



2016 Rule Book Changes

Notes: The complete 2016 Rule Book can be found on our website www.canadianpenning.com .

A new Judge Clinic webinar will be posted online in the New Year.

BOLD writing below is the new rule or wording changes within an existing rule (headers are bolded).

General Rules:

- If an unassigned cow (trash) crosses the cattle / start line at any time during the run, the team will be disqualified.
- Time will **AUTOMATICALLY** be called as soon as all four (4) feet of all three (3) cattle are in the pen and all of the riders and horses are on the pen side of the line. This will be signified by the Pen Judge dropping the flag as soon as all of these conditions have been met.

A team may call time **MANUALLY** by any team member any time after one or more cattle have been penned. To call for time “manually” one team member’s horse’s nose must break the plane of the gate and that team member must raise a hand above their shoulder. The Pen Judge’s flag will drop when the first horse’s nose breaks the plane and that rider calls for time and time will be given on the number of cattle fully in the pen when the rider called for time. If a team calls for time with only one or two of their cattle in the pen, the remainder of their assigned cattle do not have to be on the herd side of the cattle line.

The Pen Judge signals for time to stop on the conditions that occur first, whether automatic or manual.

- If all 3 cattle enter the pen before all 3 riders are on the pen side of the line, time will not stop until the Line Official signals to the Pen Judge that all riders have crossed to the pen side (all 4 feet of horse(s)). Only the Pen Judge can signal to the timer when time stops. In this situation, if any cattle escape the pen while waiting for rider(s) to cross the line, cattle may be re-penned.
- If a team calls for time “manually” (see above for definition) and all riders and horses are not on the pen side of the line the team will be disqualified.
- Herdholders attempting to disturb the herd – splitting pairs or ‘burying’ unused numbers can be called for **Unsportsmanlike Conduct**.
- A team with one or more dismounted riders may call for time providing all riders and horses are on the pen side of the line **or time will end automatically once all three cattle are in the pen.**

- Unsportsmanlike conduct by a team and/or rider may result in disqualification. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as abuse of one's horse or cattle, excessive use of foul language, intoxication in the arena or on the grounds or any other conduct felt to be detrimental to the sport of team penning. Abuse of one's horse may include but is not limited to excessive jerking, spurring, whipping, slapping or kicking or riding a horse that is visibly lame, sick or emaciated. Unsportsmanlike conduct may also be levied against a rider showing disrespect, **physical, verbal or written abuse** to a Judge, Line Official or Show Management. Any rider who shows disrespect to **those parties listed in the previous sentence will be** awarded an unsportsmanlike conduct **and** will be disqualified for that day of competition and all entry fees for the day will be forfeited. **This rule is to be enforced by the presiding Judge, Arena Director and/or Show Management.**

Unsportsmanlike conduct may also be levied for any physical, verbal or written abuse to any member of a rating committee regardless if it occurs during or outside of a sanctioned event. This rule will be enforced by the local association and/or the CTCPA.

- Spotting of cattle is not allowed and if blatant spotting occurs, the competing team will be disqualified immediately and given a no time. **Spotting is defined as any assistance given to the competing team that assists them in finding their cow at the herd end of the arena.** Riders discovered spotting by any person outside of the arena through the use of code words such as look (left), ride (right) or by the use of any electronic communication device (i.e. ear phone etc.) will be awarded an unsportsmanlike conduct and will be disqualified for that day of competition and all entry fees will be forfeited. This rule is to be enforced by the presiding Judge, Arena Director and/or Show Management. The CTCPA should also be notified of these serious infractions and the rider(s) may be subject to further sanctions by the CTCPA Board of Directors. All decisions will be final.
- **Judges and Line Officials cannot coach riders or provide assistance as to which numbers have or have not been used.**

Team Cattle Penning Classes – Youth:

- In the Junior Youth classes, a youth must enter the herd prior to the adult and must initially do the larger portion of the work involved in bringing each of the cattle out of the herd. The adult is allowed to assist the youth with any animal and may re-cut any animal that has returned to the herd after initially being separated by a youth. **If the team calls for time “manually”, a youth must signify for time at the pen.**

Arena and Pen Dimensions:

- The cattle line shall be placed at 40-50% length of the arena from the cattle end, except in instances where the working area of the arena exceeds 200 feet in length. In this instance, management may opt to use a 30% cattle line. **With implementation of the No Trash rule, it is recommended that the commonly used foul line of 40% be increased to up to 50% depending upon the arena set up. For larger arenas, if a 30% foul line is used it is recommended that up to a 40% foul line be used.** The finish line is placed at 75% length of the arena from the cattle end. The “hole” is always 16 feet. Depending on the size of panels used, the pen opening will be from 8 to 12 feet and the length of the pen sides will be from 16 to 24 feet. The length of the pen sides may be extended if arena conditions allow. A banner must be placed on the back side of the pen. Banners are not to be placed on the front panel of the pen adjacent to the opening or on the “wing” of the pen.

Penning Etiquette:

- **As a courtesy to fellow penners, officials, and spectators, competitors (including Youth) are encouraged to refrain from high pitched screaming.**
- Herd Holding - Hustle to the herd following your run to complete your herd holding duties. Herd holders are to stay in place and exit arena immediately upon the number being called. Herd holders should exit close to the outside walls so as not to interfere with the next competing team and no attempt should be made to “bury” cattle **or “split pairs”**.