



2017 Galveston County Fair & Rodeo
Gulf Coast Ranch Rodeo

Saturday, April 22 – 7 pm

Eddie Moore Rodeo Arena
Galveston County Fairgrounds
Hwy 6, Hitchcock, Texas

This year will be bigger and better than ever!

We will pay winners of each event and average winners!
Average winners receive payout and trophy buckle.

Limited to the first 15 teams that get their money in, that's it!!
4 man teams – entry fee is \$500.00 per team

Galveston County Rodeos will choose at least 3 of the following events for this Rodeo

DOCTORING
BRANDING
MUGGING
WILD COW MILKING
YOKING
SORTING

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Entry must include: Team name, Team Captain name, Team members names and where you are from. I will also need a contact number so that I can call you once your entry has been received and to verify you made the cut off.

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GENERAL RULES

1. **If member is under 18, parent/guardian will need to sign waiver with member.** An alternate member may be named in case of emergency. That alternate member must compete in all remaining events. Each team member must ride the same horse in all events. If the horse sustains an injury, and the judge approves, a new horse may be brought in.
2. **Can only qualify on One Team for finals**
3. Each team shall have a designated captain. The captain will be the only team member allowed to address the judge.
4. All team members must wear hats (**no caps**), long sleeve shirts and boots. Chaps are optional /but encouraged to wear.
5. Only the team that is competing will be allowed in the arena.
6. All teams must participate in all events and receive a time to be eligible for a jackpot.
7. All disputes will be settled by the judge(s) only! If any team has a protest or complaint, their captain must address the judge(s) before the next team time starts.
8. **No tripping** of stock is allowed in any event. A trip will give the team a NO-TIME in that event.
9. There are only three legal head catches, slick horn, half head, and full head. That's it!
10. **Any abuse of or injury to stock will be grounds for disqualification.** (Example—Dragging while animal is down, or excessive choking. etc.)
11. There is a 2:00 minute time limit on all events. Time starts when the first horse steps across the line.
12. **If 2 or more of undesignated stock cross the line, will constitute a loss of the herd, and result in a "no time". This means one "trash cow" is allowed/but will result in a 5 sec penalty. There will not be a "trash cow" during the sorting, cattle must cross in numerical order or team will be disqualified.**
13. No swapping of ropes between team members.
14. Each team must be ready to enter the arena and be ready to compete in its drawn position.
15. **No rope shall be left on horse and /or saddle HARD Tied or HOBbled when cowboy dismounts.** This will constitute a NO-TIME.
16. The four-loop rule will apply. (4 head 4 heal)
17. If a cowboy forgets stock number, he should raise his hand to announcers stand & number will be announced.
18. It is team's responsibility to check cattle numbers before the rodeo for numbers hard to read, blotched, double numbered, etc.
19. Work order and stock order will be drawn for.

20. Stock numbers will be announced when the first rider crosses line and judge drops flag.

21. **All ropes must be off of cattle to stop clock**

22. Cattle will have to stay tied for **6 sec** after clock is stopped

Qualifications for Finals

Must be Member of Gulf Coast Ranch Rodeo Association in good standing

You can only qualify for Finals on one team. If you have already qualified on another team you must go to finals with the team you first qualified with. It's important that you are riding on team that you intend to ride at finals with. You will be allowed to replace one team member to ride with you at finals in case of emergency but that replacement has to be someone who has not already qualified with another team.

Teams will qualify for finals by winning first, second, or third place at a *Gulf Coast Ranch Rodeo* sanctioned event. If one of these teams has already qualified, finals spot will move down until eligible team is reached.

(Eligible team is a team where ALL members on it have not yet qualified for the finals)

Event rules/Gulf Coast Ranch Rodeos will choose at least 3 of these events for each rodeo

Branding- Designated cow will be cut from herd and roped with legal head catch and layed down. Once the cow is on its side there will be a whistle to indicate brander can leave the branding pot. Brand must be carried on foot (not horse back). Once the brand is returned to bucket time will stop. ***(Cow must be "day lighted" first)***

Doctoring- Designated cow will be cut from herd and roped with legal head catch and a heel catch. One or both feet is legal. Cattle will be laid down and paint mark applied and visible by judge. There will be only one paint marker per team, if you are caught with extra paint marker your team will be disqualified from the event. Time stops when all ropes are clear of animal and animal is back on its feet. ***(Cow does not have to be day lighted in this event)***

Mugging- Designated cow will be cut from herd and roped with legal head catch. Animal must be laid down and any three legs tied. Animal must stay tied for 6 seconds. Time stops when team is no longer touching animal head rope is removed and hands are thrown in the air. ***(Cow must be day lighted first)***

Wild Cow Milking- This is the only event where cow will be released from the bucking chute. All team members will be behind foul line and are allowed to cross line when line judge drops the flag. Cow will be roped and milked, in bottle provided by Rodeo committee. The "runner" with the bottle must cross designated line with the bottle and rope in his hand for time to stop. ***(Cow must be standing to milk)***

Yoking- Designated cow will be cut from the herd roped with legal head catch and drug to Yoking pole. Time will stop when cow is properly tied to post and rope is removed from the cow.

Sorting- Number will be called when first rider crosses the line, this will be the start number. Three head will have to be driven across foul line in exact numerical order. There will be no re-cross allowed or trash cattle in this event.

Gulf Coast Ranch Rodeo Association

Preserving the working ranch cowboy heritage along the Gulf Coast

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When people today think of the Gulf coast of Texas they may think of beaches filled with tourist, great fishing , or fine seafood restaurants. But there is another side to this great coastal region, CATTLE! There are still vast acres of owned/ leased pastures and cattle ranches up and down the Gulf Coast which is home to a special breed of Texan, The Gulf coast working cowboy.

It may surprise many people to learn that there are thousands of men and women who still make their living or a large part of their living from raising and working cattle on the coastal plains of Texas. Too often cattle country is thought to be in some far off place, like west, or north Texas. The reality is that up until 10 years ago there were more cattle in Brazoria County than any other county in the State. That's right, there are still many ranches alive and well today all over the coastal counties of Texas and many working cowboys who devote their lives to the cattle industry and the Texas cowboy heritage.

One of the best ways to showcase the skills and talents of these working ranch cowboys and their horses is in the arena, competing in Ranch Rodeos. Most working ranch cowboys do not compete in modern day rodeos due to many reasons, but primarily because modern day rodeos require a competitor to have a specialized horse for a specific event. Working cowboys don't have the time or place for a horse that is only specialized in one event. Their work requires a horse that is efficient in cutting, roping, reining, and is quiet enough around cattle to get the job done quickly and with minimal stress on cattle. The horses these cowboys ride are truly versatile animals, while most rodeo horses are not very efficient in the pasture.

This is why Ranch Rodeos where started. It was a place that these real life cowboys could compete in events that are set up to represent everyday work on the ranch. The sport has grown in popularity over the last few years with cowboys and spectators alike.

Gulf Coast Ranch Rodeo Association is proud to be the first ranch rodeo association to target and showcase the many top notch working class cowboys and their horses that make their home on the Texas gulf coast. There will be several sanctioned rodeos along the coastal counties that will be qualifier rodeos for the finals that will take place in Galveston County each year in November. Our goal is to have a top - notch finals that pays well and is exciting for cowboys and spectators. Proceeds will go to the David Tilley scholarship fund that is set up to help kids of working ranch cowboys with college, and to Gulf coast cowboy churches that minister to these working ranch cowboys. Membership is not limited to competitors, so if you want to be a part of this exciting Ranch Rodeo Association please contact us Email chance@gulfcoastranchrodeoassociation.com