

MISSOURI TEAM PENNING ASSOCIATION
TEAM PENNING CONTEST RULES
2011-2012

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. THE PENNING YEAR WILL RUN FROM OCTOBER 1ST TO JULY 31ST.
2. NO PENNING CONTRACTS WILL BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1ST OF THE UPCOMING PENNING SEASON.
3. ALL MOTPA SANCTIONED CONTESTS MUST BE OPEN TO ALL CONTESTANTS, AND NO RESTRICTIONS MAY BE PLACED ON AGE, SEX, OR NUMBER OF ENTRIES, PROVIDED ENTRIES AND FEES ARE PROPERLY RECEIVED PRIOR TO ENTRY CLOSING TIME. A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION CAN BE SUSPENDED AND DENIED PARTICIPATION PRIVILEGES UPON A 75% VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
4. ALL MOTPA SANCTIONED CONTESTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE MISSOURI TEAM PENNING ASSOCIATION.
5. CONTESTS MUST BE PUBLISHED PRIOR TO THE EVENT. MANAGEMENT IS ENCOURAGED TO PUBLICIZE PENNINGS WIDELY.
6. ALL MOTPA SPONSORED CONTESTS MUST BE EXACTLY AS ADVERTISED ON THE ENTRY REGARDING GO-ROUND, PAYOFF, ETC.
7. IN MOTPA SANCTIONED CONTESTS, TIE BOWNS MAY BE USED ON HORSES. FAULTY EQUIPMENT IS NOT A REASON FOR RERIDE.
8. PENDING EXTREME CONDITIONS (ANIMAL AND/OR WEATHER), WITH THE APPROVAL OF A DIRECTOR AND/OR CATTLE SUPPLIER, A PENNING MAY RUN THE CLASSES ON A PROGRESSIVE TIME AFTER TEN (10) TIMES ARE SET. THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE AT THE BEGINNING OF A CLASS. PROGRESSIVE TIME WILL NOT BE USED IN THE YOUTH CLASS.
9. THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE PROMOTER ALLOWED TO HAVE PENNINGS PER WEEKEND.
10. NO ONE CAN BE RAISED **OR** LOWERED AFTER RIDING IN 8 PENNINGS.
11. THERE WILL **NO TRASH** IN THE OPEN, #9, #5, COMBO & YOUTH CLASSES.
12. IN THE SHORT GOES-IF A PROMOTER USES 30 HEAD OF CATTLE, THE TOP TEAMS GOING BACK TO THE SHORT GO WILL ALL RUN ON 1 SET OF CATTLE. IF A PROMOTER USES 24 HEAD OF CATTLE THE TOP TEAMS GOING BACK TO THE SHORT GO WILL USE 2 SETS OF CATTLE AND THE TEAMS SPLIT IF THERE ARE MORE THAN 8 TEAMS. A PROMOTER CAN RUN 24 HEAD DURING THE CLASSES AND HAVE A SET OF 30 HEAD JUST FOR THE SHORT GOES.
13. YOUTH 12 & UNDER WILL BE RATED BY DIRECTOR OPINION.
14. PENNERS WILL BE RATED ON EXISTING PERFORMANCE AND CAN BE RAISED OR LOWERED MORE THAN ONE NUMBER RATING IN A SEASON AT THE BOARD'S DISCRETION.
15. THE MOTPA MEMBERS WILL BE RATED ON A 4 NUMBER SYSTEM.
16. BOARD MEMBER MUST PARTICIPATE IN 2/3RDS OF THE MEETINGS AND MUST RIDE IN 8 PENNINGS AND AT THE FINALS.
17. A PENNER WRITING ONE BAD CHECK MUST MAKE THE CHECK GOOD. AFTER THE SECOND BAD CHECK IS WRITTEN THE PENNER WILL BE NOTIFIED THAT THEY ARE ON CASH ONLY BASIS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE PENNING SEASON. ANY BAD CHECK MUST BE MADE GOOD BEFORE A PERSON CAN PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER EVENT.
18. A PROMOTER WILL BE ALLOWED TO RUN TWO SHOWS BACK TO BACK IN THE SAME DAY, HOWEVER IT MUST BE ADVERTISED 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOW.

MOTPA CLASSES:

1. THE ORDER OF THE CLASSES AT A MOTPA SANCTIONED PENNING WILL BE: OPEN, YOUTH, #9, #5 & COMBO.
2. **OPEN CLASS:** THERE MUST BE A MANDATORY OPEN CLASS AT EACH MOTPA PENNING. THE OPEN CLASS WILL USE A 60 TO 90 SECOND TIME LIMIT AND 24 OR 30 HEAD OF CATTLE (BOTH PROMOTER'S OPTION) ON THREE HEAD AND HAVE A SHORT GO. THE NUMBER OF TEAMS TO THE SHORT GO WILL CONSIST OF THE NUMBER OF PLACES GIVEN POINTS (DETERMINED BY NO. OF TEAMS) PLUS TWO, WITH A MAXIMUM OF TEN TEAMS GOING BACK. CATTLE CHARGE WILL BE \$24.00 WITH NO CATTLE FEE BEING PAID FOR THE SHORT GO.
3. **NUMBER 9 CLASS:** THERE MUST BE A MANDATORY #9 CLASS AT EACH MOTPA PENNING. NUMBER NINE CLASS WILL USE 24 OR 30 HEAD OF CATTLE WITH A 60 TO 90 SECOND TIME LIMIT (BOTH PROMOTER'S OPTION) ON THREE HEAD AND HAVE A SHORT GO. THE NUMBER OF TEAMS TO THE SHORT GO WILL CONSIST OF THE NUMBER OF PLACES GIVEN POINTS (DETERMINED BY NO. OF TEAMS) PLUS TWO, WITH A MAXIMUM OF TEN TEAMS GOING BACK. CATTLE CHARGE WILL BE \$24.00 WITH NO CATTLE FEE BEING PAID FOR THE SHORT GO.
4. **YOUTH CLASS:** THERE MUST BE A MANDATORY YOUTH CLASS AT EACH MOTPA PENNING. YOUTH PENNERS WILL USE 24 OR 30 HEAD OF CATTLE, WITH A 60 TO 90 SECOND TIME LIMIT (BOTH PROMOTERS' OPTION) ON THREE HEAD. AGE LIMIT IS 16 AND UNDER AS OF THE BEGINNING OF THE PENNING YEAR (OCTOBER 1ST).

5. **NUMBER 5 CLASS:** THERE MUST BE A MANDATORY #5 CLASS AT EACH MOTPA PENNING. NUMBER 5 CLASS WILL USE 24 OR 30 HEAD OF CATTLE WITH A 60 TO 90 SECOND TIME LIMIT (BOTH PROMOTERS' OPTION) ON THREE HEAD. CATTLE CHARGE WILL BE \$20.00. NUMBER 3 & 4 RIDERS **WILL NOT** BE ALLOWED TO RIDE IN THE #5 CLASS.
6. **COMBO CLASS:** THERE MUST BE A MANDATORY COMBO CLASS AT EACH MOTPA PENNING. THE COMBO CLASS WILL USE A 60 TO 90 SECOND TIME LIMIT AND 24 OR 30 HEAD OF CATTLE (BOTH PROMOTER'S OPTION) TEAMS WILL CUT OUT OF THE HERD THE NUMBERED CATTLE IN ORDER STARTING WITH THE NUMBER CALLED AT THE START OF THE RUN. IF CATTLE GO ACROSS THE FOUL LINE IN THE WRONG ORDER, THE TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. ONCE THE TEAM HAS SORTED THE NUMBER OF HEAD THEY WISH TO PEN, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 8 OR 10 HEAD (DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER IN THE HERD) THEY MUST PENN ALL HEAD SORTED. ANY UNPENED CATTLE WILL RESULT IN A NO TIME.
7. A TEAM CONSISTS OF THREE RIDERS. IF ONE PERSON IS UNABLE TO COMPETE FOR SOME REASON, IT IS THE OPTION OF THE TWO REMAINING CONTESTANTS TO COMPETE IF THEY DESIRE, BUT IN NO EVENT MAY LESS THAN TWO PERSONS COMPETE. IF THE TEAM MEMBER IS ABLE TO COMPETE IN THE NEXT GO AROUND THAT MEMBER CAN COME BACK IN THAT ROUND. SUBSTITUTIONS MAY BE ALLOWED AFTER THE DRAW IS MADE AND DURING THE FINALS AND THE SEASON FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. DEATH IN IMMEDIATE FAMILY (PARENT, CHILD, BROTHER, SISTER OR GRANDPARENTS) PROVIDING FUNERAL IS SCHEDULED SAME DAY AS COMPETITION OR ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE. INJURIES THAT ARE EITHER VISIBLE OR WITH A DOCTOR'S LETTER OF A DISABLING PROBLEM TO PREVENT CONTESTANT FROM COMPETING. SUBSTITUTE MUST BE OF EQUAL RATING OR BELOW AND NOT FULL IN THE CLASS, ALL AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCRETION.
8. A PERSON MAY COMPETE A MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) TIMES IN THE OPEN, YOUTH, #9, #5 AND COMBO CLASSES, HOWEVER, ONE PERSON MUST CHANGE ON EACH TEAM.
9. **THE DRAW:** PENNING IS A "LUCK OF THE DRAW" SPORT AND BOTH TEAM POSITIONS AND CATTLE NUMBERS MUST BE ASSIGNED BY AN IMPARTIAL DRAW. ONCE THE ORDER OF THE DRAW IS ESTABLISHED, IT MAY NOT BE CHANGED OTHER THAN IN A HARDSHIP BY MUTUAL CONSENT OF THE TEAMS CHANGING POSITIONS, AND THIS ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR. IF A TEAM DROPS OUT AFTER A GO-ROUND STARTS, THEIR CATTLE NUMBER WILL BE DRAWN IN THE ORDER THE TEAM WOULD HAVE RUN AND THE DRAWN NUMBER WILL NOT BE USED. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.** MEMBERS WILL DRAW THEIR OWN CHIPS AND PUT THE NUMBERS ON THE ENTRY CARDS. ONCE THE CLASS HAS BEEN CLOSED, A DIRECTOR WILL DRAW A CHIP. THE NUMBER ON THAT CHIP WILL BE THE 1ST TEAM IN THE CLASS WITH THE REMAINING CARDS TO FOLLOW IN NUMERICAL ORDER.

ENTRY:

1. **ALL MEMBERS OF A TEAM MUST ENTER ON THE SAME ENTRY FORM WITH THEIR CORRECT FIRST AND LAST NAME, MOTPA RATING AND MOTPA NUMBER TO RECEIVE POINTS.**
2. **ENTRY FEE:** OPEN AND #9: \$60/TEAM; \$3 GOES FOR THE ASSOCIATION FEE, \$4 WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE 2 FLAGGERS AND THE 2 TIMERS, \$28 WILL BE PAYBACK, \$24 IS CATTLE CHARGE AND \$1 FOR THE FINALS. **#5 AND COMBO CLASS:** \$45/TEAM; \$3 GOES FOR THE ASSOCIATION FEE, \$4 WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE 2 FLAGGERS AND THE 2 TIMERS, \$17 WILL BE PAYBACK, \$20 IS CATTLE CHARGE AND \$1 FOR THE FINALS. YOUTH CLASS: \$15/TEAM; \$9 WILL BE PAYBACK, \$6 IS CATTLE CHARGE.
3. IN THE EVENT A PERSON IS IN TOO MANY TIMES, THE LAST RIDE WILL BE PULLED FROM THE DRAW BEFORE THE CLASS STARTS. IF IT IS NOT DISCOVERED UNTIL AFTER THEY RIDE, THE TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. IF A RIDER IS FOUND TO BE ENTERED TOO MANY TIMES AFTER THE DRAW IS READ BUT BEFORE THE CLASS STARTS, THE LAST RIDE WILL BE PULLED AND THE TEAMS FOLLOWING WILL MOVE UP IN ORDER. IF IT IS DISCOVERED AFTER THE CLASS STARTS, THE RIDE WILL BE PULLED FROM THE CLASS, THAT TEAMS CATTLE NUMBER WILL BE DRAWN AND ANNOUNCED. THE WORKING ORDER WILL REMAIN THE SAME AND ENTRY FEES WILL BE DUE ONLY FROM THE RIDER WHO WAS IN TOO MANY TIMES. THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WILL RECEIVE THEIR ENTRY FEES BACK FOR THAT RIDE. IF A RIDER IS IN TOO MANY TIMES AND THEY RIDE THE EXTRA RIDE THE EXTRA TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. IF PRIZE MONEY WAS AWARDED TO THE EXTRA TEAM IT MUST BE REPAYED TO THE MOTPA BY THE OFFENDING RIDER BEFORE THE RIDER CAN COMPETE AGAIN IN A SANCTIONED EVENT.
4. THERE IS A \$10 FEE FOR DAY PASSES, HOWEVER, POINTS WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD YEAR END AWARDS OR TOWARDS NUMBER OF PENNINGS NEEDED TO ATTEND THE FINALS. MEMBERSHIP FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SIGNED FOR DAY PASSES. DAY PASS RIDERS WILL BE RATED BY THE BOARD.
5. **IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE NO TEAMS TO PEN IN A CLASS, ALL PAYBACK MONIES FOR THAT CLASS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE ASSOCIATION.**

ARENA SPECIFICATION & REGULATIONS

1. **PEN SIZE, SHAPE, AND PLACEMENT:** IN SANCTIONED CONTESTS, THE OPEN END OF THE PEN SHALL BE 75% OF THE DISTANCE FROM THE CATTLE WALL TO THE OPPOSITE END OF THE ARENA FENCE, WITH THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS; THE WING AND BACK PANELS SHALL BE SIXTEEN (16) FEET IN LENGTH, THE HOLE SHALL BE SIXTEEN (16) FEET IN WIDTH FROM THE ARENA WALL, THE DEPTH OF THE PEN SHALL BE TWENTY-FOUR (24) FEET IN LENGTH, THE FRONT SIDE OF THE PEN SHALL CONSIST OF AN EIGHT (8) FOOT PANEL WITH A TEN (10) FOOT OPENING, THE STARTING LINE IS MARKED BY SUITABLE MARKERS ON THE SIDE OF THE ARENA (AN ACTUAL LINE IS NOT DRAWN IN THE ARENA, SINCE THIS SPOOKS SOME CATTLE AND HORSES). THE FOULD LINE WILL BE NO MORE THAN 50% AND NO LESS THAN 40% OF THE ARENA OR NO MORE THAN 100 FEET FROM THE CATTLE WALL. A BANNER **SHOULD** BE PLACED ON THE BACK OF THE PEN.
2. THERE WILL BE TWO (2) FLAGGERS, ONE ON THE STARTING LINE AND ONE ON THE PEN OPENING. A FLAGGER WHO BEGINS A GO-ROUND MUST FLAG THE ENTIRE GO ROUND EXCEPT IN AN EMERGENCY.
3. THE NUMBER OF TIMES CATTLE ARE USED IS LEFT UP TO THE DISCRETION OF THE CATTLE SUPPLIER AND THE MOTPA DISTRICT DIRECTOR. MANAGEMENT SHOULD MAKE SURE ALL CATTLE ARE HEALTHY, TWO-EYED AND WORKABLE. EVEN SO, AN OCCASIONAL ANIMAL MAY BE HURT DURING THE CONTEST, OR A WILD ONE MAY JUMP OUT. EXCEPTIONALLY WILD CATTLE SHOULD BE ELIMINATED BEFORE THE CONTESTS. A DIRECTOR OR AN APPOINTED PERSON SHALL APPROVE THE CATTLE BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE AND MAKE DECISIONS ON THE CATTLE DURING THE CONTEST. HIS DECISION WILL BE FINAL.
4. ALL CONTESTANTS AND ARENA PERSONNEL MUST WEAR A WESTERN HAT OR PROTECTIVE HEAD GEAR, RIDING BOOTS, FULL LENGTH PANTS/DRESS, A WESTERN LONG OR SHORT SLEEVED, COLLARED SHIRT, TUCKED IN AND FASTENED APPROPRIATELY. ARENA PERSONNEL INCLUDE: TWO FLAGGERS, TWO TIMERS, AND HERD SETTLERS. ANY INFRACTION OF THE DRESS CODE WILL RESULT IN A DISQUALIFICATION.
5. TO BE A SANCTIONED PENNING, A BOARD MEMBER (OFFICER OR DIRECTOR) OR THEIR ALTERNATE MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE TO BE CONSIDERED AN OFFICIAL PENNING. A BOARD MEMBER (OFFICER OR DIRECTOR) OR THEIR ALTERNATE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE DRAW FOR ALL CLASSES.
6. IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE UNREADABLE OR UNIDENTIFIABLE CATTLE NUMBER IN A SET, THE NUMBERS SHALL BE FIXED IMMEDIATELY.
7. THERE MUST BE TWENTY-FOUR (24) OR THIRTY (30) HEAD OF CATTLE (PROMOTER'S OPTION) IN THE ARENA AS EACH TEAM BEGINS THEIR RUN. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS A WRONG TOTAL AMOUNT OF CATTLE (24 OR 30 HEAD-PROMOTER'S OPTION) ALL TEAMS THAT HAVE RUN ON THAT SET MUST BE GIVEN RERIDES. HOWEVER, IF THE WRONG AMOUNT OF NUMBERS (i.e. 4-#1'S, 2-#2'S) ARE IN THE SET, ONLY THE TEAMS AFFECTED WILL BE RE-RUN AT THE END OF THAT GO ROUND. THE CATTLE NUMBERS MUST BE RE-DRAWN.

POINTS

1. A PENNER MUST RIDE IN 8 PENNINGS IN THAT SEASON TO QUALIFY FOR YEAR-END AWARDS.
2. TEAMS WILL RECEIVE POINTS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED.

PLACES PAID		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
NO. OF TEAMS	1-5	1
	6-10	2 1
	11-15	3 2 1
	16-20	4 3 2 1
	21-25	5 4 3 2 1
	26-30	6 5 4 3 2 1
	31-35	7 6 5 4 3 2 1
	36-40	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
	41-45	9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
	46-50	10 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

POINTS BREAKDOWN (USED TO DETERMINE NUMBER OF TEAMS TO SHORT GO)

NO. OF TEAMS	1-5	1
	6-10	2 1
	11-15	3 2 1
	16-20	4 3 2 1
	21-25	5 4 3 2 1
	26-30	6 5 4 3 2 1
	31-35	7 6 5 4 3 2 1
	36-40	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
	41-45	9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
	46-50	10 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

3. THE MISSOURI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM PENNERS WILL BE DETERMINED BASED UPON THE TOTAL INDIVIDUAL POINTS EARNED AND ACCUMULATED FOR THE PENNING YEAR. YOU MUST COMPETE IN EIGHT (8) SANCTIONED PENNINGS AND EIGHT (8) TIMES IN EACH CLASS IN WHICH YOU WISH TO RIDE AS A PAID MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FINALS. THE FINAL CONTEST OF THE YEAR WILL BE HELD AT THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR IN AUGUST OF EACH YEAR. IF YOU PEN IN THE OPEN, #9, #5 AND COMBO CLASSES AT THE FINALS, THESE TEAMS WILL ADVANCE TO THE 2ND GO. THE YOUTH WILL REMAIN WITH 2 FULL GO'S. THE 2ND GO OF THE OPEN, #9, #5 AND COMBO CLASSES WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE SHORT GO. AWARDS MAY BE GIVEN ON TOTAL POINTS EARNED FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31ST. AWARDS MAY BE GIVEN ON FASTEST TOTAL TIMES AT THE FINALS.

QUALIFIED RUNS:

1. WITHIN A 60 TO 90 SECOND TIME LIMIT IN THE OPEN, #9, AND #5 CLASSES (PROMOTER'S OPTION), PENALTY TIME INCLUSIVE, A TEAM MUST GET OUT FROM THE HERD AND PEN THREE HEAD OF CATTLE WITH THE ASSIGNED (SAME) IDENTITY NUMBER, THE FASTEST TIME WINS. A WARNING MAY BE GIVEN TO THE TEAM WORKING, 30 SECONDS PRIOR TO FINAL TIME BEING CALLED. THE YOUTH CLASS HAS A 60 TO 90 SECOND TIME LIMIT (PROMOTER'S OPTION).
2. A TEAM MAY CALL FOR TIME WITH ONLY ONE OR TWO ASSIGNED CATTLE PENNED. HOWEVER, TEAMS PENNING THREE CATTLE PLACE HIGHER THAN TWO, AND TWO PLACE HIGHER THAN ONE, REGARDLESS OF THE TIME. THE FASTEST TIME IN ANY GO-ROUND WILL PLACE ABOVE A SLOWER TIME IN ANY OTHER GO-ROUND, PROVIDED THE SAME NUMBER OF CATTLE ARE PENNED. IN MULTIPLE GO-ROUND CONTESTS, TEAM THAT PEN IN EACH GO-ROUND WILL BEAT TEAMS THAT FAIL TO PEN IN A GO-ROUND, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF CATTLE PENNED OR TIME.
3. TO CALL FOR TIME, WHEN THE NOSE OF THE HORSE ENTERS THE GATE AND THE RIDER RAISES HIS HAND AND THE LAST CALF IS ENTIRELY IN THE PEN, THE FLAG WILL DROP. TIME CONTINUES UNTIL THE ENTIRE UNPENNED CALF IS ON THE CATTLE SIDE OF THE STARTING LINE. IF ANY UNPENNED CATTLE ARE ACROSS THE STARTING LINE WHEN TIME IS CALLED, THE LINE FLAGGER BECOMES THE FLAGGER OF RECORD. IF THE ANIMAL IS KNOCKED OUT OR PUT BACK IN THE PEN AFTER TIME IS CALLED, A NO TIME WILL BE GIVEN. IF AN ANIMAL ESCAPES FROM THE PEN AFTER TIME IS CALLED, BUT PRIOR TO THE TIME THAT ANY UNPENNED CATTLE ARE ON THE CATTLE SIDE OF THE LINE, THE TEAM WILL BE FLAGGED A NOT TIME.

4. ALL CATTLE WILL BE BUNCHED ON THE CATTLE SIDE OF THE STARTING LINE BEFORE TIME BEGINS. THERE WILL BE MARKERS AT ALL MOTPA PENNINGINGS TO SETTLE THE CATTLE BETWEEN. MARKERS WILL BE A MAXIMUM OF 48 FEET APART. WHEN THE CATTLE ARE BETWEEN THE TWO MARKERS, THE LINE JUDGE WILL RAISE THEIR FLAG TO BEGIN AND THE ANNOUNCER WILL SAY **"THE FLAG IS UP"**. ONE CONTESTANT MUST MAKE FORWARD MOTION ACROSS THE STARTING LINE AND IMMEDIATELY BE GIVEN THEIR CATTLE NUMBER BY THE ANNOUNCER. RIDERS ARE COMMITTED ONCE THEY ENTER THE ARENA. ANY DELAY WILL BE A DISQUALIFICATION. TIME BEGINS WHEN THE NOSE OF THE FIRST HORSE CROSSES THE STARTING LINE. IF ANY PART OF THE HORSE AND RIDER ARE ACROSS THE STARTING LINE WHEN THE ANNOUNCER SAYS "FLAG IS UP", THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
5. A TIME MAY BE GIVEN, IF IN THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES, AN ANIMAL HAS GONE DOWN ON THE PEN SIDE OF THE LINE AND IS UNABLE TO BE RETURNED TO THE HERD DUE TO PHYSICAL INCAPACITY. THE JUDGE THEN MAY GIVE TIME ON 1 OR 2 HEAD WHEN TIME IS CALLED.
6. **TIE-BREAKER RULE:** IN THE EVENT OF A TIE AFFECTING THE PLACING, THERE WILL BE A RUN OFF BETWEEN THE TEAMS AND THE FASTEST TIME WINS. THERE WILL BE TWO TIMERS, BUT THE TIME USED WILL BE THE HEAD TIMER'S UNLESS THERE IS AN ERROR, AND THEN THE BACKUP TIMER'S TIME WILL BE USED.

DISQUALIFICATION:

1. CONTACT WITH CATTLE, BE IT WITH HANDS, FEET, ROPES, ROMALS, OR ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT IS A DISQUALIFICATION. A TEAM EXHIBITING ANY UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS OF CATTLE WILL BE JUDGED A NO TIME. IF IN THE OPINION OF THE JUDGES, UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS OCCURS, THE TEAM IN QUESTION WILL THEN BE GIVEN A NO TIME FOR THAT GO-ROUND. NO HAZING WITH WHIPS, ROPES, ROMALS, OR HATS IS ALLOWED.
2. THERE WILL BE NO TRASH IN ALL CLASSES. ANY PART OF A WRONG NUMBERED CALF CROSSING THE START LINE WILL RESULT IN A DISQUALIFICATION.
3. **NO SPOTTING OF THE CATTLE ALLOWED. SPOTTING OF CATTLE IS DEFINED AS: IDENTIFICATION AND/OR LOCATION OF CATTLE WITHIN THE HERD BY A NON-TEAM MEMBER. THIS INCLUDES IDENTIFYING COLOR, BREED OR LOCATION. IF AN MOTPA MEMBER IS HEARD SPOTTING FOR ANY TEAM, BY A JUDGE OR A BOARD MEMBER, A \$50 FINE MAY BE ASSESSED TO THAT INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE AND A 1-YEAR SUSPENSION FOR A SECOND OFFENSE. THE FINE MUST BE PAID BEFORE BEING ELIGIBLE TO RIDE AGAIN IN COMPETITION. THE TEAM MAY ALSO BE DISQUALIFIED).**
4. WHEN CALLING FOR TIME, IF A HORSE GOES INTO THE PEN AND SLAMS THE CATTLE INTO THE BACK WALL, THE TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR ROUGHING.

RE-RIDES:

1. TWO (2) SETTLERS' WILL BE USED TO SETTLE THE HERD, WITH A THIRD SETTLER USED ONLY IF DEEMED NECESSARY BY A JUDGE. IF A THIRD SETTLER IS USED HE/SHE WILL **RIDE TO THE SIDE OF THE ARENA AND BEGIN TO EXIT AS SOON AS THE ANNOUNCER SAYS, "FLAG IS UP"**. THE REMAINING TWO (2) SETTLERS ARE **TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE NUMBER IS GIVEN. IF A JUDGE DEEMS THAT THERE HAS BEEN INTERFERENCE TO THE TEAM BY THE HERD SETTLERS, A \$50 CAN BE ASSESSED TO THE OFFENDER. THE TEAM DOES HAVE TO PULL UP TO ASK FOR A RERIDE.** THE YOUTH CAN SETTLE FOR THEMSELVES.
2. WHEN CALLING FOR TIME ON 1 OR 2 HEAD OF CATTLE AND A RERIDE IS GIVEN, THE RERIDE TIME WILL ONLY BE ON THE 1 OR 2 HEAD.
3. IN THE EVENT THAT THE SAME NUMBER HAS BEEN CALLED TWICE IN THE SAME SET OF CATTLE, THE SECOND TEAM HAS THE OPTION TO ACCEPT THEIR TIME OR HAVE A RERIDE. A RERIDE MUST BE CALLED **BEFORE** THE TEAM LEAVES THE ARENA. ALL RERIDES, FOR ANY REASON, WILL BE GIVEN AT THE END OF THE CLASS, IN THE ORDER THAT THEY OCCUR AND ON THE NEXT SET OF CATTLE IN ROTATION. IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE NUMBER REMAINING ON THE LAST SET OF CATTLE USED IN THE CLASS THE RERIDE(S) CAN BE RAN ON THAT SET OF CATTLE. IF THERE IS NOT MORE THAN ONE NUMBER REMAINING, A NEW SET WILL BE BROUGHT IN AND THE CATTLE NUMBER MUST BE REDRAWN.
4. ONCE COMMITTED TO THE CATTLE, THE TEAM IS COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ANIMALS. IT IS THE TEAMS RESPONSIBILITY, BEFORE WORKING THE CATTLE, TO PULL UP AND CALL FOR A JUDGES DECISION IF, IN THEIR OPINION, THERE IS ANY INJURED OR UNUSABLE ANIMAL IN THEIR NUMBERED CATTLE, OR IF ANY EXTRANEIOUS ANIMALS SUCH AS DOGS, DEER, ECT. ENTER THE ARENA. ONCE THE CATTLE ARE WORKED, NO EXCUSES ARE ACCEPTED. **IF AN ANIMAL LEAVES THE ARENA, A JUDGE MAY STOP THE RIDE. THE TEAM MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FOR UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS, BE GIVEN TIME ON REMAINING CATTLE, OR BE GIVEN A RERIDE, DEPENDING ON THE JUDGES DECISION.**

FINES/SUSPENSIONS:

1. ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE **FINAL**. A WHISTLE MAY BE BLOWN WHEN ROUGHING OCCURS. THE JUDGES ARE THE TWO FLAGGERS AND THE TWO TIMERS. ANY QUESTIONS REQUIRING A JUDGES DECISION MUST BE ASKED FOR

BEFORE THAT TEAM LEAVES THE ARENA. ANY CONTESTANTS USING ABUSIVE OR OBSCENE LANGUAGE, OR MAKING ANY OBSCENE GESTURES DIRECTED AT THE JUDGE, MAY RESULT IN A FINE OF \$50(CASH), WHICH WILL BE PAID BEFORE THE CONTESTANT CAN COMPETE AGAIN. ALL DISCREPANCIES WILL BE HANDLED THROUGH THE MOTPA DIRECTOR.

2. ANY COMMENT DEEMED UNNECESSARY FROM A PENNER TO A JUDGE WILL RESULT IN NO LESS THAN A \$50 FINE.
3. A PROMOTER OR DIRECTOR CAN REMOVE A MEMBER FROM A PENNING DUE TO THE MEMBER'S MISCONDUCT.