

BARREL RACING

Barrel racing is a thrilling race against the clock where horse and rider navigate a cloverleaf pattern around three barrels. Riders can choose to circle either the right or left barrel first, then race to the opposite barrel, finishing with the third before sprinting down the centerline to stop the timer. Precision and speed are key, as knocking over a barrel adds a five-second penalty. Popular across all ages and skill levels, barrel racing is an excellent entry point for newcomers to competition.



MOUNTED SHOOTING

Cowboy mounted shooting is an exhilarating timed event where riders navigate patterns while popping balloons with two single-action revolvers loaded with black-powder blanks. **Riders must shoot 10 balloons set in intricate patterns that may involve sharp turns, straight-line "rundowns," and tight gates.** After firing five shots, the rider holsters the first gun and switches to the second, all while maintaining speed and precision. Safety is paramount, with strict rules ensuring firearms remain unloaded until competitors enter the arena. Mounted shooting offers divisions for men, women, seniors, and youth, with skill levels from beginner to expert.



RANCH SORTING

Ranch sorting is a fast-paced team event where two riders and their horses work together to sort cattle into two pens in numerical order, all within 60 seconds. Eleven cattle start in one pen, 10 marked with numbers 0-9 and one unmarked. Riders are assigned a starting number, then must sort the cattle in sequence while keeping the unmarked cow from crossing over. Teamwork, precision, and quick bursts of speed are key, as mistakes result in a no-time.

