

Dakota Classic Ranch Horse Competition

The Dakota Classic Ranch Horse Competition (DCRHC) was started to promote the number one athletes of the livestock industry, the ever versatile working ranch horse and their owner/riders. This competition welcomes anyone, regardless of age and level of ability, as we would like to promote an event that is both fun for competitor and spectator alike. The purpose is to demonstrate an individual with sound conformation and overall versatile performance abilities. Individuals will be judged in 3 classes: Ranch Trail, Ranch Reining, and Working Ranch Horse. There will be three divisions offered for competitors: Ranch Open, Ranch Ladies, and Ranch Youth. The Ranch Open is for any horse & rider regardless of age or sex. Ranch Ladies is available to any female regardless of age. Youth is for any individual 18 or under.

When & Where: Saturday May 15th, 2010 @ the Bowman, North Dakota All-Season Arena, 1:00 p.m. MDT

Entry Information:

Entry fee is \$60.00 for the Open; \$45.00 for the Ladies; & \$35.00 for Youth (fee per horse and rider combination). Early entries must be received by May 10th. Late entries will be welcome up until show time, but will be assessed an additional \$10.00 late fee. (It is recommended if entries cannot be received by the deadline to pay at the door.) Mail checks or money orders payable to Double J Horse Sales, 9222 -45th St NE, Crary, ND 58327 ---- Completed and signed Dakota Classic Ranch Horse Competition entry form must accompany check or money order. No phone, fax, or email entries accepted. (Note: Entries may be limited due to time constraints.)

General Information:

A copy of these rules and entry form are available online by going to the Double J Horses Sales web site at www.doublejhorsesales.com and clicking on the DCRHC link. More information is also available by contacting the Double J Horse Sales main office at (701)398-3099. There are a limited number of pens available at the Bowman County Fairgrounds on a first come first serve basis; additional pens will be available at Bowman Livestock Market. All out of state or country horses must have a current Coggins, Health, or Brand Clearance (if applicable) to meet interstate or intrastate transportation requirements. **DO NOT CONFUSE THIS COMPETITION WITH THE SALE DAY RANCH HORSE COMPETION—THIS IS A SEPARATE EVENT FOR ANY HORSE OR RIDER!!**

General Rules:

- 1) Open to all breeds and grade horses.
- 2) No tie-downs or running martingales are permitted.
- 3) Hoof polish, glitter, or shine products are discouraged.
- 4) Horses to be ridden with western tack and appropriate western attire.
- 5) Silver on saddles and tack is discouraged, but will be judged equal to a good working outfit.
- 6) Horse must be shown in all classes of their respective division by the same rider to qualify for division prizes.
- 7) Horse must be owned by the current rider, or the rider must be a full time employee of the owner, or an immediate family member: spouse, parent, child, sibling, or grandparent.
- 8) Rider may ride/demonstrate more than one horse in this event, but will pay separate entry for each.
- 9) Same horse may be ridden by more than one rider in this event with paid separate entry.

Classes:

Ranch Trail:

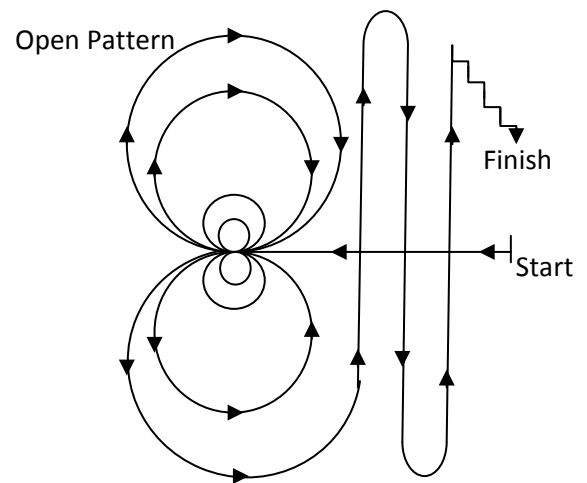
1. Rider will enter arena on horseback by opening and closing the gate.
2. Walk across the bridge and then dismount on the right side.
3. Pick up all four feet.
4. Load and unload horse in trailer. Mount horse on left side.
5. A rope will be handed to the rider. Rider must turn log and drag 15 feet, turn log and drag in back to place of origin. (Note: No time limit, based on Judge's discretion. Judge may pass rider on to next obstacle. Scored in obstacle order, broken order equals broken pattern and no score for that obstacle.)

Ranch Reining:

Ranch Open Division Only-

Beginning at the center of the arena facing the grandstands.

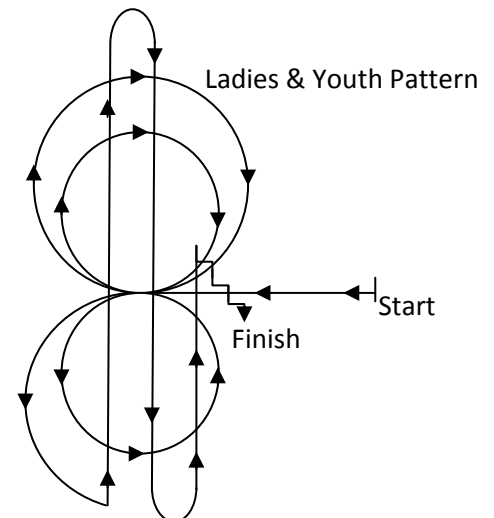
1. Walk to center of arena.
2. Complete 2 spins to the right.
3. Complete 2 spins to the left. Hesitate.
4. Beginning on right lead complete small slow figure 8, make lead change at center. Then ride a larger faster figure 8, make lead change in center. No hesitation.
5. Before completing last loop run straight down the arena and do a right roll back. No hesitation.
6. Run straight down the arena again and do a left roll back.
7. Run past the center line and do a sliding stop. Back horse up 15 feet then stop and settle horse for 5 seconds.



Ranch Ladies & Youth Division Only-

Beginning at the center of the arena facing the grandstands.

1. Walk to center of arena.
2. Beginning on right lead complete small slow figure 8, make lead change at center. Then ride a larger faster $\frac{3}{4}$ figure 8, make lead change at center. No hesitation.
3. At the bottom of last circle, lope up the middle past outside circles stop and do a right roll back. No hesitation.
4. Lope down the middle past the outside circles stop and do a left roll back. No hesitation.
5. Lope past the center line, stop and back up horse 10 feet and settle horse for 5 seconds.



Working Ranch Horse:

(Time allowed 4 minutes for the Ranch Open and 3½ minutes for the Ranch Ladies & Ranch Youth.)

Time starts when Rider raises hand above head and calls for their cow. After receiving the cow, the contestant shall hold cow at the prescribed end of the arena for sufficient amount of time to demonstrate the ability of the horse to contain and control the cow on that end (boxing cow). When holding ability is proven, the contestant shall take the cow down the fence past the center of the arena before beginning their turns towards the fence in each direction. Rider shall turn cow at least one turn each way on the same fence they originally went down. Rider will herd or/track the cow to the pen. Rider will pen the cow in the "pen". Hold the cow in the pen for at least 10 seconds, allow cow to exit, or go in and herd the cow out.

(Note: Throughout the cow work, remember the name of the game is controlling the cow. The judge must take in consideration what kind of cow each rider draws in order to accurately judge the degree of difficulty in each situation.)

Ranch Ladies & Ranch Youth ONLY: Call for time to stop by raising hand to indicate cow work is complete. NO Roping. Immediately herd cow to catch pen.

Open Ranch ONLY: Roping- Rider must bring own rope. Rider must attempt to rope and stop the cow. Rider may carry two loops. The roping consists of 3 segments: 1. Speed, Rate & Tracking; 2. Catch & Dally; and 3. Stop.

1. Speed, Rate & Tracking Cow: Maximum credit give to the horse that shows ample speed going to the cow, rates off so the rider can rope, tracks a cow that circles, ducks right or left and stays in position so the rider can rope. (Note: Rider must build a loop & attempt a throw to qualify for this category.)

2. Catch & Dally: The loop must go over the cow's head. Rope is then dallied.

3. Stop: Maximum credit given to the horse that stops square & hard in a straight line with the cow. The horse's hindquarters should be underneath him. Time will be stopped when the horse comes to a complete stop. Immediately herd cow to catch pen.

(Note: It is not necessary for rider to catch for the contestant to receive a score in the roping portion. Rider is allowed to rope until time runs out. Points awarded for each completed segment until time runs out.)

Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded after and for each Division. Entry fees, plus any possible additional added prize money, will be Jackpotted after all expenses. Prize money will be mailed out in the form of a check. Additional prizes and awards will be sought and welcome up until event. Additional prizes awarded at event management discretion. Number of places paid based on the number of entries per division. (1 – 5 contestants: 2 places, 1st 60%, 2nd 40%; 6 – 11 contestants: 3 places, 1st 50%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20%; 12 or more contestants: 4 places, 1st 40%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20%, 4th 10%.)

Conduct:

Conduct on event grounds of exhibitors, owners, and their representatives, together with all other persons being present on show grounds such as spectators, shall be orderly, responsible, sportsmanlike and humane in the treatment of horses such as to promote the implementation of the event and promote fair, competition. Unsportsmanlike or irresponsible conduct or any other form of misconduct, such as illegal, indecent, or profane, and the inhumane treatment of horses is prohibited. Event management may immediately expel offenders from event grounds and/or disqualify exhibitors and their horses in order to preserve the decorum of the event.

Rights Reserved by Event Management:

Any event rule that is not covered in the printed material provided to exhibitors, or the interpretation of the printed rules will be decided by the event management; and furthermore, event management reserves the right to correct any errors or make any necessary alterations as it sees fit.