

JUDGE

Items that you will need:

FLAG- can be just a stick with an orange piece of material or plastic at one end

Lap timer stop watch/ extra batteries or Farm Tek Hand Switch (extra Batteries)

Walkie Talkies to communicate with announcer, cattle guys, office staff (extra Batteries)

Be familiar with your stop watch, or Farm Tek, Every second counts.

As soon as you are ready to start the team, raise your flag indicating that you are ready. The announcer will announce “Flags Up” or “Cattle Ready”. When the first contestant starts to cross the line drop your flag and start your timer. This lets the announcer know that they need to immediately call the cattle number for this team.

When the team has finished their run, if they are not using a farmtek, promptly radio to the announcer the time and number of cattle so they can input if necessary this into the computer also verify they have correct # of cattle and move onto the next team.

ALWAYS COUNT # OF CATTLE SORTED:: Make sure what the announcer says is what you have and the correct number of cows in the pen. Always!! This will solve many problems

As soon as a team blows out (the wrong cow goes through the gate) waive your flag so that the announcer can immediately call “No Time” and get ready for the next team.

In both situations, whether a team gets a Time or a No Time, as soon as you give the announcer the information that they need, turn to the next pen (if you are using double pens) and get ready for the next team.

It is very important to keep the show moving with no down time or wait time for the contestants. This keeps contestants happy and able to travel back home before it gets too late in the evening.

Always hit the button on the timer when a bad calf goes through—this is a safety check

Example: Some times the clock goes over the allowed time.

Example: The bad calf went through and the time had ran out. Only had 64.00 sec to sort and the bad calf went through at 64.35 and clock was still running

It is your responsibility to always COUNT # of cows sorted-make sure it agrees with what the announcer has and says

If in doubt always give the “cowboy” the benefit of the doubt.

Be very aware of ruffing cattle and schooling on horses, talk with the producer before the show starts, Have a plan and follow the plan consistently.

Consistency is the most important factor of being an outstanding Judge. Always being consistent is fair for everyone.

Attitude is everything