

HDTPA SORTING ASSOCIATION RULES

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1. There will be no abuse of cattle or horses. Flagger &/or Director can make a decision for abuse &/or roughing.
2. Use of foul language while participating in a sorting event will be cause for ejection from the event without refund of entry fees. 1st offense = warning 2nd offense = \$10.00 fine.
3. All contestants and herd settlers must wear western attire. A western hat, long-sleeved western shirt tucked in and buttoned properly, and boots. In the event of extreme temperatures, the director in charge and the judges will decide on the day of the event if short sleeved western shirts may be worn. Western attire is optional for the timers and announcers. Tank tops and tee shirts will not be allowed. A fine of \$10 will be levied by the judges at their discretion, against any contestant not in compliance. Fines must be paid before the contestant rides again. Helmets are acceptable..
4. Starting number for each team will be drawn when the team is in the arena.
5. There will be at least 10 cattle in the end of the arena marked with visible numbers from 0-9.
6. Cattle will be settled after each run, to the satisfaction of the flagger.
7. The first person on each team to enter the herd will be designated the "Team Captain"
 - a. The number will be announced two more times for a total of three times.
 - b. In case of a tie, there will be a "minute" run-off. The most cattle sorted will be the winner.
8. You are to start with the starting number and continue in a numerical order. For example: Your number is 6. You must first sort 6, then 7, 8, 9, 0.... etc.
9. If any cattle, already sorted, re-enter the herd, the team is disqualified.
10. If any cattle cross the foul line out of sequence, the team is disqualified.
11. You can continue to sort until all cattle are out or until you are out of time.
12. Teams are judged on their number of cattle sorted, and on the time it took to sort them.
 - a. If 10 cattle are sorted, then time will become the determining factor. The clock will be stopped when the last tail crosses the line.
 - b. It is permissive to stop sorting anytime to hold cattle already sorted until the clock runs out.
13. No hazing of cattle with hats, romels or ropes will be permitted. Slapping hand to leg or Rommel to leg is acceptable.
14. Decisions of flaggers are final.
15. Any appeals must be made before leaving the arena.
 - a. Two (2) Directors will be in charge at each sorting event. Appeals will be resolved by the 2 directors in charge and the flagger, if the appeal involves the flagger's decision.
 - b. Any member who refuses to abide by the final decision of an appeal and/or continue the dispute, may be disqualified from further participation at the respective event. Any further suspension from future events would require a vote by the Board of Directors.
16. In a case where a cow falls down behind the line, any team member can stop the clock by raising their hand. This will allow the arena directors to make a decision as to whether the problem resulted from rider error or the cow being faulty.