

2023 KING OF THE RANGES

SAM EASEY WORKING HORSE CHALLENGE

RULES AND JUDGING CRITERIA

22 - 24 SEPTEMBER 2023
ROSEDALE HORSE COMPLEX, MURRURUNDI NSW

Competitors must familiarise themselves with all changes and amendments to previous Rules, Conditions and Judging Criteria.

The Challenge Committee reserves the right to further amend rules.

The Challenge Committee reserves the right to change any event at any time for safety or any other reason.

For further information regarding the Rules and Judging Criteria please contact the Challenge Coordinator:

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| Registration and Rider's Briefing | 6:30am – 7am Saturday |
| Days | Saturday |
| Where | Rodeo Arena (Ring 1) |

- The Committee reserves the right to make any changes on the day in the interest of safety.
- Horse warm-up area is adjacent to the visitors' camping area and the cross country obstacle course.
- Competitors may only enter either the Stockman's Challenge or the Working Horse Challenge.
- Horses can only be ridden in either the Stockman's Challenge or the Working Horse Challenge.
- The Working Horse Challenge two phase competition comprising a Dry Work Pattern and Cattle Work.
- The Dry and Cattle Work sections will run in conjunction.
- Finalist numbers will be dependent on entries and discussed at Rider's Briefing on Saturday morning.
- Competitors will run in draw order. Draw will be released on the KOTR Facebook Page and website prior to the event.

DRY WORK PATTERN

1. The draw is in numerical order.
2. Marshalling is at the north western end of the arena.
3. The Working Horse should show athletic ability with obedient attitude towards accurate pattern execution.
4. The horse should be light on its feet, correct in its paces and show no resistance to the bit.

SCORING

Judging criteria will be discussed at the Rider's Briefing and the Dry Work Pattern will be scored out of a maximum of **120 points**.

CATTLE WORK

1. Directly following the Dry Work Pattern competitors will begin their Cattle Work Pattern.
2. A cow will be let into the arena and a signal will be given for the competitor to start.
3. The pattern will be the same format as a traditional working cow horse wet work section; boxing, two turns down the fence and two circles.
4. If the beast hits the fence or is mistreated in any way, Competitor will be eliminated.
5. Competitors are only allowed one attempt at each circle.
6. Time limit for the wet work will be advised at the Rider's Briefing.
7. Points will be awarded for boxing, form and quality of turns, and position and control of circling.

SCORING

Judging criteria will be discussed at the Rider's Briefing and the Cattle Work Pattern will be scored out of a maximum of **100 points**.

FINAL

Days Sunday
Where Rodeo Arena (Ring 1)

WORKING PATTERN

1. Points from preliminary events carry over into the final.
2. Riders start in reverse order of placing coming into final.
3. Pattern will be supplied to finalists on Saturday night after announcement of finalists.
4. Pattern is to be completed in a set time.
5. Horses must be ridden by the same competitor in both the preliminary and final phases. In case of genuine injury or illness occurring after the commencement of an event the Committee reserves the right to allow a replacement rider. Should a change occur, that change is final.
6. Competitors will be judged on presentation, overall impression, and execution of the pattern.
7. Two judges will score the pattern with an average score to be counted.

SCORING

Judging criteria will be discussed at the Rider's Briefing and the Working Pattern will be scored out of a maximum of **100 points**.

PENALTIES

Further details on penalties will be given by judges at the Rider's Briefing.

DISQUALIFICATION will apply if:

1. Horse/Rider falls.
2. Horse bucks or becomes unmanageable.
3. Any blood from spurring or in the mouth from the bit.
4. Abuse of horse, cattle, judges or official.