

## StockHorse Cutting Clinic (Tentative)

Cutting is controlling a cow, not chasing one back and forth across the arena.

### 1. How to ride a cutting horse (mechanical cow):

- Short stirrups
- Chin over the horn
- Sit on your jean pockets
- PUSH on the horn
- Relax body and back
- Use the "cutter's slouch"
- Open knees
- Use legs without moving hands

### 2. The horse needs to (single cow):

- Rate the cow
- Stop correctly
- Move it's rib out of the way
- Rock back on it's hocks
- Lead with it's nose and turn through itself (not around itself)
- Rider can apply cue after the nose starts
- Note: it's very important to have softness and backing. You can't do enough of it.

### 3. Position on the cow (single cow):

- Rate
- Defense
- Offense

### 4. Starting a colt on cattle (small round pen):

- Demo of round pen work
- Demo of single cow
- It's a balance between letting the horse get "cowy" and staying correct.

### 5. Herd work (herd):

- Cows cut themselves
- Creases develop
- Know where to enter the herd
- Have to stop into the cow's face to stop it
- Slow and smooth
- Note: It is better to cut a bad cow good, than to cut a good cow bad.

### 6. Herd help (herd):

- Settling the herd
- Duties of the herd holder
- Duties of the turn back riders
- Picking cattle
- Remembering cattle

### 7. Showing (herd):

- Smooth
- Don't hurry (everyone hurries in the beginning)
- Don't stay on a cow that won't let you win
- How to quit a cow
- What's a "hot quit"
- What the judge wants to see