



Ranch Horse Team

Handbook



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To help you understand the dedication and commitment that is required of the CWC Ranch Horse Team, please read the information provided in this handbook.

Introduction

Participating on the CWC Ranch Horse Team will provide members to opportunity to reach many goals. Goals of the CWC Ranch Horse Team include but are not limited to:

- To improve the level of horsemanship
- To farther educate team members of safety, care and training of the versatile ranch horse
- To give team members an opportunity to practice representing themselves with responsibility, character, and teamwork
- To provide team members with an opportunity for networking amongst peers, coaches, and other equine professionals
- To provide team members competition experience
- To allow team members the opportunity to travel and experience new locations
- To provide team members with additional skills and connections necessary to pursue a career in the ranch horse industry

It will be expected for the Ranch Horse Team members to show their horse in a number of different classes including ranch riding, ranch trail, reining, working cow horse and sometimes cutting. The horse and rider will be scored based off their performance in the ring. Then the ranch horse team members will be placed as an individual; which will add to the teams overall score and placing.

Competition is divided into four categories that fit into practical ranch functions:

1. Ranch Riding- also called stock horse pleasure. This class is evaluated on how the horse moves. The horse should have a cadenced stride and be able to cover ground comfortably while moving cattle across the pasture.
2. Ranch Trail- This class includes multiple obstacles that would be encountered while working on the ranch and/or feed yard.
3. Reining- The purpose of this class to show a horse's athletic ability while being willfully guided. The class consists of a pattern that includes maneuvers such as spins, sliding stops, circles, speed changes, roll-backs, and lead changes.
4. Working Cow Horse- This class measures the horse's ability to respond to a cow in a working ranch environment.

Membership

The CWC Ranch Horse Team will compete against other collegiate teams in Stock Horse of Texas ([SHTX](#)), Slidin Daze Stock Horse Enterprises ([SlidinDaze](#)) and Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska Stock Horse Association ([CoWN](#)) sanctioned shows. We will also compete in non-sanctioned shows, such as those hosted by our local stock horse clubs.

Team Structure

The Coach will make the decision as to which Team members travel and compete. This decision will be based on efforts by the member, current skill level, dedication of member, individual fundraising efforts as well as space in vehicles. While this does not guarantee any one member 'a spot on the trailer,' it does offer an equal opportunity for each and every team member to travel and compete. The Coach will take the ranch horse team members that truly want to compete, are willing to put forth the necessary effort, and follow through with action, all with a positive and supportive attitude.

Team Requirements

Team members will be required to attend all designated practices. The Coach must be notified in advance of any missed practices, meetings, or required clinics/events. All members will help keep the CWC arenas, rest rooms, classrooms being used, stalls, pens, and immediate outdoor area neat and clean as well. Team members will be required to attend special events that are sponsored by the team. Ranch horse team members will participate in mandatory CWC Equine Center "orientation and safety" with the Coach.

Current entry fees per Ranch Horse class are approximately \$110.00 to \$200.00 for all four classes (Ranch Pleasure, Trail, Reining, and Working Cow) in each show, last year's National Finals was \$260-400. Many shows have a clinic before the show and now range in price from \$40 to \$100 to ride in them with no charge to audit. The team will participate in 3-8 shows as a team throughout the year. Ranch horse team members may show in other shows if they desire. Nationals would be additional for those who qualify. Ranch horse team members will be required to attend special clinics, training sessions or competitions sponsored by CWC. We provide reduced rates for our students.

Education

Schoolwork comes first. Students will have study sessions and will complete homework while traveling to and from competitions. We want you to succeed, see

the Coach for help with your schoolwork. In an effort to assist ranch horse team members with class, all members will be required to sit in the front 2 rows in class and ATTEND CLASS. Attendance in other classes WILL be checked regularly. Grade checks will also be required of all ranch horse team members throughout the semester. A grade point average of 2.5 must be maintained in order to practice or compete.

Alcohol and Drugs

There will be a ZERO tolerance policy. Students will sign and adhere to the team agreement. This means whether student is legal age or not. No alcohol or drugs are allowed.

The “Final” Word

Any questions about horses, practices, equipment or any other team-related issues will be handled by the Coach.

The Facilities and Horses

The barn, arena, practice equipment, and in some cases tack, are the property of CWC. They are used by permission only. Any misuse or abuse of property will result in dismissal from the CWC Ranch Horse Team. Any misuse or abuse of an individual member’s horse by the member will result in dismissal from the CWC Ranch Horse Team.

De-worming is highly recommended for the individual member’s horses. As a biosecurity issue and safety issue for all horses coming on campus whether student horses or outside riding horses. Vaccinations are mandatory, as well as a negative coggins test before any horse may be ridden anywhere on the CWC campus. Required vaccinations are: Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus, Influenza, and Rhinopneumonitis (5-Way). It is recommended to also vaccinate for West Nile and Rabies. Any illness or unsoundness in CWC team horses must be reported to Coach and a veterinarian will be consulted.

Travel

We will travel as much as possible together. When traveling alone, you are expected to know you’re your event is scheduled and to arrive in ample time to participate in your scheduled event. Departure times are nonnegotiable. Tardiness will not be tolerated. It is rude and disrespectful to be late to those who made it on time. If you

are late, you will be left. Typically, rooms are reserved together in a block and will be shared, 4 students to a room minimum. Anything less than your best behavior will not be tolerated. We are ambassadors of CWC, loud, rude, disrespectful, or obscene behavior will result in dismissal from the team, and your mother will have to come get you. NO ALCOHOL on school sponsored events even if you are legal age. Traveling horses will have to have negative Coggins and health certificates. This is why vaccinations are now mandatory; horses will be mixed with other horses from all over the country. Individual members must pay shared expenses such as fuel, hotels, etc.. CWC does not pay all expenses. Estimated expenses must be paid 2-3 weeks before a show. Once payments are made, there are no refunds. Over or under payments will be taken care of within a week after a show, or student will not be allowed to participate.

Hotel Rules

No dogs are allowed in hotel rooms.

No alcohol or drugs are allowed.

No men are allowed in women's assigned hotel rooms.

No women are allowed in men's assigned hotel rooms. This includes CWC men or women ranch horse team members or members of other teams.

Before unpacking, check for hotel room damages. Report these damages to the hotel manager or clerk and to your ranch horse team coach. Document the damages and turn the documentation into your ranch horse team coach.

Fundraising

Every member of the Ranch Horse Team will be required to acquire funding to assist the team in paying for expenses. Each Team member will be required to raise \$200+ by year's end (\$100+ by December, \$100+ by April). If you raise enough money, you may not have to pay for show/travel expenses out of pocket.

Team Spirit

We are a team and will work together at all times for the success of each individual as well as our team. There will be zero tolerance of discourtesy to any team member, competitor, coach, judge, other official, or any animal, anytime, but especially when we travel. RIDE FOR THE BRAND!

Winning Attitude

While the main focus of the CWC Ranch Horse Team will be to develop and perfect horse management, handling, training, and riding skills, we will always strive for friendly and sportsmanlike competitive recognition for our college and team.

Although competitiveness is an essential factor for team success, the CWC Ranch Horse Team experience is intended to be educational, enjoyable and fun.

CWC Equine Center Rules

- Arena gate must be closed at all times.
- Boots with heels are required at all times.
- NO riding bareback and NO riding with a halter without a bridle.
- SEI approved riding helmets must be worn when riding in an English saddle.
- Jumping equipment cannot be used without prior approval and proper supervision.
- NO horses are to be tied in the arena, round corral or roping boxes without permission.
- NO DOGS ALLOWED! THIS MEANS NO DOGS IN VEHICLES, TRAILERS, TRUCKS, etc.
- No equipment or articles of clothing are to be hung on the arena fence.
- All horses are required to have current rhino and flu vaccinations
- The equine center closes after the last class or after practice. Gates are locked after class or practice. Equine center closes at 6:00 pm.
- CWC reserves the right to restrict anyone from the complex who is in violation of these safety rules
- NO horses are to be turned loose in the arena, round corral or roping boxes when another horse is present without the owner of the horse permission.
- Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic and/or illegal drugs are not tolerated (regardless of age).

CWC Policies for Athletes

All CWC Policies for Athletes will be followed and enforced.

Acknowledgement of CWC Ranch Horse Team Handbook

The undersigned CWC Ranch Horse Team member,

(Please print your name on the above line)

Acknowledges receipt of and responsibility for the CWC Ranch Horse Team Handbook for the current academic year. The CWC Ranch Horse Team member agrees to read and safeguard this Handbook.

(CWC Ranch Horse Team member)

(Academic Year)

(Date)