

# 4-H RANCH SORTING JUDGES CARD



**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**EXTENSION**

JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_  
CLASS \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**1 POINT PENALTIES**

- A. Loss of working advantage
- B. Working out of position
- C. Noise directed at cattle
- D. Toe, foot, or stirrup on shoulder

**5 POINT PENALTIES**

- A. Quitting the cow
- B. Losing the cow
- C. Changing cattle after a specific commitment
- D. Failure to separate a single animal after leaving the herd
- E. Blatant disobedience: kicking, biting, striking, rearing, etc.
- F. Rider spurring or hitting in front of the cinch at any time
- G. Each cow not sorted out of three

**When working a cow, a rider shall not be penalized for holding onto the cantle or horn of the saddle.**

**CREDITS** awarded for good horsemanship, lightness of aids, willingness of horse, partnership between horse and rider, good stockmanship, efficient manner of sorting that reduces stress on cattle, rider allowing horse to demonstrate "cow sense", accurate and smooth sorting, calm and quiet herd entry and movement, and using herd holders appropriately.

**3 POINT PENALTIES**

- A. Cattle scattered or picked up
- B. Back fence

**ZERO SCORE – not eligible for placing**

- A. Horse turns tail
- B. Using two hands on the reins in a bridle or two-rein outfit
- C. Finger(s) between the reins when using a romal
- D. More than 1 finger between split reins
- E. Illegal equipment
- F. Leaves working area before time expires
- G. Fall of horse or rider
- H. Visible blood inside the mouth, on shoulder-s or sides
- I. Excessive disturbance of the herd or running into the herd

**DISQUALIFICATION**

- A. Abuse of horse
- B. Abuse of cattle
- C. Verbal or physical unsportsmanlike conduct towards judge or show management
- D. Herd holders aiding the contestant inappropriately
- E. More than three head crossing the sort line at the same time

**Judge may blow his/her whistle at any time to terminate the work. A score of zero will be given, if the work is not complete at that time. 3 minute time limit or maximum of 3 head of cattle sorted. Each rider begins with a score of 70.**

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