Stake Race (Alternate 2):

- 1. Two poles to be set 100 feet apart, at least 21 feet from end of arena.
- 2. Pre-marked poles to stay the same for the whole rodeo.
- 3. Start/finish line drawn midway between stakes and must be clearly visible either on the ground or on the fence.
- 4. Stakes may be run one or two competitors in the arena at a time. If two competitors are in the arena at one time, a centre line the full arena distance must be used. Crossing the centre line will result in disqualification.
 - a. At start signal, cross center start line and proceed to a left hand turn around first pole (stake).
 - b. Make a right hand turn around second pole (stake).
 - c. Make a left hand turn around the third pole (stake) completing a figure eight pattern.
 - d. Race across centre line to finish the course.
- 5. The pattern may be run from a right or left hand turn at the start as long as the proper sequence of figure eight is completed correctly.
- 6. Touching a pole by either the horse or the contestant is permitted. However, knocking a pole over will result in disqualification.
- 7. Nose of horse to be timed across score line starting and finishing by timers/flag person.
- 8. Disqualification for going off pattern.
- 9. Pattern is broken if horse's shoulder goes past wrong side of pole.
- 10. Whips and/or spurs allowed.
- 11. No re-run due to faulty equipment being used by contestant.
- 12. Flagging out by judge to be done only after run in completed.
- 13. There must be at least 30 feet of stopping space.