

**Department U
Equine, Specialty Events**

**Section D
MISSOURI TEAM SORTING**

**Earliest Arrival: Tuesday, August 12, 4:00 p.m. -
South Tent Stalls only**

Must Be Out of Stalls: Friday, August 15, 8:00 a.m.

Coliseum

**Wednesday, August 13, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 14, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**For Rules and Entry Information contact:
fbarf111@gmail.com or www.motsa.org**

NEW FOR 2014....Ranch Sorting National Championship (RSNC), **NEW**
American Quarter Horse Assn. Double Judged (AQHA-Pending Approval)
& Missouri Team Sorting Association (MOTSA) Triple Sanctioned Events.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR SORTING IS OPEN TO ALL! **NEW**

A Bonus Money Class will be Offered (No Entry Fee) **NEW**
to Previously Qualified Riders

Contestants should enter Gate 4. Regular Fair admission and vehicle pass must be purchased.

Ranch Sorting is a western-style equestrian sport that evolved from the common ranch work of separating cattle into pens for branding, doctoring, or transport. Ranch Sorting is an event that pits a team of two riders on horseback against the clock. Teamwork is the key with both riders working in harmony to cut out the correct cattle and drive them to the pen while keeping the wrong numbered cattle back.

Ranch sorting is performed in two pens that are fifty to sixty feet in diameter, with a twelve foot opening between the pens. The pens are rounded. Both pens are the same size and sorting can take place from either pen to the other.

At the beginning, there are ten calves at the herd end of one of the pens with numbers on their sides for identification. The judge raises the flag and when the riders cross the gap between the two pens the clock starts and the competition begins. The team of two riders have to move the cattle one at a time from one pen to the other in numerical order, starting with a random number called by the announcer. The fastest time wins. If a calf gets from one pen to the other out of order, then the team is disqualified.

Competitors must be rated according to their ability prior to competing. Please contact The Missouri Team Sorting Association (MOTSA) at fbarf111@gmail.com or www.motsa.org for more information. Rules, STALLING and entry information are posted on the MOTSA website.

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