

Sonoma County Fair Line Sorting Contest

- Entries Open:** Friday, June 1, **8:00 a.m.**
- Limit:** 20 Teams, 3 person teams. First come, first serve. Note: Entrants may submit more than one team, but team must be different (1 or 2 new riders) Entries close when limit is reached.
- Entry** \$150.00 per team. **NO REFUNDS!**
- Eligible:** Open to Adults and juniors ages 14 & over. Must be able to show proof of age.
- Check-in:** **Sunday, August 5** : Chris Beck Arena – 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. at Announcer's Stand for mandatory meeting.
- Start Time:** 9:00 a.m.
- Program:** 1:00 p.m. Top five teams to compete in a new "Line Sorting Challenge" bonus round during Farmers Day Event. Top finishing team will receive \$300 cash.
- Departure:** Horses (& trailers) may leave at completion of event. (exception: top 5 teams or any hide race participants.)

Top Team or Winner: **Line Sorting 9:00 a.m. - Belt Buckle**
Line Sorting Top 5 Challenge 1:00 p.m.- \$300

RULES

1. Line sorting is a 3 person team.
2. The arena will be split in half from the foul line (plus or minus 10'). Cattle will be settled on sorting side of the foul line prior to each run.
3. Ten Numbered cattle 0-9 and 1 un-numbered cow (dirty) for a total of 11 head. The run starts with the team members on the start line (10' from the foul line will be the start line) from the cattle.
4. Judge will raise the flag when the cattle are ready and the announcer will let the riders know when to start their run. The judge will signal the beginning of the time by dropping the flag when the nose of the first horse crosses the foul line and the number to be sorted will be announced.
5. The Announcer will call the number which will determine the first cow to be sorted. The cattle number will be repeated 3 times. Either contestant may start the run.
6. The cattle must be sorted in number sequence. Cattle are considered sorted when the rear legs crossed the foul line.
7. If any cattle crosses the foul line out of sequence, or any cattle already sorted come back across the foul line, the team shall be judged "No Time".
8. Any cow not entirely across the foul line prior to the final buzzer sounding will not be counted. At no time can the unnumbered (dirty) cow crossover the foul line.
9. The winning team will be determined by the team with the most cattle sorted, in case of a tie, the fastest time will determine the winner.
10. If a team has a dispute about a run, or condition of cattle, a protest to a judge must be lodged before the team leaves the pen. The judges and the Committee Chairman must confer and agree on a decision. If the dispute is sustained, the team will be given a re-run.
11. Contact with or hazing the cattle by hat, ropes or any other equipment is a disqualification. A team exhibiting any unnecessary roughness of the cattle will be flagged a 'NO TIME'. No whips, ropes, or bats are allowed in the arena.
12. Any cow that lies down and stays down during a run and interfered with the teams ability to pen cattle or sort may be grounds for a re-ride. If the Judge agrees the ride was hindered, a re-ride may be granted.
13. Team will continue until all cattle are sorted or until you are out of time. There is a (2) two minute time limit and a 30 second warning.
14. It is permissible to stop sorting anytime and hold cattle already sorted until the clock runs out.
15. Proper riding/competing attire is required. Hat, boots, long pants and long sleeved shirt.

DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL

NOTE: There will be no parking of any vehicles or horse trailers in Chris Beck Arena, all contestants must park in the designated parking lot directly across the street from Chris Beck and lead your horses across the street. Riders will be given a warm up time in the arena before the event. There will be a mandatory riders meeting to review the rules before the event begins.

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Each entrant, participant or exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage, which may occur or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him or otherwise, and he hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Sonoma County Fair and Exposition Inc., its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all claims, losses, and demands which may occur or arise hereunder.

I promise to abide by the rules and regulations pertaining to the above event. I also agree to abide by the decisions of the judges and the flagman officiating over this event.

I hereby release all right, title and interest in any photographs of myself that may be taken by the management. **Please fill out information below completely and legibly**, so cash awards can be mailed promptly.

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