

**Newsletter -
February 2019**



We've had a GREAT start to the season so far!! So good to see all of our returning members and also meet all the new ones! A lot is going on in the team roping world these days and we are working our hardest to keep our organization roper and family-friendly! Going into the 2019 season, we had many of our beginner ropers move past their time limit and move up into the .5 classification and it is really rewarding to see them continue their improvement and be competitive in the #1.0 roping. As one of our goals is to make a proper transition for these ropers, we hope all our other ropers realize that the .5 classification is for that skill set of ropers. Thankfully, we've seen a return of members from years past and with the classification shifts we did going into the season last year, we are still working hard to get everyone accustomed to how those adjustments are still requiring us to make changes to roper's numbers.

For example, we've heard ropers say that they were a .5 last time they roped with OTRA so that is what they still expect they should be, but since we've made our adjustments, that often is no longer the case and their classification has gone up due to the shift. This scenario gives us the opportunity to share with them about how we've made our adjustments and work with them to assign them a fair classification. As we all know, no numbering system is perfect -- so we've all just got to work together to get similar ropers grouped together so everyone can rope, have fun, enjoy the sport and of course, win some along the way!!!

All our Best to All of You!
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