

YOUTH TEAM BRANDING CONTEST

August 10th, 2017

Start time: 10:00 AM

Competition

- Timed basis – 12 minute time limit
- The three fastest times will be placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Branding Rules

- Youth may only enter once, adults may enter twice (example- father entering with two separate children). Ground help may help as many teams as necessary. No child may enter both age divisions. Adult must be related to child (grandfather or mother, mother or father, sibling or aunt and uncle).
- All entries must be pre-paid and received by August 7th
- Entry Fee: \$25 per team
- All members of the team must sign Branding Contest Entry Form and agree to the Express Release and Assumption of Risk & Photo/Release statements on the back of the entry form.
- All participants must be in Western Attire – Long sleeve shirt, hat, etc.

Ground Rules

- Each team will head and heel two head of cattle
- Ground crew is allowed to help hold ropes if needed for safety purposes.
- No tie down allowed
- Legal head catches:
 - Around horns
 - Around head
 - Head and front leg
- All four feet must be stretched ropes before brand is applied
- Dropped head rope can be picked up without penalty if the ground crew is back in the circle before the animal is heeled
- Dropped head rope after animal is heeled can be picked up without returning to the circle
- After an animal is branded, it must be on all four feet before the next animal is caught. If animal is up on all 4 legs then lays down the next animal can be roped
- On the last animal, the animal must be on all four feet, free of ropes, iron back in the fire, ground crew in the circle, then the judge will signify final time
- No person but the team and judges are allowed in the pens
- Once contest has started, there will be no discussion with the judge
- If a fence goes down or time stopped at any pen, all three watches are stopped. Time will be recorded and all three watches cleared and restarted. That time will be added to the first time
- The Eureka County Fair Board will supply branding iron (paint).

Penalties

- A penalty of 20 seconds will be applied for not walking to the edge of the herd for each calf
- A 30 second penalty per incident will be applied if the ground crew leaves the circle before the animal is headed and heeled (judges discretion)
- A 30 second penalty per incident will be assessed if a horse is ridden through the circle
- A 30 second penalty for each heavy or improperly placed marking
- A 30 second penalty for each light mark
- A 30 second penalty if chalk is dropped or placed on the ground outside of the circle
- A 30 second penalty if a new animal is roped if the previous animal is not on all four feet
- A 90 second penalty for undue roughness; a second incident of roughing cattle will disqualify team
- Failure to properly rectify or remedy an illegal catch will result in disqualification
- Animal marked on the wrong side will result in disqualification
- Ground crew is allowed to carry chalk stick at all times

Final Decision

The Eureka County Fair Board Committee shall have the final decision on any disputes about entering, penalties, procedure and events. Any dispute with the judges will result in disqualification. **For entry form please visit: <http://www.co.eureka.nv.us/fair.htm>**