

TIMED RANCH TRAIL

SHW795.Timed Ranch Trail. Events held in China with rules provided by the recognized international affiliate, as approved by the American Quarter Horse Association.

SHW795.1 Judged by persons approved by the international affiliate, even though such judges are not also on the list of judges approved by AQHA.

SHW795.2 Any other approved AQHA event held in conjunction with Timed Ranch Trail must be judged by an AQHA approved judge.

In **Timed Ranch Trail**, each exhibitor races against the clock, following a course consisting of obstacles which might be found on a ranch.

Pattern:

- 1. Pass the starting line.** Begin by crossing the center of the starting line, then stop even with the first obstacle and make a quarter turn right to face the obstacle. Enter. (Obstacle to be placed ten meters from starting line.)
- 2. 360 turn.** Turn 360 degrees (either direction acceptable) in the square made of poles. Exit straight ahead and continue to next obstacle. (Poles should be three meters long each; overlapped at the ends.)
- 3. Side pass.** Side pass over a raised pole on the ground. (The pole should be 4 meters long, elevated no more than 20 cm above the ground.)
- 4. Tire Pull.** After completing the side pass, remove rope with attached tire from stand and drag the tire in counterclockwise direction around the cones.
- 5. Calf roping.** Enter the marked area. Horses should stand quietly while contestant throws the rope at stationary steer (only one loop allowed.) The rope must pass completely over the head. Contestants may leave the rope as it lies or recoil and carry. If horned steer is used, rope must catch around the horns, half head, or over the head. (Stationary steer is a bale of hay with an artificial head with or without horns.)
- 6. Forward and back in chute.** Ride into chute, pick up small flag, then drop it. Back out of the chute, pick up second small flag on the entrance chute, then drop it. (Chute should be six meters long and 1.2 meters wide; chute should be 50 cm high).
- 7. Barrels.** Pick up hay bag from top of barrel, carry the hay bag to the other barrel and ride around it (right or left), return, and place the hay bag back on the first barrel. (The distance between the two barrels should be 15 meters; the second barrel should be 25 meters away from finishing line. Bag should weigh two to five kilograms made by soft materials such as nylon and cloth.)
- 8. Finish.** Run across the finish line following path depicted.

Assessment:

Exhibitors will be scored based on time to complete pattern and assessed penalties. The exhibitor with the fastest time and fewest penalties will be considered the winner. A maximum of one penalty per obstacle will be assessed. Exhibitors will be disqualified if three or more penalties are assessed. Exhibitors refusing to attempt any obstacle will be disqualified.