

Welcome to the Southern Ky Team Penning Association

We are proud to say that we are one of the oldest team penning associations in Kentucky today. We were formed 1993 and we are a non-profit organization that promotes a family environment for the promotion of team penning and sorting. We are a 100 member strong organization who faithfully supports the promotion of this fine sport to all ages from youth to “seniors” and all levels of experience. You will see riders competing on horses of all breeds and disciplines, from the backyard family horse, to the trained, cowbred, Quarter Horse. We are fortunate to sponsor AQHA events and 4-H events each year. We attract riders from as far as Pennsylvania to Mississippi and Alabama for our various events.

What is team penning and the history

Team penning is a western equestrian sport that evolved from the common [ranch](#) work of separating [cattle](#) into pens for branding, doctoring, or transport.

Today it is a fast-paced and exciting event that gives a team of three riders on horseback from 60 to 90 seconds (depending on the class or the sanctioning of the event) to separate three same-numbered cattle from a herd of 30, and put them into a 16' x 24' pen through a 10' opening, at the opposite end of the arena.

The sport features 30 head of cattle, typically yearling beef cattle (mature cows or bulls are not allowed), with numbers affixed to their back, three each of each number 1 through 0. A run starts once the line judge has dropped his flag as the lead rider's horse crosses the foul line. At that time, the announcer gives out a randomly drawn number, such as "Your number is seven". The riders then know that they must cut out the three head of cattle that are wearing the number "7" and push them to the opposite end of the arena, and put them into the pen, and call for time.

Teamwork is the key with all three riders working in harmony to cut out the correct cattle and drive them to the pen while keeping the wrong numbered cattle back.

The history of the sport is thought to date back to 1942 when brothers Ray and Joe Yanez, along with Canadian cowboy Bill Schwindt were sorting steers from a herd of cattle on a [Ventura County, California](#) ranch. During a lunch break the trio reportedly came upon the idea of organizing what were routine cowboy chores into a competitive sport, one in which cowboys could showcase their horsemanship. The first organized competition is thought to have taken place at the [Ventura County Fair](#) in August of 1949 in California.

The sport is widely promoted as the fastest growing western horse sport in the United States, Canada, and Europe. The primary team penning (and its sister discipline, Ranch

Sorting), Association is the United States Team Penning Association (USTPA), headquartered in Ft. Worth, Texas. There are an estimated 93,000 active team penners in North America.

What happens during a team penning

Three riders enter the arena. Bunched together at the other end of the arena are thirty cattle, numbered from 0 to 9, three of each number. The judge gives a number to the team when the first rider crosses the start line, and the clock is started. The team must cut the three cattle with their number of the herd and guide them down the arena and herd them into a pen within the allotted time—usually less than ninety seconds. The fastest time with the most cattle wins!.

Team Penning Classes:

OPEN

The open class is for the more advanced rider. A rider is only able to ride five times in this class. It costs \$75.00 per Team to enter. There is a flat 60% payback to the winners of the class. The top 20% (10 maximum) teams to come back for a final go. Will run immediately following the 1st go. (6 or more teams to final go will be split in 2 groups) 1st go fast time gets 10%, with 90% going to the top four places in the average. Depending on the total of teams to enter will result in how many places to pay. There is a maximum of four places to pay winnings. No trash or cattle with the wrong number is allowed to go over the line. A progressive time is used. There is no duplication of teams. At least one rider must change in each team. Entries have to be received at the registration desk by 10:15 am CST

PICK / DRAW

This group is also for the more advanced rider. A rider is able to ride in this event 6 times. There is a \$60.00 per team entry. There is a flat 50% payback to the winners in this class. For each picked team (3 maximum), riders will automatically be entered for 1 ride in draw pot. Riders have the option of placing all rides in draw pot in the event they do not have a team. There is what they call a three calf rule will be in effect (any part of 4th cow over foul line will invoke a no time) there is a 90 second clock. There is a maximum of four places to pay winnings. Progressive Time is used in the event. There is no duplication of teams allowed; at least one member must change. The cut off time for registration in this event is 11:00 am CST

SORTING

You are able to enter this class five times. You must have a team to ride in and there has to be at least one different rider for each team. You are not able to duplicate a team. There is a \$45.00 per team entry fee. There is 50% payback for the winnings of this class. The herd consists of 10 head of cattle numbered 0-9. Cattle are sorted in numerical order beginning with the number given by the announcer. Teams with the most number of cattle sorted in the fastest time will place. There is a 90 second clock using a lap timer.

PEANUT

There is no entry fee for this class. There is no payback in this event but there are trophies and ribbons for the winners. The rider must be the age of 12 and under as of Jan 1, 2008. Teams are drawn according to entries. Will pen 1 head on 10 head of cattle within 90 seconds. NO progressive time. There is a three-ride limit in this event. Points only will be given for this event (1,2,3,4,5) the deadline for entry into this class before the completion of the sorting class, unless otherwise announced or exception allowed. If there is not enough riders for this class it will not be held.

YOUTH / 4-H

There is a five-ride limit for participation in this event. There is \$30.00 per team entry fee. The winnings are determined as a 40% payback. Must be 18 and under as of Jan 1, 2008. The team is given 90 seconds to pen 3 head of cattle. There is no progressive time. Riders can pick maximum of 2 teams with the remainder of available rides to be drawn. There is a sign up form at the registration desk to sign up for number of rides requested with once again a maximum of five rides. The deadline for entry into this class is before the completion of the sorting class.

AMATEUR PICK / DRAW

This class is for the beginner and amateur rider in team penning. There is a six-ride limit in this class. There is a \$36.00 per team entry fee. The winnings are calculated on a 40% payback with the places to paid a maximum of four. The number of riders in the class will determine how many places paid. For each picked team (3 maximum), rider will automatically be entered 1 ride in draw pot. Rider has the option of placing all rides in draw pot and can sign up at the registration desk. There is no duplication of teams allowed with at least one member of the team changing. There is a 90 second clock with a progressive time. The deadline for entry into this class before the peanut class is to commence.

Things to remember:

- Western attire is required by all riders: boots, jeans, cowboy hat, full button down front shirt with collar, (can be short sleeve or sleeveless)
- Must be a SKTPA member to be eligible for year-end awards. To be eligible for Individual & team year-end awards, participant must participate in that class at 8 club shows.
- We have available memberships for the family and individual. The cost for a family is \$50.00 and can include all members of the household claimed on your taxes. The individual membership is \$35.00. You may convert your individual membership to a family membership at anytime for an additional \$15.00. Annual memberships are based on calendar year.
- There is a \$15.00 grounds fee per person per day for non-members participating in events that is paid at the time you are paying your tab.

- SKTPA members receive free admission to the end of the year banquet, award presentation and dance.
- All USTPA rules apply in the events.
- Monthly results will be posted on the board at the penning or you can access them online at our website @www.sktpa.com
- Stalls are available to rent. The cost is \$25.00 per night to include shavings for your horse. Should you need to reserve a particular stall you may contact Footsie Harlow our stall manager @ 270-784-6909
- We offer electric camper hook-ups for \$15.00 a night for your convenience.
- We offer Cowboy Church each Sunday morning at 9:00 am CST
- There will a warm up time before our show starts at 10:30 am CST

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March 9	Sept 28
April 6	Oct 19
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