

2016 FCA Working Cow Dog Competition

Rules and Regulations

**Mandatory Competitor meeting 7:00 am September 30, 2016 by the
Horse Entrance to the Silver Spurs Arena**

The FCA Working Cow Dog Competition has been developed to give an opportunity for working cowboys and cowgirls to showcase Florida Cow Dogs used in daily ranch work.

Therefore

1. All Contestants must be a member in good standing of the Florida Cattlemen's Association or Florida Cattlewomen Inc.
2. An Entry consists of 1 Cowboy/Cowgirl, 1 Horse, and 1-2 Cow Dog(s)
3. The FCA Cow Dog Committee reserves the right to grant approval or deny request to participate in this event.

Legal Tack, Equipment, Dress Code

- 1- Electric Training Collars are allowed
- 2- Contestant must meet traditional dress code (Cowboy Hat, Collared Shirt, Jeans)
- 3- Cow Whip, Rope, Slicker, Breast Collar are all acceptable tack or tools and are allowed on the saddle and in the arena.
- 4- A Cow Whip can be used as an audible tool, but not to strike a dog or cow.
- 5- Firearms and RatShot are **not allowed** in the arena.

Contest Description

Time: Exhibitors will be allowed a maximum of fifteen minutes to complete the class. At the Ten -minute mark there will be a five-minute warning whistle. When the fifteen-minute time limit has expired, the exhibitor will be required to exit the arena.

Pattern (Diagram Attached): Contestants will begin the contest at a designated spot in the arena, located in the Northeast Corner of the Arena. Time will start when the contestant calls for the cattle. A total of 5 head of cattle will enter from separate pens on the West side of the Arena.

The dog(s) will then "bunch" the cattle in the Northwestern area of the arena, Hold Up 1. Once "bunched" the contestant will drive the cattle to the South and (from West to East) through the Panel Obstacle 1. The cattle will then be driven to the Northeast corner of the arena passing by

the North/West side of the water obstacle. The Contestant will then drive the cattle (from North to South) through Panel Obstacle 2 in the Eastern End of the Arena. Once through this panel obstacle the cattle will then be “stopped and held up” in Hold Up 2.

The cattle will then be driven and penned in Pen 1 between the bucking chutes (North Side of the Arena) and must pass to the South of the water obstacle on their way to being penned. The contestant must open the gate to pen the cattle and close it behind them.

Once penned the cattle will be then turned out of Pen 1 by the contestant and held up by the dogs in Hold-Up 3. The cattle will then be driven to Pen 2, passing in between the water obstacle and Panel Obstacle 2. Again the Gate must be opened and closed by the contestant. Once all cattle are in Pen 2 the “run” is over and time stops.

Disqualifications

- Mistreatment of Dogs, Cattle, or Horse (Judges Discretion)
 - Including overuse of electric training collar
- If a dog catches and “anchors or hangs on” (Judges Discretion)
- Judges reserve the right to disqualify for unlisted reasons that may arise. Judges Decisions are final

