



Ranch Sorting National Championships

2013-2014

Judge's Test

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Dear Producer and Judge,

Upon request of the membership, RSNC will now require all judges to pass a judge's exam before judging/flagging RSNC events starting February 1, 2012 and beyond.

It will be the responsibility of the Producer to ensure that a RSNC sanctioned Judge is judging their event. The exam is now available to all producers for distribution to the judges of their choice. Once the test is taken the judge must return pages 3-8 and the Judge's Membership form to the RSNC office email: info@rsnc.us or fax: 970-897-2921.

All current judges who pass the exam will be listed on the RSNC web site as approved RSNC judges. This assures the producer and membership that judges are familiar with the rules and standard of conduct at all RSNC events.

Furthermore, all judges wishing to receive recommendation from RSNC to become an AQHA Special Event Judge must be on the current RSNC Judge's list.

During 2013, it will be expected that Producers and Judges take the necessary steps to complete the process below to become a RSNC Judge.

To complete the process to become a RSNC Judge,

1. Be a current RSNC Member, fill out and send in Judge's RSNC Membership form on page 3. To clarify, if a judge is already a participating current member there is no judge's membership fee. If a judge only judges and is not a participating current member then the judge's membership fee is \$25 and their membership will remain current for 2 years from the date of approval.
2. Fill out and complete the Judge's Test pages 4-8 and fax it to 970-897-2921
3. RSNC Headquarters will grade the test and send you confirmation of approval. All approved Judges will be listed on the RSNC website

As a Producer, in case of unforeseen circumstances that your RSNC sanctioned Judge cannot work (illness, car accident, etc.) you will need to have spare tests on hand so a fill in judge can take the test on site and send in the paper work (pages 3-8) after the show, along with the show fees.

Starting 2013, the RSNC Judge's Test will be updated each year and taken each year by RSNC Judges. The RSNC Judge's test will be available December 1st with the requirement of the test being passed by January 1st.

This will assist RSNC producers and members around the United States with judging/flagging consistency at RSNC sanctioned events.

If you have questions contact info@rsnc.us or 970-897-2901.

Sincerely,
Dave Wolfe



RANCH SORTING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
JUDGE'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
 (PLEASE COMPLETE SEPARATE SECTION PER PERSON)

THIS APPLICATION MAY BE SUBMITTED
 TO A PRODUCER OR MAILED TO:
 RSNC MEMBERSHIP
 PO BOX 1
 WELLINGTON, CO 80549

FULL LEGAL NAME (INCLUDING MIDDLE INITIAL): _____

NICK-NAME (IF COMMONLY USED): _____

BIRTHDATE (FULL DATE OF BIRTH REQUIRED): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

NAME OF PERSON YOU BROUGHT TO SHOW (FOR FREE RENEWAL) _____

PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. PLEASE ONLY MARK ONE SELECTION.
 FREE RENEWAL (MUST LIST NAME OF PERSON YOU BROUGHT TO SHOW ABOVE FOR FREE RENEWAL): **FREE**

ANNUAL RENEWAL.....\$50

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER RENEWAL\$30

DAY PASS OR DAY PASS UPGRADE (CIRCLE ONE).....\$25

LIFETIME (70&OVER) PLEASE PROVIDE DATE OF BIRTH\$100

YOUTH (12&UNDER) 4-H MEMBER FFA MEMBER.....**FREE** (ALL MUST LIST DATE OF BIRTH ABOVE)

BEGINNER* (PRODUCER MUST INITIAL HERE)**FREE**

RSNC JUDGE'S MEMBERSHIP**\$25**

*ALL NEW CONTESTANTS RECEIVE A FREE 1-YEAR RSNC MEMBERSHIP. AFTER THEIR FIRST YEAR OF FREE MEMBERSHIP
 BEGINNERS DO NOT NEED TO PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP TO RIDE IN THE BEGINNERS CLASS ONLY (RANCH HAND SORT
 BEGINNER HANDICAP). HOWEVER, AFTER THEIR FIRST YEAR OF FREE MEMBERSHIP, BEGINNERS MUST PURCHASE AN RSNC

A CONTESTANT WHO PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED A DAY PASS MAY UPGRADE TO A STANDARD MEMBERSHIP AT ANYTIME DURING THAT SAME MEMBERSHIP YEAR. ALL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE. ALL JUDGE'S MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE 2 YEARS FROM THE DATE APPROVED. PLEASE ALLOW 2 TO 3 WEEKS FOR APPLICATION PROCESSING.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **RSNC** CHECK # _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____





RSNC Judge's Test Information and Review of Judge's Responsibilities

Please Print

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Website Address: _____

Do you want your phone number listed on the RSNC website Judge's Page: Yes or No

As per the 2013-2014 RSNC Rule Book,

Section IX GUIDELINES FOR EVENT PERSONEL 9.2 GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES

9.2.1 The Event Producer may hire any reputable person they choose as a judge. They must become familiar with RSNC rules and pass the RSNC Judges test

9.2.3 All approved judges should be totally familiar with all RSNC sorting rules and general guidelines. All Judges must pass a written rule book test provided by RSNC before judging.

9.2.4 Designation as an RSNC-approved judge is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by RSNC according to procedures formulated by it, to individuals whose expertise and personal character merits the honor. An individual's conduct as a member/participant/judge and his ability must be exemplary.

9.2.5 After acceptance of a judging commitment, a judge shall endeavor, with all reasonable effort, to judge the show, and shall timely communicate to show management any inability to do so, as to allow the show management maximum time in which to seek a suitable replacement.

9.2.6 During an approved show, a judge shall be present to meet his responsibilities under RSNC rules, and shall be available to assist show management in meeting its responsibilities to rule compliance.

9.2.7 All judges at a RSNC sanctioned show must wear western attire: a western hat is optional, long or short sleeved western shirt tucked-in and buttoned properly, and boots. Tank tops, tee shirts and ball caps will not be allowed.

I agree to all the above statements, terms and conditions.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



RSNC Judge's Test True or False Questions

Please Print

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

For the True or False Section questions 1-10, please write out the word TRUE or FALSE for your answer to the **left** of the number.

For example: **True** 22. RSNC is an abbreviation for Ranch Sorting National Championships.

- 1) If the entry fee for a class is less than \$35 the Producer has the option of a 1 Go and Top Ten regardless of the number of teams.
- 2) RSNC reserves the right to disqualify and contestant who does not act in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes abusive schooling or treatment of horses.
- 3) In extreme instances, substitution of a rider after a team has made its original ride may be allowed at the discretion of the judge.
- 4) Open Arena Sorting can be special sanctioned by RSNC
- 5) Spotting of cattle is not allowed and contestants can be fined if caught spotting cattle.
- 6) If a rider falls off of their horse that team automatically receives a No Time
- 7) In a Rookie #11 HC (2-cap on the sorter) and both contestants are #1's, #2's, or a #1 and a #2, they can take turns sorting and holding the gate.
- 8) RSNC requires all riders to have a current membership to participate in a RSNC event.
- 9) All RSNC divisions are handicapped.
- 10) If it is determined by the Judge during a set that a cow becomes unfit then that cow will be replaced, but no re-rides for previous teams will be allowed.



RSNC Judge's Test Multiple Choice Questions

For the Multiple Choice Section questions 11-24: For each of the following questions, circle the letter of the answer that best answers the question.

- 11) In a Ranch Hand class where the contestants are the same rating, are they allowed to alternate with the sorting of the cattle?
 - a) No, In a Ranch Hand class there is 1 sorter and 1 gate person.
 - b) Yes, because they are rated the same.
 - c) They can do whatever it takes to sort the cows.
- 12) How many head of cattle are not allowed to be used in the #2 Beginner Sort?
 - a) 10 head & 1 blank
 - b) 5 head & 1 blank
 - c) 7 head & 1 blank
- 13) A team has how much time to enter the arena before they are disqualified?
 - a) 45 seconds
 - b) 1 minute
 - c) 30 seconds
- 14) If a duplicate number is called within the same set of cattle a re-ride will be given:
 - a) Immediately
 - b) At the end of the class
 - c) After the next cattle change
- 15) Which of the following is the dress code for Contestants and Judges:
 - a) Any shirt with buttons and a collar, boots or tennis shoes, any sort of hat
 - b) Western Attire: long or short sleeved western shirt and boots. Western hat is optional, no baseball caps
 - c) Whatever the contestant and judge want
- 16) Which of the following teams would place the highest in a class:
 - a) A team that sorts cattle in three go's
 - b) A team that sorts cattle in two go's, but has more cattle than teams that sorted in all three
 - c) The team that sorts the most cattle in the least amount of time regardless of how many go's they sorted in

- 17) After the cattle are settled in the arena, who is responsible for checking each herd for the right amount of cattle, numbering, and readability?
- a) The Producer
 - b) The Judge
 - c) The Announcer
- 18) What is the recommended opening between the two sorting pens?
- a) 12' to 18'
 - b) 14' to 16'
 - c) 12' to 16'
- 19) Who is responsible for enforcing the RSNC Rules and class procedures?
- a) The Show Secretary
 - b) The Announcer
 - c) The Judge
- 20) If a contestant is guilty of misconduct and fined, the fine is determined and assessed by?
- a) The Producer and Person
 - b) The Judges and Producer
 - c) The Judge and Person
- 21) What is the amount of handicap a #8 rated team has in the All Levels class?
- a) 8 seconds
 - b) 12 seconds
 - c) 10 seconds
- 22) A sorting run begins when:
- a) Team member picks a number and gives it to the Judge so he or she will know what cow the team is sorting.
 - b) The contestants head for the cattle
 - c) The judge indicates that cattle are ready by raising his flag, the nose of the first horse crosses the start/foul line and the Announcer gives the team their number.
- 23) At what point does a Judge count a cow as being sorted?
- a) When the cow crosses the opening with their shoulder
 - b) When the cow starts through the hole with his head
 - c) When the cow is completely through the opening to the sorted side of the pen
- 24) In the case of mechanical errors or downed cattle, do contestants have any options?
- a) They have to take the cattle sorted and time when the run was stopped.
 - b) Yes, contestants can take their time on the cattle already sorted when the run was stopped by the official or re-ride immediately with same number and beginning time of ZERO.
 - c) No, They have to have a re-ride.



RSNC Judge's Test
Fill In The Blank Questions

For the Fill In the Blank questions 25- 34: Please fill in the appropriate answers in the blanks to best answer the questions. Entire question must be answered correctly, partial credit will not be given.

- 25) The #1 Beginner rating is only for those participants who are _____ riders on _____ horses and _____ who have never won _____ checks or over _____ in any sorting or cow horse competition.
- 26) The #2 Rookie rating is only for those participants that have never been rated higher than a _____ in any sorting or other cow horse organization.
- 27) If the #14 Ranch Hand and the #11 Ranch Hand is offered there is a _____ cap on the sorter in the _____ Ranch Hand.
- 28) The Masters division all riders must be _____ years old as of the end of the calendar year.
- 29) All classes are required to be up to a _____ ride limit, with a maximum of _____ picks. The #11 Ranch Hand and #14 Ranch Hand classes can have a _____ ride limit with a maximum of _____ picks.
- 30) In Ranch Hand classes the sort horse and rider can make _____ and _____ moves while cutting the cattle, but the gate horse and rider must compete in a _____ manner.
- 31) A _____, _____, or _____ second allotted time limit for each division will be required at producer's discretion. RSNC recommends a _____ second clock.
- 32) In a class of 75 teams the 3rd place team will receive _____ points.
- 33) If lap timers are not used all ties are brought back to the final round of a class, unless more than _____ positions are created.
- 34) A Producer has _____ options for settling cattle.

Thank you for taking the RSNC Judge's Test.
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and appropriate fees to the RSNC office
email: info@rsnc or fax: 970-897-2921 as soon as possible.