

# BOX DRIVE BOX

## **General Overview**

The Box Drive class is designed as a *transitional event* between Boxing and full Down the Fence Work. It gives beginner and Non-Pro riders the opportunity to practice rating and controlling a cow in a fence type scenario without executing high-speed fence turns.

It involves:

- Initial boxing at one end of the arena
- Driving the cow along the fence to the other end
- Repeating the boxing and driving in the opposite direction

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## **Required Maneuvers**

The rider must perform the following in order:

1. Box the cow at one end of the arena to show control and engagement.
2. Drive the cow down the fence to the opposite end, demonstrating rating ability (no fence turn is required) at no more than a trot generally.
3. Box again at the opposite end.
4. Drive the cow back past the center marker.
5. Complete within 1 minute 45 seconds.

 Time calls at 30 seconds remaining and at time up will be given.

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Riders are evaluated on the following key performance elements:

Judging Area	What's Assessed
Position & Control	How well the rider maintains proper cow position and control throughout.
Degree of Difficulty	The challenge of the cow and how confidently it is handled.
Eye Appeal	The overall style, smoothness, and flow of the run.
Time Management	Effective use of the 1:45 time limit to complete all 4 phases.

Judges reward confident, fluid movement and effective cow handling.

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## ⚠️ Common Penalties

Penalty	Points Deducted
Failure to drive past centre marker	-5 points
Failure to initiate cow direction change in second boxing	-5 points
Fence turn (not allowed)	Zero score
Running the cow into the fence unsafely	-5 or Zero score
Schooling (excessive corrections or reining)	Zero score
Leaving working area before time expires	Zero score

## **Additional Guidelines & Tips for Success**

1. **Stay in Position:** Always stay in “ideal” cow control position (shoulder to shoulder).
2. **Smooth, Not Fast:** Control matters more than speed; never rush or chase.
3. **Use Time Wisely:** Don’t over-box ensure enough time to complete both drive phases.
4. **Practice Controlled Drives:** Focus on moving the cow smoothly down the wall not too far into corners.
5. **Stay Safe and Legal:** Never attempt a fence turn. It’s a zero score.
6. **Listen for Time Calls:** 30-second warning helps you adjust and get your final drive in.

