

# LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING

## *WPRA Co-Approved*

This show is subject to the State Fair of Texas General Rules as listed in this Horse Show Premium List, and special rules listed in this section. All decisions made by Show Management will be final.

1. GENERAL RULES: Contestants are responsible for adhering to current health requirements as stated in the General Rules section of State Fair of Texas premium book, which include a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) issued within 30 days for horses travelling from out of state, and a negative EIA (Coggins) test within the previous 12 months.
  2. ENTRIES:
    - a. ENTRY PROCEDURES: Online entries at: [bigtex.com/horse](http://bigtex.com/horse) under the Women's Breakaway picture
    - b. ENTRY DEADLINES: Pre-Entries Close at August 16 11:59 PM. Late entries will be accepted until Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm with \$50 late fee
    - c. COMPLETE ENTRY: All contestants must fill out indemnity form and a W-9 before competing. This includes signature of contestant and parent/guardian if contestant is under 18 years of age on January 1, 2024. Entry is not complete without full payment.
    - d. ENTRY LIMITS: Contestants may enter a maximum of 1 time.
    - e. DRAW OUTS & REFUNDS: Draw outs and refund requests must be completed 24 hours prior to the start of the competition to be eligible for a refund. After the deadline, no refunds will be given for any reason. All refunds will be subject to a 25% service charge.
  3. ELIGIBILITY: Event is open to females only.
  4. FEES:
    - a. ENTRY FEES: \$400 per entry. Fee must be paid in full for entry to be considered complete.
    - b. STALLS: Contestants horses staying overnight will be required to purchase a stall for \$35/night. See page 14 for complete arrival and departure schedule. Stalls may be purchased upon arrival. All stalls are approximately 10' x 10' and are on dirt. Horses must remain in assigned stall or other areas as designated by Show Management. Shavings will be available for purchase for \$10/bag.
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Fees	
Entry Fee	\$400
Horse Stall (optional)	\$35

5. ADDED MONEY AND PAYOUTS:

a. ADDED MONEY: A total of \$5,000 will be added to the total purse. No deductions will be taken from added money.

b. PURSE DISTRIBUTION: Entries will be jackpotted at 70%.

1. 20% will be paid in each long round.
  2. 10% will be paid in short round
11. 50% of the jackpot will be paid out in the Average.
  111. Checks will be paid by on sight day of event

c. Payouts will be paid using the following scales:

First and Second Round Payout:

Entries	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
1-10	100%			
11-20	60%	40%		
21-30	60%	40%		
31-40	50%	30%	20%	
41-55	50%	30%	20%	
56-75	40%	30%	20%	10%
76-100	40%	30%	20%	10%
101-125	40%	30%	20%	10%

Average Payout:

Entries	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	8 <sup>th</sup> Place
1-10	100%							
11-20	60%	40%						
21-30	50%	30%	20%					
31-40	40%	30%	20%	10%				
41-55	35%	25%	19%	14%	7%			
56-75	33%	23%	17%	12%	9%	6%		
76-100	30%	21%	16%	12%	9%	7%	5%	
101-125	28%	19%	15%	11%	9%	8%	6%	4%

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## CONTESTANT RULES

### 1. DRESS CODE:

- a. Contestants and assistants must wear western attire in the arena at all times during a performance. Failure to begin the performance without proper attire will result in a penalty at the officials' discretion.
  1. Shirt must be long sleeved, rolled down and buttoned.
  11. Western boots must be worn in all events.
  111. Cowboy hat or helmet must be worn.

### 2. ARENA:

- a. One assistant per contestant is allowed in the box. The contestant is allowed a helper in the box to help settle the horse and keep the horse in the corner of the box, and this help may continue until the contestant calls for the animal. Any assistance provided after the call for the animal will result in a no time.
- b. Hazing will not be permitted.

### 3. DRAWS:

- a. Position must be drawn. Cattle will be chute run.
- b. Numbers as drawn will be assigned to list of contestants, and the list is to be in non-alphabetical order.
- c. Contestants are responsible for checking posted draws and being present at time of competition.
- d. If a run split is needed it must be completed in the arena office at least two hours prior to the start of the respective event.
- e. 1<sup>st</sup> round will be draw order 2<sup>nd</sup> round will be run reverse order (Ex.: Round 1: 1-125, Round 2: 125-1) Short go will be run slow back

### 4. OFFICIALS:

- a.

The decision of any officials, flagmen, or timers will be final. Any protest must be made through the acting arena director before the end of the performance in question. Protests may be reviewed by officials, and all decisions are final.
- b. Contestants may not approach or address an official or timer during events.

### 5. RESULTS: Results are considered final, except in the case of mathematical error which must then be changed by Show Management.

### 6. EQUIPMENT:

- a. Equipment must be offered for inspection at the request of an official before, during or after a performance.
- b. Official may prohibit the use of bits or equipment he determines severe.

### 7. ANIMAL WELFARE: Contestants will be disqualified for any mistreatment of horse or livestock.

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## BREAKAWAY ROPING

### 1. EVENT:

- a. Roping will consist of two full rounds followed by a short go, meaning each contestant is guaranteed to rope two calves.
- b. The 20 fastest contestants, based on a two-head average, will progress to the short go.
  - i. The short go will take place immediately following the conclusion of the second round.
  - ii. Contestants' order of go for short go will be determined by low to high call back.
- c. The roping box shall be considered part of the arena.
- d. Calf belongs to contestant when contestant calls for it regardless of what happens except in cases of mechanical failure.
- e. The rope must be tied with string to the saddle horn and have a handkerchief or other colorful cloth tied to the rope at the saddle horn. Misplacement of bandana or string will result in a disqualification. No coils or knots allowed between the end of the rope and string.
- f. Contestant must stay mounted until calf breaks string.
- g. Contestant is allowed only one loop. A dropped loop is considered a thrown loop. If the contestant misses with the loop, the contestant will receive a "no time".
- h. Horse must be moving out of the box to be a legal catch; horse cannot stand still.
- i. Contestant will be responsible for providing someone to push her own stock.

### 2. BARRIER AND SCORELINES:

- a. The same type of string must be used on barrier at all times.
  - b. Barrier judge shall keep a record of the length of the barrier trip rope to assure the same start for all contestants each performance.
  - c. Adjusting length of barrier trip rope will be accomplished only by tying knots in the rope on either end.
  - d. A ten (10) second penalty will be added for breaking or beating the barrier. In all events, a barrier will not be considered broken unless ring drops within ten (10) feet of the post.
  - e. Barrier equipment should be inspected by the barrier judge before each timed event. If equipment is faulty, it must be replaced.
  - f. In the event of barrier malfunction, a barrier flagman will be used.
  - g. If barrier flagman is used, animal is to be flagged when its nose reaches starting or deadline in front of flagman.
  - h. Barrier judge shall be sure that no one can stand close enough to barrier or barrier equipment to tamper with same.
  - i. Arena conditions will determine score, length of score to be set by Show Management. A rope barrier will be used.
  - j. Once the score line has been set, it will not be changed until the go round is completed.
  - k. When barrier flag is used, barrier flag must operate in order for time to be considered official.
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3. LEGAL CATCHES:
    - a. The only legal catch is a bell collar catch, defined as behind both ears and above the root of the tail when the rope breaks away from the saddle horn.
    - b. All other catches are illegal (including any of the calfs appendages, including the tail).
  
  4. OFFICIALS:
    - a. Two (2) or more Timekeepers.
    - b. One (1) Barrier Judge.
    - c. One (1) or more Field Judges.
      - i. Field Judges may be mounted and must be in such position to be able to judge for clean catch immediately after string breaks.
    - d. Any judge can disqualify the contestant for an illegal catch.
  
  5. OFFICIAL TIME TAKEN: between barrier flag and field judge flag.
  
  6. DISQUALIFICATION AND RECEIVE A NO-TIME:
    - a. Contestant's name will be called three (3) times. If a contestant is not present and ready when called to compete, it will be assumed that contestant is not present and the contestant will be disqualified from this event.
    - b. If anyone other than the rider strikes at or whips the horse in the arena or box, such as to "start the horse", the rider will receive a no-time and be scratched from any remaining runs in that particular event.
    - c. If contestant fails to rope calf.
    - d. If contestant breaks string with her hand.
    - e. If contestant is not mounted when calf breaks string.
    - f. Lost or broken rope.
    - g. If flag or handkerchief is not attached to the end of rope.
    - h. If horse is not moving out of box when calf is roped.
    - i. Any intentional abuse to livestock.
    - J. Failure to compete in the short round - if a contestant fails to compete in the short go they forfeit all money and prizes.
  
  7. RE-RUNS:
    - a. If re-run is given, any penalties incurred during original run will be added to re-run time.
    - b. If contestant does not ask for calf, contestant must stop her horse as soon as possible without throwing her rope and re-run will be given. If contestant throws her rope, it will forfeit her re-run.
    - c. No re-run will be given due to faulty or broken equipment furnished by contestant.
  
  8. TIME LIMIT: Contestants will be given sixty (60) seconds once entering the box, excluding penalties.
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