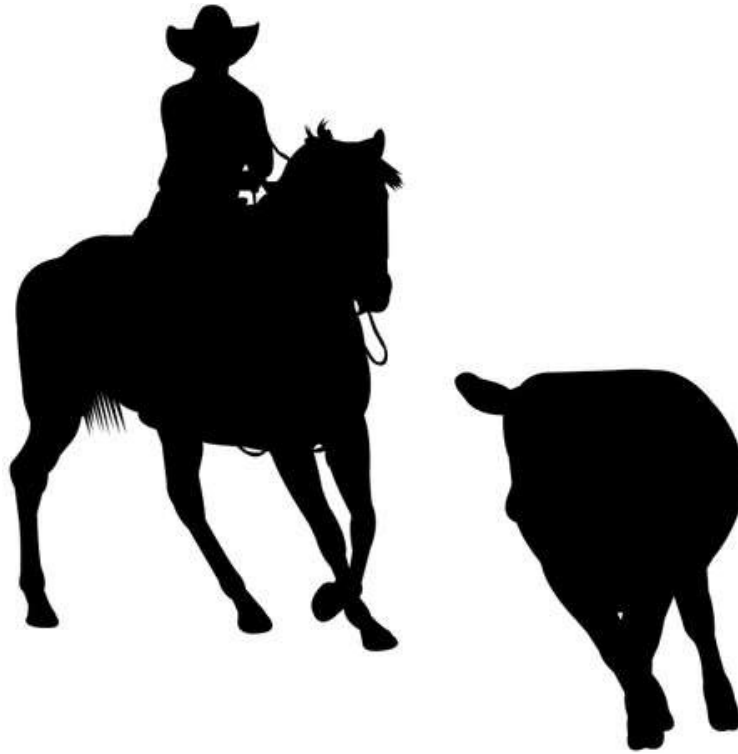


# Colorado 4-H Ranch Sorting

## A Basic Guide

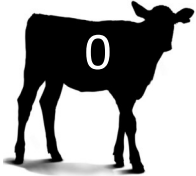


### Tips For Ranch Sorting

- This is not a timed event! You are judged on how you and your horse work the herd and sort out the cattle. No points for being real fast.
- Remember “Calm and Quiet” and “Slow is smooth, smooth is fast”.
- Give cattle time to react to your actions. If you see the animal you are sorting going the right way, let them go. Do not try to micro manage.
- Watch the classes before you. Observe how the cattle react to being sorted.
- Understand the point of balance on cattle and how to use it.



Herd  
Holder 1



**START LINE**

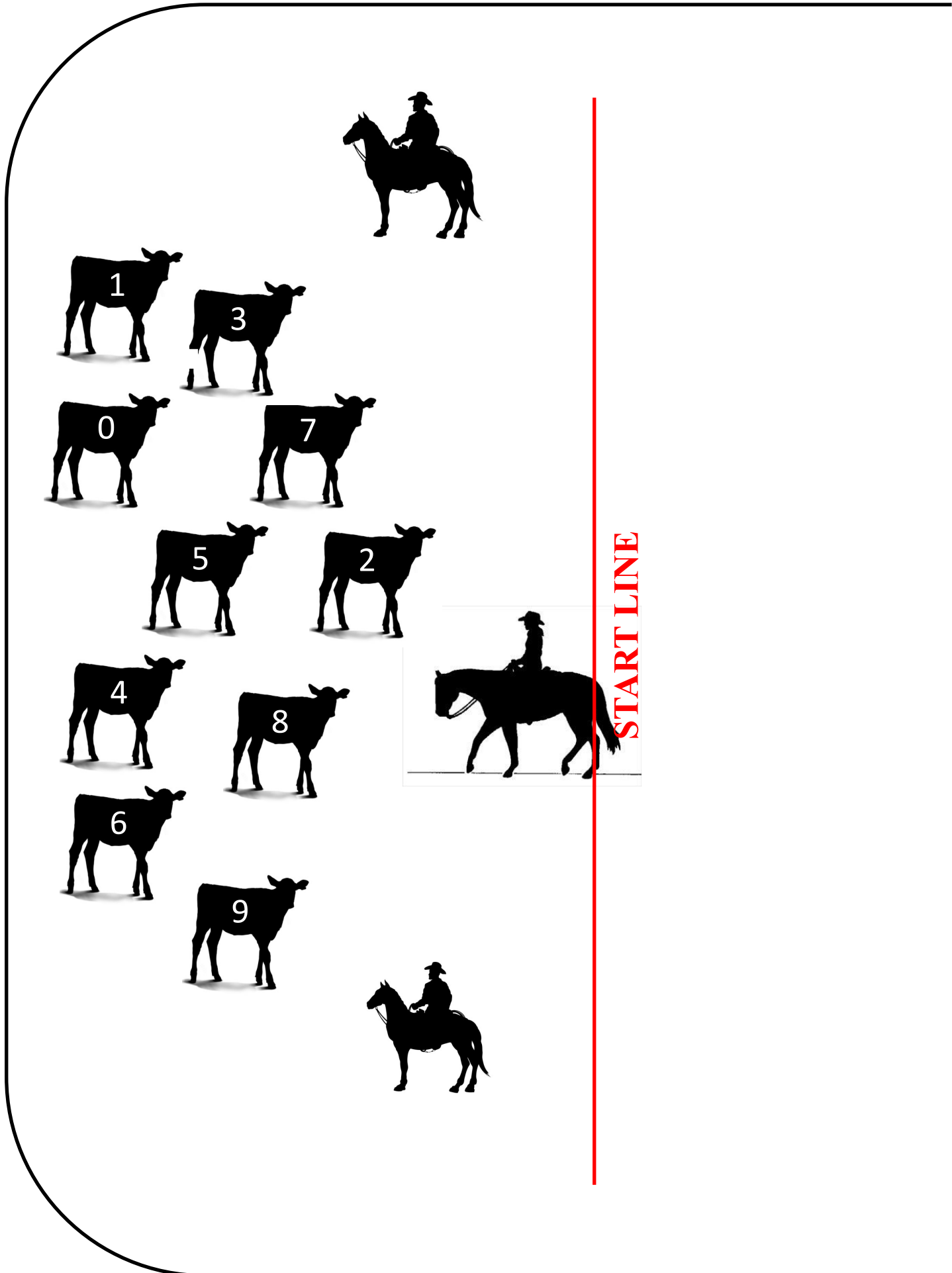


Contestant

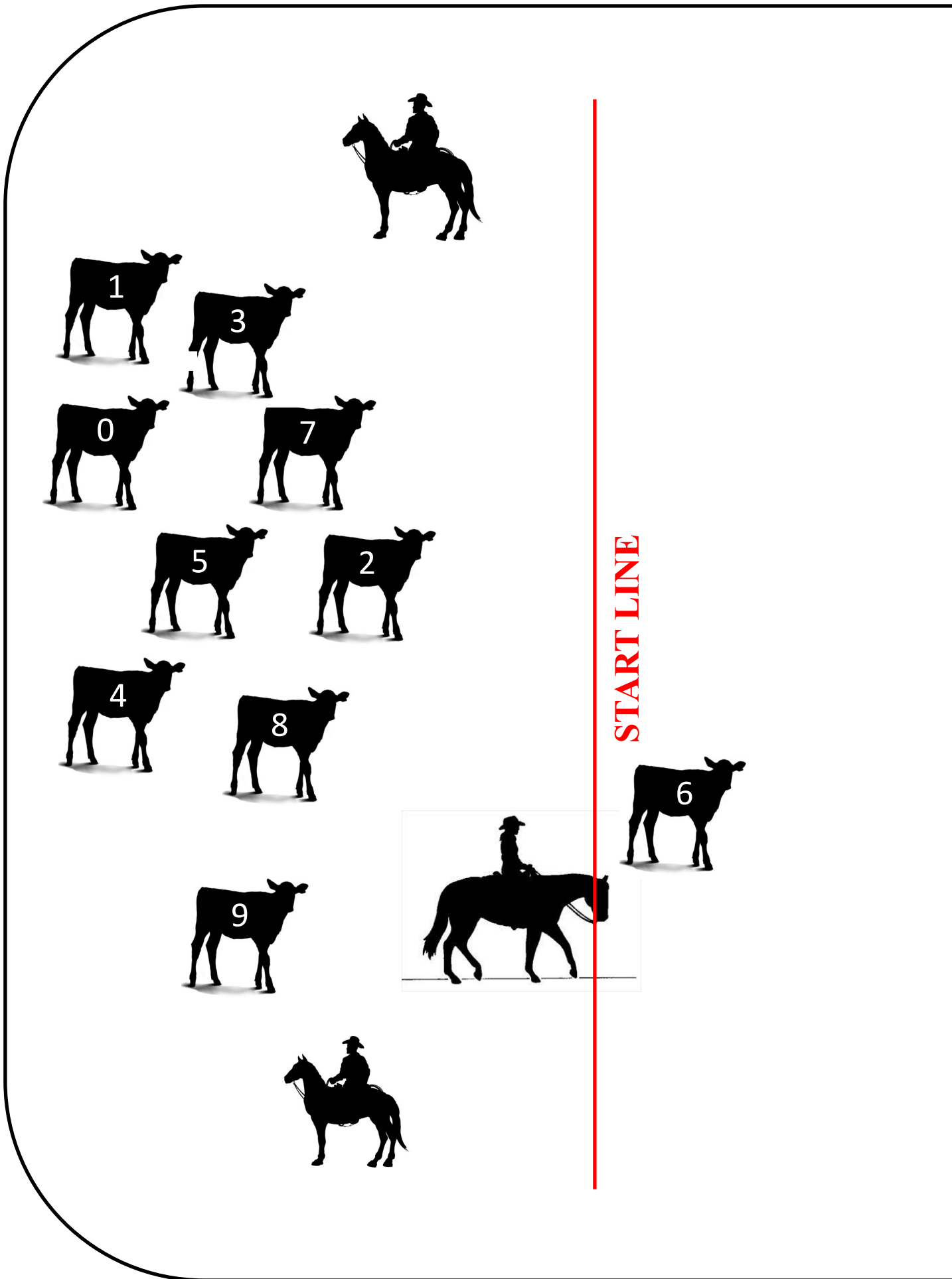


Herd  
Holder 2

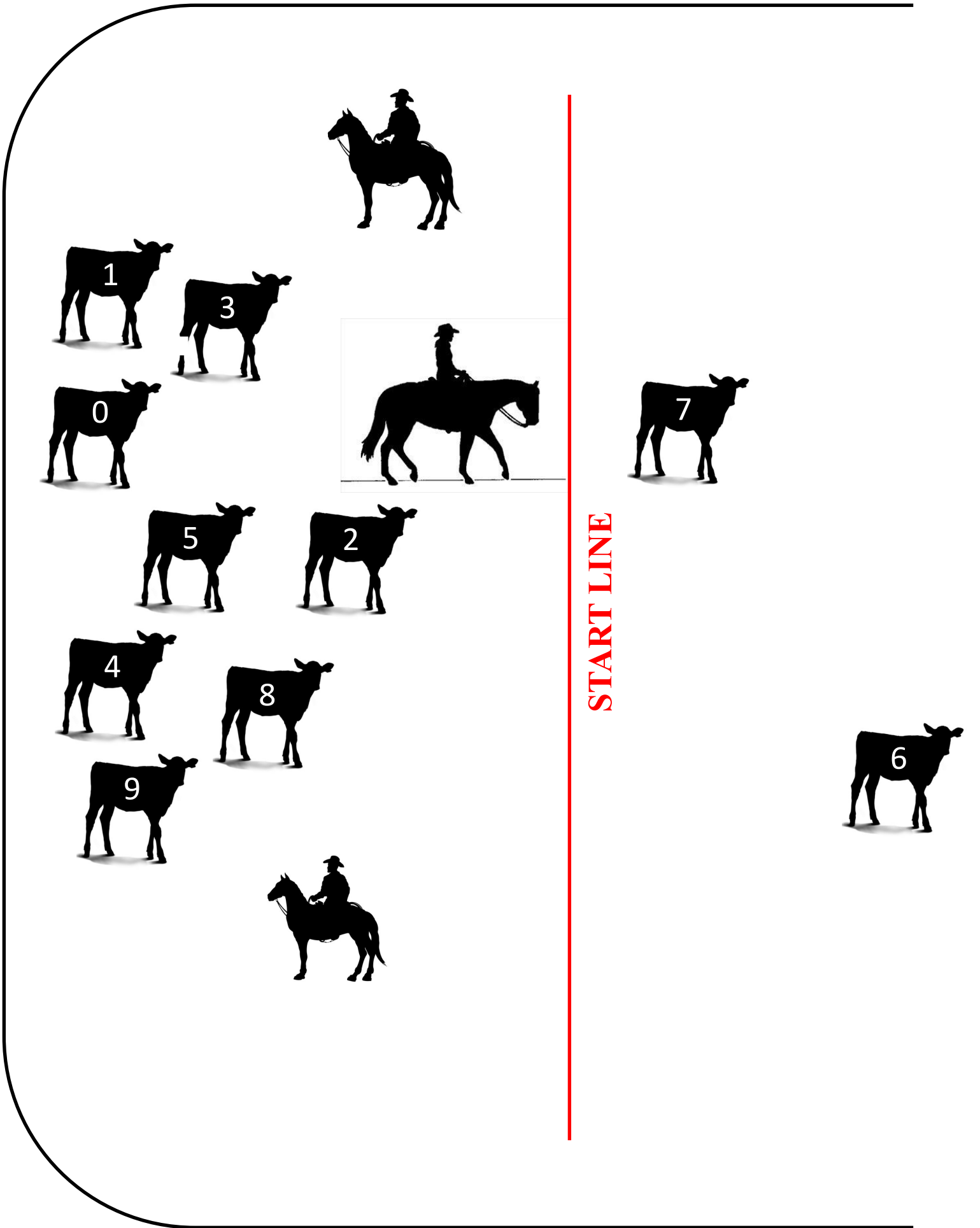
Contestant & Herd Holders are behind Start Line. 3 minutes is on the clock. A number will be announced of the first calf to sort off.



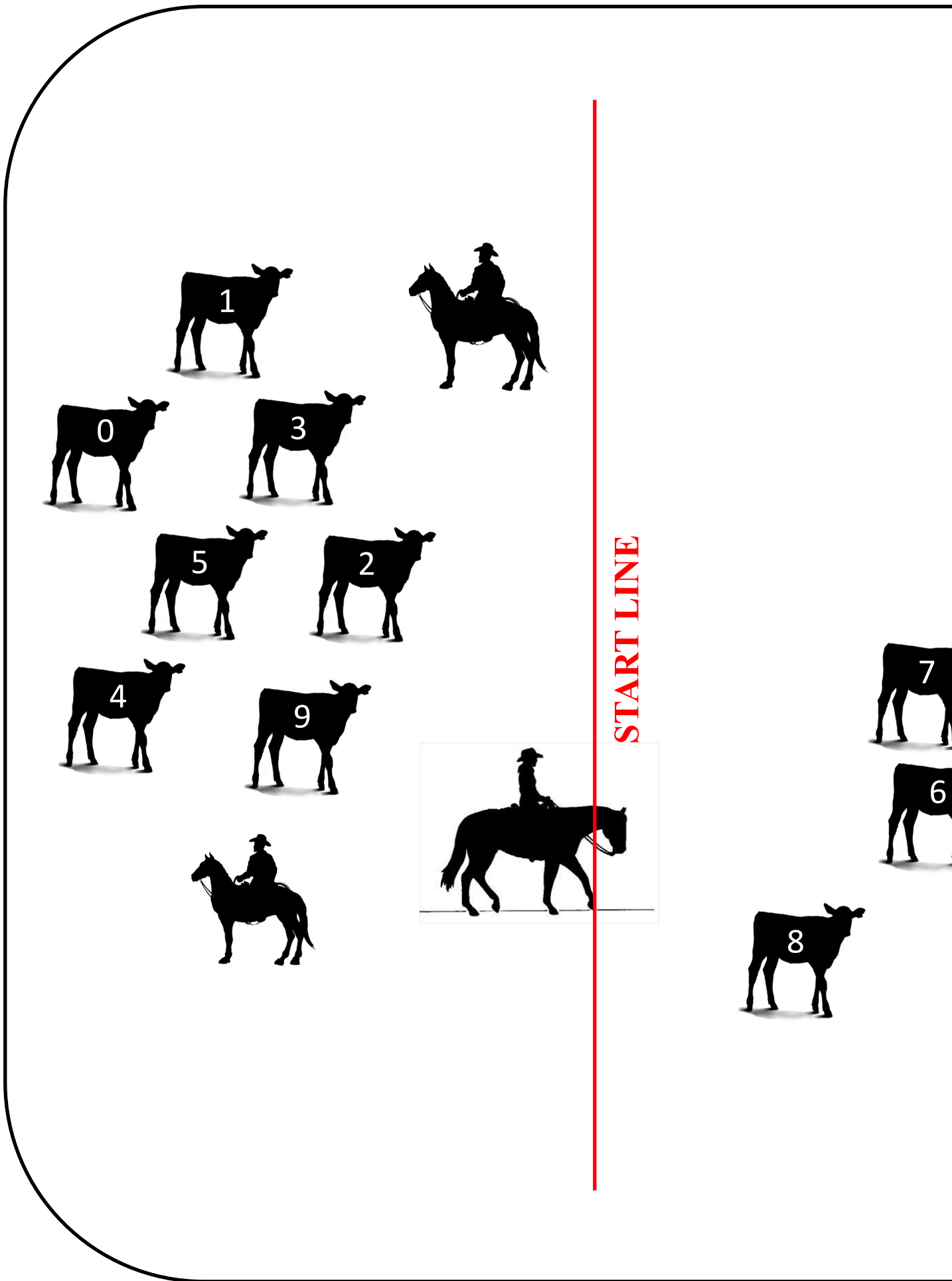
Judging starts when Contestant crosses Start Line. 3 minute time limit begins. Contestant must sort cattle back across the line in ascending (numbers getting bigger) order



Animals must be sorted off one at a time. They are considered sorted once they cross the start line with all four (4) feet. Contestant does not have to cross the sort line.



Sorting continues in ascending numeric order (animal numbers getting bigger). Herd Holders simply keep the group of cattle together and from running off.



Sorting continues until either all 3 animal are sorted across the start line or time expires (3 minute time limit). Contestant will be given a 30 second time warning after 2:30 minutes have passed.