



## 2026 Wyoming Ranch Rodeo Finals

### Ranch Rodeo Packet

Enclosed in this packet, you will find:

1. One (1) Ranch Rodeo Finals Entry Form
  2. Five (5) Ranch Rodeo Finals Release Forms
  3. Five (5) 2026 Ranch Rodeo Finals Rules
- PLEASE fill out the Entry Form, have each team member complete a Release Form, enclose a check for the Full entry fee made payable to the "Ranch Rodeo Secretary" and return these items to the Wyoming State Fair Office, or mail to:

Ranch Rodeo Finals Entry  
Wyoming State Fair  
P.O. Drawer 10  
Douglas, Wyoming 82633  
[Info@wystatefair.com](mailto:Info@wystatefair.com)

- All Entries and supporting documents are due in the Wyoming State Fair Office **No later than 5 PM on Wednesday, August 5th, 2026.**
- *NOTICE: The team meeting will be at 6:00 PM on August 11, 2026, with the team Calcutta immediately following at 6:30 PM*

Ranch Rodeo Finals Rules and Release Forms are available from the Wyoming State Fair office. (307)358-2398  
Ranch Rodeo Finals Rules are also available on the Wyoming State Fair website: [www.wystatefair.com](http://www.wystatefair.com) It is the responsibility of the teams and team members to be familiar with all rules for the Wyoming Ranch Rodeo Finals.

## 2026 Wyoming Ranch Rodeo Rules

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### ***Rules and eligibility requirements for the Wyoming Ranch Rodeo Finals - August 11, 2026 at the Wyoming State Fair in Douglas Wyoming***

- Ranch Rodeo must have been held within the boundaries of the State of Wyoming no less than five (5) days prior to the date of the 2026 Wyoming Ranch Rodeo Finals performance.
- Ranch Rodeo must offer three (3) of the following five (5) events and the events offered from this list must be held under the guidelines put forward by the Wyoming State Fair.
- Teams consist of 5 people, with the option of a fifth person as the bronc rider.
- Teams may opt to NOT have a bronc rider, but they will forfeit points for that event.
- Only four (4) people per team allowed in the arena at one time. Participants are limited to perform for one team during the Wyoming Ranch Rodeo Finals.

#### **A. RANCH BRONC RIDING:**

Highest Points Win

1. "Ride as ride can" for 8 seconds. A standard working saddle must be used. No PRCA rigging allowed. No hobbling of one or both stirrups. Horse must be saddled, as he would be for everyday use.
2. A regular bucking horse halter with one rein must be used and shall be provided by the ranch team.
3. Night latches WILL BE allowed.
4. Points will be awarded for the difficulty of the horse and for the degree of aggressiveness, control, and exposure demonstrated by the rider. Flamboyance and creativeness are encouraged.
5. If the rider believes that he has been fouled he must yell "four• in the first three (3) seconds of the ride and then continue to make the best ride possible throughout the 8-second ride. A re-ride may be awarded at the judge's discretion.

#### **B. WILD COW MILKING:**

Team must rope, mug and milk a cow, then run the bottle to the judge. Fastest team wins.

1. All people on horseback may have a rope.
2. Time starts when the roper crosses the start line.
3. One minute, thirty second (1:30) time limit. No loop limit.
4. Catch as catch can, but the cow's head must pass through the loop.

5. Rope must be off the saddle horn before the milking commences.
6. Ropes must be off the cow before time stops.
7. Ropes must be off the saddle horns of milkers and muggers after the cow is roped.
8. Cow must remain standing while being milked; failure to do so will result in no-time.
9. The Muggers hold the cow while the milker milks the cow into a standard 12 oz. longneck bottle. The Roper is allowed to come off their horse to help in mugging or holding the cow during milking.
10. The Milker may pass the bottle to another team member to run to the judge. Runner must hand the bottle to the judge.
11. THE JUDGE WILL POUR THE MILK OUT. If the milk will not pour, or if the contestant pours, the Team will receive a no-time.

C. **TEAM DOCTORING:**

1. All contestants may rope. All team members shall be horseback.
2. Time begins when the first rider crosses the line.
3. No Loop limit. Ropers may dally. Steer must be standing when it is headed and/or heeled. Must be legal head catch, head first.
4. Steer must be lying on its side prior to doctoring. All four feet must be visible.
5. When the steer is on its side, place a mark between its eyes and raise your hand.
6. Two (2) minute time limit.

D. **TEAM BRANDING:**

1. Time begins when roper crosses the line. No loping, at any time, they will have a two (2) minute time limit. No loop limit.
2. Calves may be roped by the head or heels. One or two heels accepted. No high hocks.
3. The flankers may not touch the calf until the whole calf has been dragged across the line. To do so will result in a 30-second penalty.
4. After the calf is flat on its side and the rope removed, the branding iron may then be removed from the bucket.
5. The calf must be branded in the rib area of the left side.
6. The iron is returned to the bucket after branding each calf.
7. Time stops when the branding iron is in the bucket.

**E. TEAM TRAILERING:**

Team must sort out three (3) yearlings of the same number from the herd. Load them in the trailer. Shut the trailer door, fastest time wins.

1. As riders approach the line, the announcer will call a number that has been drawn for them. Time begins when the first rider crosses the line. The team must cross the line immediately after the number has been called. If the team stops, as if looking for their cattle, the Judge has the discretion to drop the flag, starting time before they cross the line.
2. Only one rider can be in the herd at a time; however, holders may help drive the identified animal across the line once the animal is clear of the herd. Holders must not cross the line until then if you cross the line before cattle are sorted it will result in a 30 second penalty per rider.
3. 30-second penalty for loping in the herd.
4. The team has three (3) minutes to cut three (3) head of yearlings bearing the designated numbers and load them into the trailer at the opposite end of the arena.
5. No more than five cattle may cross the line while cutting is taking place. More than five cattle will result in a no-time.
6. No more than three (3) yearlings may be loaded. If time is called with any wrong numbers loaded or more than 3 calves loaded, team will be disqualified.
  7. Time is stopped when the door closes on trailer. A team may call for time on two (2) yearlings but will receive a 60 second penalty. No points are awarded for one (1) yearling.
8. Any team may be disqualified for unnecessary roughness.

F. All 5 of the above events will be held at the Wyoming State Fair Ranch Rodeo Finals performance during the Wyoming State Fair unless dire circumstances prevent the production of one or more events.

- a. The Ranch Rodeo Board retains the right to invite more teams to the WSFRR in the event of a team cancellation, ineligibility, or unforeseen circumstances.

G. In order for the winning team to be eligible to compete in the WSF Ranch Rodeo Finals Performance, the team had to win a ranch rodeo in the state of Wyoming in the current year.

H. Substitute team members will be permitted providing that there is an injury to one of the original team members.

- a. The maximum number of contestants per team is 5.

- I. Verification of events, production according to the Wyoming State Fair Ranch Rodeo Rules and Ranch Rodeo results must be forwarded to the Wyoming State Fair Ranch Rodeo, P.O. Drawer 10, Douglas, WY 82633, along with completed entry forms in order to attain eligibility for the Wyoming State Fair Ranch Rodeo Finals performance.
  - a. Verification of the eligibility of all members of the top two placing teams must also be submitted.
  - b. Information for the second-place team is held in case the winning team is declared ineligible for any reason.
  - c. Should first or second place teams be ineligible or unable to compete in the Ranch Rodeo Finals, the next highest placing team may be selected, providing the team meets all of the eligibility requirements and is verified by the Wyoming State Fair Administration.
  
- J. The top placing team in the Wyoming Ranch Rodeo Finals performance will qualify to compete in the WSRRA Finals in Winnemucca, Nevada. In the event that the qualifying team is unable to compete, the next highest placing team in the Wyoming State Fair Ranch Rodeo Finals performance will be eligible for the Ranch Rodeo.
  
- K. In the event that more than twelve (12) teams are eligible and make proper entry, the Wild Cow Milking, Team Doctoring, and Team Branding events may be conducted with two teams competing at the same time.
  - a. This procedure is in place in order to keep the length of the Finals performance manageable under the existing schedule.



## 2026 Wyoming Ranch Rodeo Finals Entry Form

Tuesday August 11, 2026, 7:00 PM

**Entry Fee:** \$500.00 per Team (100% jackpotted for payback)

**1st Place - 40%; 2nd Place - 30%; 3rd Place - 20%; 4th Place -10% Entry**

**Deadline:** Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 5 PM

**Qualifying (affiliated) Ranch Rodeo:**

Date of Competition \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Qualifying Ranch Rodeo \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Qualifying Ranch Rodeo \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members	Phone Number
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5. (Bronc Rider)	

Please Make Checks Payable to "Ranch Rodeo Secretary" and mail to:

Ranch Rodeo Finals Entry

[Info@wystatefair.com](mailto:Info@wystatefair.com) (e-mail entries to)

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### Local Entry Release

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### Release of Sponsors

The Undersigned, being fully aware that participation in the rodeo will expose him/her to a substantial and serious risk of property damage, personal injury or death, hereby releases all sponsors from liability for any and all property damage, personal injury or other claims- including those that are known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, future or contingent- arising from the Undersigned's participation in the rodeo.

### Covenant Not to Sue

The Undersigned covenant that the Undersigned shall not, nor at any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any action, suit or other proceeding against the sponsors (or their officers, directors, employees, agents or affiliates) concerning, arising out of or related to the actions, causes of action, claims and demands, hereby waiver, release, or discharged by the Undersigned.

### Assurances

The Undersigned has full power, authority, capacity and right without limitation to execute, deliver and perform this release.

### Bonding Effect

This release shall be binding upon the Undersigned and the Undersigned's spouse, legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.

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Name and Location of Rodeo: **Wyoming Ranch Rodeo Finals** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Participants that are 18 years of age or younger must have the Consent of Parent or Legal

### Guardian

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read the above release in full and fully understand the terms and conditions, and I hereby voluntarily execute and deliver this consent for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the rodeo.

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