

Long Riders – Cowboys and Cattle

Stage 1 Branding Time

The spring roundup started the work season for the Western Cowboy. Chasing those old, stubborn, ornery, cows out of the brush was just a start. Several ranches typically worked together as their herds had mixed over the long winter months. Determination of who owned which of the calves, was made by watching which cow was nursing the calf. Whatever her brand, that was who owned the calf. This is not to say that the disputes didn't happen from time to time.

Targets 4 pistol, 4 Rifle, 2 shotgun, PP/Derr.
Ammo 5/10 pistol, 10 rifle, 4+ shotgun, 4 PP/2 Derr.
Props Fence

Starting position: standing behind the fence with branding iron in both hands. When ready say "**Them ain't your cattle**". At the beep drop the branding iron and engage the PP/Der target make gun safe. Engage shotgun 1-2-1-2 sweep. Engage rifle targets in a 1-2-2-3-3-3-4-4-4-4. Engage pistol targets same as rifle.

Stage 2 Barb Wire

With the encroachment on the wide open spaces of the settlers, disputes between the cowboys and the sodbusters were inevitable. The cowboys wanted to continue to "Free Graze" the land and the sodbusters wanted to protect their fields.

Targets 5 pistol, 5 Rifle, 2 shotgun, PP/Derr.
Ammo 5/10 pistol, 10 rifle, 4+ shotgun, 4 PP/2 Derr.
Props Fence

Starting position: standing behind the fence with wire cutters in both hands. When ready say "**Who strung this damn wire**". At the beep drop the wire cutters and engage the PP/Der target make gun safe. Engage rifle targets in a 3-2-2-3 sweep. Engage shotgun 1-2-1-2 sweep. Engage pistol targets same as pistol.

Stage 3 **River Crossing**

In addition to dealing with Stampedes, there were other dangers on the trail. If just crossing the fast moving flood waters of the Western rivers weren't dangerous enough, the Cowboys often found themselves at a disadvantage with their herd spread across two shores, and their numbers divided. Not surprisingly, Rustlers sometimes took advantage of this situation to ambush the Cowboys.

Targets 4 pistol, 4 rifle, 4 shotgun
Ammo 5/10 pistol, 10 rifle, 4+ shotgun
Props Wagon

Starting position: standing behind the wagon. When ready shout "***Rustlers!***".
When ready engage the rifle targets in a 1-4-4-1 sweep. Engage shotgun targets 4-1-4-1 sweep. Engage pistol same as rifle. Engage shotgun from either direction

Stage 4 **Comanches!**

Having learn their lesson from the miners, the cowboys figured the best way to assure they would get paid was to sell off their herd to the US government and in particular, the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Delivery of the cattle to the Army forts, both for consumption by the army and distribution by the Indian Bureau to the reservation Indians seem like a sure thing. But they didn't take into the account the fact that the Comanches had different plans.

Targets 4 pistol, 4 rifle, 4 shotgun
Ammo 5/10 pistol, 10 rifle, 4+ shotgun
Props Wagon

Starting position: crouching behind the wagon. When ready shout "***Comanches!***"
Engage shotgun targets right to left. Engage rifle targets in a 1-2-3-4-3-2-1-2-3-4 sweep from either end. Engage pistol targets same as rifle

Long Range Stage