

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Special Event Team Roping, Ranch Riding, & Ranch Trail

Date: September 2-3, 2026

Show Management

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Event Secretary			

Judges

Classes	Judges
Special Event Ranch Riding/Ranch Trail	Jamieson Gross Gayle Lampinen
Special Event Team Roping	Rhonda Replogle Pam Scott Mark Guynn

Important Dates

Event	Date and Time
Entry Deadline	August 21, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
Stall Reservation Deadline	August 21, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
Late Entry Deadline	September 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
Arrival Dates	September 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
Release Dates	Following the event each day

Ranch Riding & Ranch Trail Class Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Open Division Fee (Per Entry)	\$100.00 (\$50.00 Jackpotted)
Amateur Division Fee (Per Entry)	\$100.00 (\$50.00 Jackpotted)
Youth Division Fee (Per Entry)	\$50.00 (\$25.00 Jackpotted)
Office Fee (Per Horse)	\$20.00
AQHA Admin Fee (Per Horse)	\$30.00
RMQHA Fee (Per Entry)	\$2.00

Team Roping Class Fee Schedule

Fee	Cost
Open Division Fee (Per Entry)	\$50.00
Amateur Division Fee (Per Entry)	\$50.00
Youth Division Fee (Per Entry)	\$20.00

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Office Fee (Per Horse)	\$20.00
AQHA Admin Fee (Per Horse)	\$30.00
RMQHA Fee (Per Entry)	\$2.00
Stock Charge (Per Entry)	\$25.00

Stalling Fees

Stall	Fee
Fair Time Horse Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$30.00
Fair Time Tack Stall Fee (Per Stall)	\$30.00

General Show Information

- Each exhibitor is expected to read and adhere to the following Colorado State Fair Competition Requirements as adopted by the Colorado State Fair Authority Board of Commissioners (Board): 2026 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, 2026 General Horse Show Competition Requirements, and 2026 Special Event & Ranch Riding Competition Requirements.
- Each exhibitor is expected to read and adhere to the [2026 American Quarter Horse Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations](#).
- Memberships are available to purchase at the show if necessary.
- AQHA Breakaway Rules: Legal Catch
 - A legal catch in the breakaway roping is a “bell collar catch” defined as the loop must pass over the calf’s entire head, then secure on the neck with no extremities in the loop and in front of the tail head and then cause the string to break away at the saddle horn.

Entry Information

1. All entry and stall reservation forms are available online only at www.coloradostatefair.com.
2. All entries are fillable online forms that can be directly submitted to the Horse Show Office.
3. No payment is required until check-in.
4. Ranching Heritage Ranch Riding will run concurrently.
5. All entries must be accompanied by a photocopy of each horse's registration papers and the exhibitor's current AQHA Membership Card.

Stall Reservations

1. All stalls must be reserved by August 21, 2026, through the online form.
2. If received after August 21st, the Authority will charge a \$50 late fee per owner
3. Payments are not due until check-in at the fair.

Awards and Premiums

Ribbons only.

1. \$2,500 in added premiums to the Ranch Riding & Ranch Trail Special Event.
2. Ranch Riding Premiums will be paid based on the number of horses actually shown. 50 percent of the entry fee will be jackpotted, combined with the added money per class, and paid out based on the overall triple judged placings.
3. The NRCHA payout scale will be used. (This scale is only used for the AQHA Special Event Ranch Riding; the RHC has its own payout scale.)

AQHA Special Event Team Roping, Ranch Trail, & RHC Team Roping Schedule

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Class #	Event	Concurrent Event	Arena
253	AQHA Youth Ranch Trail	VRH Youth Trail	Covered Arena
254	AQHA Amateur Ranch Trail	VRH Amateur Trail	Covered Arena
255	AQHA Open Ranch Trail	VRH Open Trail	Covered Arena
179900	RHC Open Heading		Uncovered Arena
177700	RHC Open Heeling		
177900	RHC Open Steer Stopping		
177800	RHC Cowboy Steer Stopping		
179700	RHC Open Breakaway		
179800	RHC Cowboy Breakaway		
479900	RHC Youth Heading		Uncovered Arena
4477700	RHC Youth Heeling		
477900	RHC Youth Steer Stopping		
479400	RHC Youth Breakaway		
279900	RHC Amateur Heading		Uncovered Arena
277700	RHC Amateur Heeling		Uncovered Arena
277900	RHC Amateur Steer Stopping		Uncovered Arena
279700	RHC Amateur Breakaway		Uncovered Arena
200	AQ Open Breakaway		
201	AQ Amateur Breakaway		
202	AQ Youth Breakaway		
203	AQ Youth Heading		
204	AQ Youth Heeling		
205	AQ Open Heading		
206	AQ Open Heeling		

207	Amateur Heading		Uncovered Arena
208	Amateur Heeling		

Thursday, September 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Will follow Ranching Heritage.

*Cattle classes will not start before 11:00 a.m.

Class #	Event
250	Open Ranch Riding
251	Amateur Ranch Riding
252	Youth Ranch Riding