stock must not be handled roughly at any time and ropers will be disqualified if in the opinion of the field judge they have intentionally done so. **Any** stock injury will result in immediate disqualification.

The following are legal catches:

1. Clean catch around the neck.
2. Both front feet on the front catch.

Any other catches are illegal.

ALL DECISIONS WILL BE LEFT UP TO THE JUDGES.