

Lincoln County Ranch Rodeo Rules

Branding/Sorting Contest:

- 4 Person Team
- Legal Loops – Horns, ½ head or neck, neck and front leg
- No front legs
- Brand on left hip
- Sort off 4 cows/brand other 4
 - Ground crew must stay in the circle until ropes are tight
 - Iron cannot be thrown
 - Iron cannot leave the circle until front legs are strung and tight
 - Brand must be placed correctly in the designated area
 - 30 second penalty if the brand is not placed correctly
 - No time if choked out / not time if roughing cattle
 - 6 minute time limit

No person but team and officials will be allowed on the ground – **Judge's decisions are final.**

**** NEW EVENT** Youth/ Adult Branding/Sorting Contest:**

- 4 Person Team (2 adults & 2 youth ages 12 and under)
- Legal Loops – Horns, ½ head or neck, neck and front leg
- No front legs
- Brand on left hip
- Sort off 4 cows/brand other 4
 - Ground crew must stay in the circle until ropes are tight
 - Ground crew is allowed to help hold ropes if needed for safety purposes
 - Iron cannot be thrown
 - Iron cannot leave the circle until front legs are strung and tight
 - Brand must be placed correctly in the designated area
 - Dropped ropes can be picked up by ground crew, ground crew must then return to circle
 - Youth gets the iron and brands the calf unassisted
 - Must be one youth and one adult on horse and on ground
 - 30 second penalty if the brand is not placed correctly
 - 12 minute time limit

Cow Doctoring:

- 4 Person Team
- Any of the 4 contestants can rope
- Legal Loops – Horns, ½ head or neck, neck and front leg
- No front legs
- 4-minute time limit
- Your cow's number will be called when you cross the line
- Time will start when a team member crosses the line

- You will cut the cow out and bring it through the barrels while holding the rest of the herd on the other side of the barrels. Any animal coming past the barrels that is not the correct one will result in a 1-minute penalty.
 - Any team member may head the cow
 - Once the cow is headed and healed, the neck rope must come off the head and be put on the front feet into a full stretch
 - A chalk line on the forehead of the cow must be visible
 - Time will be stopped when the animal is strung tight
- Judge's decisions are final.**

Trailer Loading:

- 4 Person Team
 - 3-minute time limit
 - 1 minute penalty for each cow that is not loaded into the trailer when the gate is closed
- Stock trailer will be placed somewhere in the arena with the gate open
 - 2 cows will be turned out in the arena
 - Team members must load cows into the trailer
 - Time starts when a team member crossed the line
 - Time ends when the gate is shut
- Judge's decision is final.**

Muley Roping:

- 4 Person Team
 - Legal Loops – Horns, ½ head or neck, neck and one front leg
 - 1 hind leg is a 5 second penalty
 - Team members must designate who they rope/sort with before start time
- 15 cows will be turned out in the arena, two members sort your given #, 2 members rope cow once its past the barrier
 - Time starts when judge says go
 - Each cow must be head and healed and time stops when cow is stretched
- Judge's decision is final.**