

HDTPA Western Heritage Sorting Rules

This class is used to fine tune the cattle reading and handling skills of the contestant and also to attract a whole new population of contestants who may be intimidated by the speed of competition in many of our events. Those who excel in slow and quiet cattle management will now have a game to be very competitive in. In this class, all standard HDTPA sorting rules will remain, with the addition of two new ones.

a) Limited to a trot or walk by the sorter:

Loping after one stride by the sorter will result in a no time. The gate person can go at any speed to defend the gate as a defensive move however they cannot lope toward or into the herd to sort cattle.

b) Verbal noise, by either contestant, intended to influence the cattle is prohibited. Shouting by either rider to intimidate the cattle will result in a No Time, however, non-verbal noises such as whistling, clucking, slapping chaps, etc... are all common practices among cattlemen and are allowed. Artificial whistles are not allowed.

Rotating of gatekeeper and sorter is optional.

Flagger will act as judge and non-compliance with the above rules will result in being flagged out and a No Time received.

Please note: Flagger will issue a single warning prior to a No Time being received for our first event on April 14th only while we adjust to this new class. After that a No Time will be issued at the first offense.