



2015 *Early Californios Skills of the Rancho*

Event Descriptions

Open Reata Calf Branding: 3 person teams, 10 minute time limit

- Team will rope three specified head out of the rodear as smoothly and efficiently as possible.
- Rodear should be maintained at all times with no foul line, so each team needs to use their judgment.
- Animal must be taken out of the herd to a ground crew (ground crew not judged).
- Scattering of the herd or blatant disregard for rodear will result in disqualification.
- This is a walk-trot class; any loping (except to save your life) over 3 hops will result in major penalties or disqualification at the judge's discretion.
- Points will only be given to teams that rope all 3 head in the 10 minute time limit.
- Team members entered in the Stockhorse will still be judged whether all 3 head are roped or not.

Open Reata Rodear Sort & Rope: 3 person teams, 8 minute time limit

- Team will be given the number of start animal and sort in order, each animal from that number on.
- The number assigned will be left in the starting pen and roped, head and heel ropes are set, and then let up.
- The team member that does not have the animal roped will do ground work.
- Ground worker's horse must be under control at all times. If their horse takes off and leaves, major penalties or disqualification may result.
- Time ends when ropes are set and animal is in control of the ropers.

Pro/Amateur Division

This division is for those who want to build their skills with the help of a more experienced person. This is a skill-building class, where only the amateur rider pays entry fees and is judged. Participants may pick a partner ahead of time or show officials will help find a partner at the event. The Amateur classes are for those who do not make a living riding horses in any way.

Pro/Amateur Rodear Calf Branding: 3 person teams, two amateurs, one open rider, 10 minute time limit

- Team will rope 2 specified head out of the rodear as smoothly and efficiently as possible.
- Rodear should be maintained at all times. There will be no foul line, so each team needs to use their good judgment.
- Animal must be taken out of the herd to a ground crew (ground crew not judged).
- Scattering of the herd or blatant disregard for rodear will result in disqualification.
- This is a walk-trot class; any loping (except to save your life) over 3 hops will result in major penalties or disqualification at the judge's discretion.
- Points will only be given to teams that rope 2 head in the 10 minute time limit.
- Team members entered in the Stockhorse will still be judged whether 2 head are roped or not.

Pro/Amateur Rodear Sorting: 3 person teams, two amateurs, one open rider, 4 minute time limit

- Riders will wait at the gate until they are given a number. They will proceed to sort cattle in numerical order from the number given the 10 head of cattle in that pen, and move them to the next pen.
- Cattle going out of numerical order, or come back once they have been moved through the gate will end time with no score.
- If the team runs out of time without fouls, they will be scored on the cattle sorted.
- Roughing or jamming cattle will result in disqualification.



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Junior / Adult Sort & Rope: 2 person teams, one over 18 years and one aged 7-17 years, 7 minute time limit.

- Team will sort out 1 specified animal from one pen to another pen.
- Team will then rope the animal and hold the animal until ropes are set by a provided ground crew.
- Animal must be headed within 5 minutes for team to continue.

Junior / Adult Rodear Sorting: 2 person teams, one over 18 years of age and one aged 7-17 years, 5 minute time limit

- Riders will wait at the gate until they are given a number. They will proceed to sort cattle in numerical order from the number given the 10 head of cattle in that pen, and move them to the next pen.
- Cattle going out of numerical order, or come back once they have been moved through the gate will end time with no score.
- If the team runs out of time without fouls, they will be scored on the cattle sorted.
- Roughing or jamming cattle will result in disqualification.

Mixed / Ladies Sort & Rope: 2 person teams, one woman/one man or two ladies, 6 minute time limit.

- Team will sort out 1 specified animal from one pen to another pen.
- Team will then rope the animal and hold the animal until ropes are set by a provided ground crew.
- Animal must be headed within 4 minutes for team to continue.

Mixed / Ladies Rodear Sorting: 2 person teams, one lady/one man or two ladies, 4 minute time limit.

- Riders will wait at the gate until they are given a number. They will proceed to sort cattle in numerical order from the number given the 10 head of cattle in that pen, and move them to the next pen.
- Cattle going out of numerical order, or come back once they have been moved through the gate will end time with no score.
- If the team runs out of time without fouls, they will be scored on the cattle sorted.
- Roughing or jamming cattle will result in disqualification.

Working Equitation Rodear Sorting (for USAWEA members entered in Working Equitation Cattle Skills event – see USWEA Show Premium): 1 person; CBA will assign a partner, 4 minute time limit.

- Riders will wait at the gate until they are given a number. They will proceed to sort cattle in numerical order from the number given the 10 head of cattle in that pen, and move them to the next pen.
- Cattle going out of numerical order, or come back once they have been moved through the gate will end time with no score.
- If the team runs out of time without fouls, they will be scored on the cattle sorted.
- Roughing or jamming cattle will result in disqualification.

Viejo Sort & Rope: 2 person teams, both members must be 55 years or over, 6 minute time limit.

- Team will sort out 1 specified animal from one pen to another pen.
- Team will then rope the animal and hold the animal until ropes are set by a provided ground crew.
- Animal must be headed within 6 minutes for team to continue.



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Viejo Rodear Sorting: 2 person teams, both members must be 55 years or over, 4 minute time limit

- Riders will wait at the gate until they are given a number. They will proceed to sort cattle in numerical order from the number given the 10 head of cattle in that pen, and move them to the next pen.
- Cattle going out of numerical order, or come back once they have been moved through the gate will end time with no score.
- If the team runs out of time without fouls, they will be scored on the cattle sorted.
- Roughing or jamming cattle will result in disqualification. ‘

Amateur & Junior Breakaway Roping: One roper and one helper to set up shots for the roper, 2.5 minute time limit

- Riders will enter pen, set up and make as many shots as possible within the time limit.
- Shots are scored the same as other roping events.
- Rousing cattle or excessive stirring of the herd will result in penalties or disqualification if extreme.

Open/Amateur/Junior/Viejo/Ladies’/Overall Stockhorse

- All Stockhorses will be judged throughout the competition, and each must be entered in at least one other event in their division (Rodear Sorting, Roping, or Breakaway roping).
- The Stockhorse will be a bit different this year, as the Californio Bridlehorse Association (CBA) has teamed up with the United States Working Equitation Association.
- Stock Horse Dry Work Class: All stock horse entries will compete in the USAWEA Working Equitation Show’s L3 Stock Horse Working Dressage Class to fulfill the Dry Work score portion of the CBA Stock Horse Competition.
- The Working Dressage phase involves riding a set pattern/test as described in the United States Working Equitation Association rules that are available on line at www.usawe.com. The CBA Stock Horse entries will all compete in level 3 regardless of gear or division. Stock horse contestants will perform the L3 Working Dressage test. The test is available by request from CBA or may be downloaded from the USAWEA.com website.
- The Stock Horse L3 Working Equitation Phase 1 Working Dressage/Dry Work class will be Friday Afternoon/evening in the Mountain View arena. Each rider will be assigned a specific ride time. Ride times will be assigned approximately one week prior to the show. The rider will ride test per USAWEA rules in a regulation 20 M X 40 M arena. The horse/rider team is given a score for each movement as well as scores for impulsion, obedience, and overall impression. USAWEA will award prizes and ribbons for overall class placement. Scores will then be used for individual scores by gear for CBA Stock Horse Competition. Riders will be allowed to have an assistant call the test pattern out loud to them during the competition. Questions should be referred to USAWEA Show Secretary: Sue Watkins: email: horseysue@gmail.com
- All horses must be shown in both venues in the same gear to qualify for the Overall Stockhorse Champion Honors.



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General Rules

One of the main goals of this competition is to preserve and pass on, the values and skills of the early Californio stockmen and bridlemen. All competitors should, at all times, try their best to uphold these values throughout the entire competition, whether in the arena or not. Respect should be shown to horses, cattle, and other competitors at all times. We are here because we believe in this manner of working, and want to see it continued. We are all on the same team in a way.

Equipment

Horses must only be ridden in hackamores, two-reins, or straight up in the bridle.

Hackamore

- Hackamores must have rawhide or rope cores with no metal or cable used in its construction.
- Horses may be shown in the hackamore as 4 year-olds and over without penalty in roping and stockmanship events (sorting, etc.).
- Any horse that is 7 years or older shown in the Stockhorse class in a hackamore will incur a ½ point penalty for every year over the age of 7.
- Horses must be shown in all events with the same equipment as they are entered in the Stockhorse class, as they will be judged throughout the entire competition.

Two-rein

- Two-reins may be only be used on horses over 5 years old that has a fully set mouth (all permanent teeth are in).
- Leather curb straps only.
- The rider may use two hands on under-bridle rein only, if needed.
- Two hands on bridle reins will result in major penalties or disqualification at the judge's discretion.

Straight up in the Bridle

- Bridlehorses must be ridden in Californio-style bridles with no broken or hinged mouthpieces allowed.
- Romal reins with chains are required, as are neck or get-down ropes.
- Any leading of horses by the bridle reins at any time during the competition will result in major penalties or disqualification at the judge's discretion.
- The use of the spade bit is encouraged as this is a cornerstone of the Californio bridle horse.
- ½ point will be awarded to each member of a team whose horse is comfortably working in the spade bit.
- Leather curb straps only.
- No tie-downs, running rings, or gimmicks of any kind are allowed.

Attire

- Dressing with respect to the style we want to preserve is greatly appreciated.
- Cowboy hats, heeled boots, full-length pants, and long sleeve shirts are required while competing.
- Open competitors are required to wear leggings of some sort (armitas, chinks, or chaps).



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General Rules - Continued

Ropes

- Ropes must be at least 45 feet long
- Open divisions will use the rawhide reata only

Horn wraps

- Horn wraps must be of mule hide or leather. No rubber or other grabby horn wraps are allowed.
- Amateur & Junior ropers may use cotton horn wraps.

Details

- Once an animal is roped, the roper of that animal must not hand off the rope to any other team member. They must dally and handle the animal themselves. The only exception to this rule is in the Amateur and Junior classes, where safety of competitors or livestock is an issue.
- Equipment failure may result in disqualification at the judge's discretion.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, roughing of cattle or horses, or working in an unsafe or out of control manner can result in disqualification.

Judging Guide

- All classes and divisions will be judged on the same principle; we will judge from the ranch owner's or cow-boss's perspective. This means we will judge as if we owned the livestock you are working and riding, and we are paying your workman's compensation if you get yourself or someone else is hurt.
- The idea is that we want to see work done in a manner that would benefit any ranch.
- All work should be performed as if we are on the ranch surrounded by bad fences and rough ground.
- Focus will be on productivity, efficiency, sustainability, safety, and workmanship. These are important factors to any agricultural endeavor.
- Although, these are timed events, judges are absolutely not looking for any high-speed action. We are looking for smooth, efficient work with the least amount of wasted movement.
- Judges will be looking for the job to be done with skill and timing, where competitors are using finesse and superior thought and planning, instead of reckless speed to succeed at the task at hand.
- Certain things such as taking too long to set up a certain shot, or taking too long to get a handle on an animal once it is roped will lead to point deductions, as will anything that decreases the overall efficiency and productivity of a run.
- All judges' decisions are to be respected and considered as final.
- Judges may alter certain rules of a class at the time of the event, as long as prior notice is given, and each contestant of that class is notified.
- Judges will hold a meeting before each event and explain what they are looking for in that particular event, and what is not allowed. At the time of the meeting, anyone who is unclear as to what is expected in that class should seek clarification.



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Judging Guide - Continued

Judges' Score Card

Categories:

Each category will have a +10 to -10 point section, with 0 being an average run without mistakes.

- **Sustainability:** How well a team works cattle and their horses in a low-stress, thoughtful, building towards the future, fashion. What this means is try to avoid doing things today that will cost you or set you back tomorrow or in the future.
- **Safety:** How safely a team works with cattle, horses, ground crew, and each other.
- **Workmanship:** Skill and finesse the team uses while competing. This covers rope handling, setting up shots, horsemanship, stockmanship, and teamwork.

Roping

- Roping shots will be scored on a point system.
- Legal head shots are clean round the neck, neck and front foot, or figure-eight with one or both front feet.
- One front foot shot may be thrown per animal. It must come up with both front feet, and the rope must not come tight until the animal is in a safe position.
- Remember, any undue stress at any point during a run on an animal will lead to point deductions.

Points accrued in the roping:

- Turnover shots will be worth 12 point on either head or heels.
- Scoop shots will be worth 10 points on either head or heels.
- Backhand and houlihan shots will be worth 8 points on either head or heels.
- Overhand shots will be worth 6 points on head or heels.
- 1 to 5 points may be awarded each shot, for distance, style, and using the most efficient shot for the situation.

Point deductions in the roping:

- Misses will be a 2 point deduction.
- Roping the incorrect cow will count as a miss and must be stripped before the correct animal is roped.
- Belly roping a cow will count as a miss and must be stripped.
- Single leg in a heel loop will be a 2 point deduction.
- Rope coming tight on a high hock or double hock (-1 point on a single hock, -3 points for both hocks).
- Cattle backed into the loop will only be worth 5 points, no matter the shot thrown and the single leg rule will still apply.
- A lost rope will be a 10 point penalty.



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General Information

Camping: RV camping with hookups available through the venue, www.earlwarren.com/rv-park. Dry camping also available, same price as spot with hookups to reserve early.

Dogs: All dogs must be leashed or kenneled in accordance with showground rules.