

WINNEMUCCA OPEN COW DOG TRIAL & SALE

GENERAL INFORMATION AND SHOW RULES

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Winnemucca Cow Dog Trial is conducted in conjunction with the Ranch Hand Rodeo Weekend. In the spirit of the Ranch Hand Rodeo and the working ranchers of the Great Basin, this trial is tailored for the working cowboy and cowgirl. This trial gives these handlers and dogs a venue in which they can participate in a local trial that is inexpensive and enjoyable.

The majority of the personnel that assist in this dog trial and sale are members of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit. These Members volunteer to conduct this event.

HANDLERS' MEETINGS

A handler's meeting will be held before each class in the Event Center. It is recommended that all contestants attend this meeting. The Trial Director is not required to repeat instructions given for late contestants.

BRACE CLASS- The handlers' meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 immediately preceding the class.

RANCH CLASS- The handler's meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 immediately preceding the class.

OPEN PRO CLASS- The handler's meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2010 immediately preceding the class.

COURSE

Rules or course cannot be changed once trial has started. This trial will not be a judged event, but will be a points and time trial. The dog that accumulates the most points and the fastest time will win the class. When running the finals, all dogs will start with a clear score.

RUNNING ORDER

Running order will be determined by a draw.

TRIAL DIRECTOR'S DECISION

The Trial Director's decision will be final in all situations. The Trial Director may disqualify a contestant at any time due to a violation of rules.

OPEN PRO CLASS OBSTACLES

1. FETCH AND GATHER. The handler has 2 minutes to complete the fetch and gather. If the handler crosses over the line during the 2 minute time limit, the handler will be disqualified. All cattle must cross the line in two minutes to complete the gather. If the cattle do not cross the line by the 2 minute time limit, the handler can help the dog bring the cattle back in, but no points will be received.
2. AN OBSTACLE is considered complete when one or more of the cattle pass beyond the exit plane. Each obstacle must be completed in the order specified at the handler's meeting. Points will be awarded on the number of cattle that pass through each obstacle. The handler cannot return to a previous obstacle if he/she has moved on to the next obstacle.
3. DAYLIGHTING OF OBSTACLE. If any animal enters an obstacle from the wrong direction, it must completely daylight the obstacle and be put through again correctly. Points will be awarded for cattle that pass through the obstacle.

4. **TROTting RULE**. Handlers may trot their horses. If the handler does not trot their horse throughout the course and completes the course in the allotted time, the handler will receive an additional 5 points.
5. **IF TRAILER IS THE LAST OBSTACLE**, points will be given for each head standing in the trailer when time expires.

RANCH CLASS OBSTACLES

1. **FETCH AND GATHER**. The handler has 2 minutes to complete the fetch and gather. The handler can cross the line to assist the dog before the 2 minute time limit is reached, however 10 points will automatically be deducted from the points possible. If the cattle do not cross the line by the 2 minute time limit, the handler can help the dog bring the cattle back in, but no points will be received.
2. **AN OBSTACLE** is considered complete when one or more of the cattle pass beyond the exit plane. Three obstacles will be placed in the arena; each obstacle must be completed in the order specified at the handler's meeting. Points will be awarded on the number of cattle that pass through each obstacle. The handler cannot return to a previous obstacle if he/she has moved to the next obstacle.
3. **DAYLIGHTING OF OBSTACLE**. If any animal enters an obstacle from the wrong direction, it must completely daylight the obstacle and be put through again correctly. Points will be awarded for cattle that pass through the obstacle.
4. **TROTting RULE**. Handlers may trot their horses.
5. **IF TRAILER IS THE LAST OBSTACLE**, points will be given for each head standing in the trailer when time expires.

BRACE CLASS OBSTACLES

1. **FETCH AND GATHER**. The handler has 2 minutes to complete the fetch and gather. The handler can cross the line to assist the dog before the 2 minute time limit is reached, however 10 points will automatically be deducted from the points possible. If the cattle do not cross the line by the 2 minute time limit, the handler can help the dog bring the cattle back in, but no points will be earned.
2. **AN OBSTACLE** is considered complete when one or more of the cattle pass beyond the exit plane. Each obstacle must be completed in the order specified at the handler's meeting. Points will be awarded on the number of cattle that pass through each obstacle. The handler cannot return to a previous obstacle if he/she has moved on to the next obstacle.
3. **DAYLIGHTING OF OBSTACLE**. If any animal enters an obstacle from the wrong direction, it must completely daylight the obstacle and be put through again correctly. Points will be awarded for cattle that pass through the obstacle.
4. **TROTting RULE**. Handlers may trot their horses. If the handler does not trot their horse throughout the course and completes the course in the allotted time, the handler will receive an additional 5 points.
5. **IF TRAILER IS THE LAST OBSTACLE**, points will be given for each head standing in the trailer when time expires.
6. **TWO DOGS WILL BE WORKED IN THE BRACE**. No additional points will be awarded for the dogs' performance if the dogs work separately or together. However, this is a BRACE the dogs are expected to work as a team. The handler should be able to sufficiently demonstrate this ability. The Trial Director reserves the right to disqualify a handler for not working both dogs.

FINALS

There will be a final round in both the RANCH and OPEN PRO classes. The finals will be held 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2010. The top five in each of the preliminary rounds advance to the finals. Contestants start with a fresh score.

AWARDS & PRIZE MONIES

There will be a final round in both the RANCH and OPEN PRO classes. The finals will be held 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2010. The top five in each of the preliminary rounds advance to the finals. Contestants start with a fresh score. Prize monies will be awarded first through fifth place. A buckle will be awarded to the winner of each class.

In the BRACE CLASS, prize monies will be awarded first through third place. A buckle will be awarded to the winner of the class.

TIEBREAKER

The fastest time on the fetch and gather will be used as the tiebreaker in the event that one is needed.

DOG ON GROUNDS

All dogs must be under control at all times while on the grounds. If a contestant's dog enters the course while another dog is competing, the contestant who owns the dog will be disqualified. Any dog entered in the trial may not be used to handle or settle the livestock. If an unattended dog enters the arena while a handler is participating, the Trial Director may issue the handler a re-run.

ONLY DOGS PARTICIPATING IN THE TRIAL ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE WINNEMUCCA EVENTS CENTER.

INJURED DOG

If a dog is injured, the Trial Director may elect to leave it up to the handler whether to continue or pull their dog. The Trial Director may stop the clock for a short time to allow the dog to regain their soundness or the Trial Director may demand the dog be taken from the trial. An injured dog will not justify a re-run.

CATTLE

New cattle can be awarded to a contestant at the discretion of the Trial Director.

MISHANDLING LIVESTOCK

NO objects may be carried in the hand or used in any way in assisting the contestant/dog with the run. The cattle must not be touched by the contestant during the run, to do so will be a loss of points from that point on. Overworking the livestock causing one or all to leave the trial arena will result in disqualification. This is at the discretion of the Trial Director.

Contestant is responsible for the replacement market value of cattle or veterinarian services associated with injured livestock due to actions by their dog.

COLLARS

No training collars or devices will be allowed while running your dog.

CALLING OF TIME

If a handler calls time on his or herself, that will be considered a disqualification.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

The Trial Director will have the final say in any grievances. No video taping will be conducted by the Trial Director.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification by the Trial Director. This will include, but not be limited to, abusive conduct and language towards dogs, livestock, trial officials or spectators. No refund will be issued to disqualified handlers.

DRESS CODE

Long sleeved shirt with collar, boots and hat with brim.

USBCHA POINTS

The preliminary round results in the RANCH and OPEN classes will be submitted to the USBCHA for points. The final rounds do not qualify for USBCHA points.

The RANCH class is not a "stand-alone" nursery class, but it has been sanctioned as a NURSERY class within the RANCH class. Dogs, that are 36 months of age or younger on or before December 31, 2009, will qualify as NURSERY dogs. There must be a minimum of five eligible NURSERY dogs to qualify the class for NURSERY.

SALE DOGS

The Winnemucca Cow Dog Sale will be held immediately following the finals on Thursday, March 4, 2010.

1. Sale dogs must participate in one of the three classes in the 2010 Winnemucca Cow Dog Trial.
2. If the dog is registered, a copy of the dog's registration papers must accompany the sale entry.
3. All information on the dog must be accurate and truthful.
4. Please refer to the sale entry form for additional information.