**WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS**

**Mary Burgess Memorial**

**RANCH RODEO 2023**

**SCHEDULE AND RULES**

9:00- Contestant check in

9:30- Contestant Meeting

Calcutta (30/70% split

10:00 am Start Rodeo

11:00 Cornhole

12:00 Lunch

Team Sorting

Ranch Doctoring

Trailer Loading

Calf Branding

Open branding

Bulls and Bronc’s/ breakaway roping to follow

Open Calf Branding (this will follow rodeo) same rules as rodeo rules 60.00 a team.

* All judges’ decisions will be final. Discussion will not be entertained.
* All decisions will be made at the discretion of the judge.
* Absolutely no abuse, mishandling, or choking of the livestock will be tolerated.
* A contestant may only be substituted in the event due to personal injury.
* No unnecessary roughness toward cattle, mounts, teammates or arena personnel will be tolerated. The judges’ discretion could result in disqualification of team.
* Abusive, foul, or profane language will not be tolerated, and will be grounds for disqualification.
* Western attire will be required to compete. Cowboy hat or no hat is acceptable (no ball caps), western shirt, jeans and boots.
* Chaps/chinks/leggings are highly recommended but NOT required.
* No dogs allowed
* Same horse for all events, with the exception of one rider during the calf branding.

**PENALITIES AND/OR DISQUALIFICATION**

1. Abuse of either personal or event animals are strictly prohibited.
2. Flushing two or more wrong numbered cattle across the penalty line.
3. Allowing cow to cross the penalty line back into the herd will result in a “No Time” of 180 second penalty.
4. Team not ready and in the arena by third call.
5. Dismounting without clearing spent rope from saddle and horse. Coiled unspent ropes may remain on your saddle without penalty if latched.
6. A “down cow” shall be defined as any animal that goes down behind the line, leaves or partially leaves the arena, or whose legs or body become entangled in the arena structure. **In case of a “down cow,” any team member can stop the clock by raising their hand.**
7. “Running down” of escaped cattle will cause for disqualification. “Running down of escaped cattle” shall be defined as the chasing of an animal down the arena.

**POINT SYSTEM**

Points will be awarded in each event up to 5th place.

1st - 5 points

2nd - 4 points

3rd- 3 points

4th- 2 points

5th- 1 points

**TIE BREAKER**

In the event of a tie, the winner will be chosen by the fastest time in Calf Branding.