



# Team Penning



## Participant Information

- **Contact:** Doug Mattson 218-750-2277 or Jeff Anderson 218-780-3449
- **Registration:**
  - Registration opens 1 hour before the event and closes at 2pm on Saturday.
  - Additional registrations can be made during cattle changes.
- **Event Time:**
  - Friday 3pm – Dusk
  - Saturday 9am - Dusk
- **Entry Fee:** \$15 per rider per run and include a mandatory cattle fee
- **Payout per Day:**
  - Fastest Team (from Friday & Saturday): \$300
  - Top Team: Buckles
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: TBD
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: TBD
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: TBD
- **Other:**
  - Primitive camping is available onsite.
  - Food and concessions will be available onsite.
  - Limited stall rental is available onsite.

## Rules & Regulations

Team Penning is a three-rider team, cutting 3 like numbered cattle, from a total of 30 head numbered 0 - 9. A run starts when the team members cross the start/foul line.

1. Cattle will be settled on the back wall of the arena prior to a run, at the announcer's discretion.
2. Time limit is 90 seconds.
3. Three (3) head of cattle with the same number must be cut out of a herd and placed in the pen.
4. A team may pen and call time with only one (1) or two (2) head, however; teams that pen three (3) head will place higher in score.
5. Cattle will be settled in the center, against the back wall prior to start. The announcer will indicate when he/she feels the cattle are ready: When indicated, the riders may move towards the herd. Time starts when the nose of a horse passes over the start line, at which time the announcer will call out the number to be penned. Contestants are committed once they cross the start line.
6. Once committed to the cattle and time has started, a team may only be called back by the announcer in the event of an incorrect number called or a failure to start the timer correctly. In the event a team is given an incorrect/used number, the team will be given a re-run.





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7. If three or more incorrect number cattle cross the start line, the team will be given a No-Time for too many trash cows.
8. After penning the correct cattle, to call for time, one or more riders 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. However, if the nose of said horse enters the gate prior to any portion of the penned cow (except the tail), the timer will stop when the last cow in question is completely in the pen or has completely escaped from the pen.
9. Time will continue until all un-penned cattle (including cattle with the assigned number) are on the cattle side of the starting line. In the event that an animal escapes from the pen after time has been called, but prior to the time that all un-penned cattle are on the cattle side of the starting line, the team will be given a No-time.
10. Contact with cattle by hands, hat, rope, bat, or any other equipment is a disqualification. No hazing with whips, hats, or ropes is allowed. Falling hats must immediately be dropped or placed back on head to avoid disqualification for hazing. Reins may be popped on horse or chaps.
11. Once committed to the cattle, the team is completely responsible for their animals.
12. A team will be disqualified by a flagger for any action determined to be unnecessary roughness to the cattle, or unsportsmanlike conduct. This includes but is not limited to; running over cattle with a horse, stepping on cattle while in pursuit, running through the herd in such manner that the cattle are knocked down, and entering the pen with such force on the cattle causing them to collide with the pen panels.
13. When a team completes their run, it is the responsibility of the team members to group the cattle together and hold the herd for the next team.
14. If unforeseen conditions occur (excessive heat, bad weather, exhausted cattle, Etc.) The committee reserves the right to pause or cancel the event. It is the responsibility of the committee to ensure the safety and welfare of the contestants, horses, and cattle. The committee will choose the appropriate action and announcer will relay instructions.
15. If the event is paused for any reason, contestants will be expected to be ready to ride when the event resumes. Contestants not ready to compete will be given a no time. If after the pause it is decided that the event must be cancelled for the remainder of the day, contestants present and ready to ride will be given a refund of their entry fee. Contestants not present or not ready to ride will forfeit their entry fee.
16. All decisions made by the Team Penning & Ranch Sorting Committee are final.

