

Newsletter – October 2015



The plans for our 2016 season are coming together. Formats and fees for District Ropings will change somewhat, but no major changes will occur. Payout calculations will change with NOTHING being paid in the first round fast time. ALL money will be paid in the average. Also, the #1.0 will once again be a 4 head roping at the District level.

Each District will be required to offer the Beginner, #1.0, #1.5, #2.0, #2.5 and #3.5 roping categories. Roping categories that are OPTIONAL at the District level are the Open, 4.5, Century and Mixed-Jr/Sr. The Mixed-Jr/Sr is a #3.0 Roping; ONE PARTNER must be EITHER female, OR 12 years old or less, OR 60 years old or older. The Century is a #2.5 Roping; both partners ages added together must equal 100 years or greater. All categories listed above will be held at OTRA Finals. For all REQUIRED categories, roper must be qualified at District level to compete at OTRA Finals. For the Century and Mixed-Jr/Sr, roper must be qualified in any other category to compete at OTRA Finals. For the Open and 4.5, any roper can compete at OTRA Finals (must have full membership or pay day fee; no points given).

In the #2.0 and below categories, the Producer will have the option of setting fees at \$60/TEAM or \$80/TEAM. Please keep in mind that cattle prices are making it extremely difficult to offer lower entry fees. In the #2.5 (Mixed & Century, if held), Producer has the following options: \$60/TEAM or \$80/TEAM with 35% stock charge and enter 8 times OR \$120/TEAM or \$160/TEAM with 80% payback and enter 5 times. In the #3.5 (and #4.5 if held), options are \$120/TEAM or \$160/TEAM, 80% payback, enter 5 times. In the Open, if held, \$200/man, bring1/draw1, 80% payback, enter 1 or 2 times. A Slide can be held to combine the higher number ropings if attendance is low; fees must reflect the options for those categories.

Our goal is to give the Producers options that they can select to fit the area, be competitive, and offer fair prices and good payouts to the ropers.

All our best to all of you,

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