

Little Ranch Hand Rodeo Rules

Age Group (11 Years & Under) - 3 Events

Pony Express Race - (Two teams will compete at a time)

Pony Express bag must travel from start line down the arena and around the barrel back to the finish line - The bag must be transferred to the next rider behind the line each time - Time will stop when the bag, horse & rider cross the finish for the last time - A 5 second penalty will be assessed each time the barrel is knocked down

Goat Tying - (Two teams will compete at a time)

Team members will be on foot behind a start line
Goat will be staked in the arena and released when the time starts
Must tie any **three (3) legs** together
Goat must stay tied for 6 seconds after time stops

Goat Branding - (Two teams will compete at a time)

Team members will be on foot behind a start line
Goat will be staked in the arena and released when the time starts
Brander can leave bucket with brand when the goat is on the ground
Goat must be lying on the left side & branded on the **RIGHT SIDE**
Brander will return brand to bucket for time to stop

Some Ground Rules:

Maximum members per team - Maximum members on a team are 3. Teams may not substitute a contestant except in the event of injury.

Dress Code - All contestants must wear western attire, including hat, long sleeve shirt, jeans, boots and chaps.

Any event not completed in the time limit of 3 minutes (180 seconds) will result in a "No Time" and result in 0 points.

Sportsmanship - Contestants should observe discipline, good sportsmanship, and proper behavior. No loud or persistent profanity, no inhumane treatment of animals (gouging, kicking, whipping), etc. Any participant found to be conducting him-self in an un-sportsmanlike or inappropriate manner would be disqualified.

Disputes - The Flagman and the Arena Director will make judgment decisions as they arise. Anyone disagreeing with the decision can file a grievance with the Committee.

Points - Points will be awarded in each event, based on the number of teams entered in the rodeo. The winners of the average will be based on points. If there is a tie on points, then the tie will be resolved with the fastest overall time on the 3 events, therefore breaking the tie.