

Newsletter – October 2017



We are very excited to bring some great changes to our association! Effective for the 2018 season (including districts that start this November) an upward shift in our roper classifications will be implemented. Anyone currently a .25 will remain at that classification – a very few exceptions will be moved to a .5. The most work will be on ropers classified as a .5. Ropers in the mid to high range of performance as a .5 will be moved to a 1.0. Those .5 ropers on the lower end will keep their number. All other ropers classified as a 1.0 or higher will all go up a .5 number. We will be sending out letters of notification...PLEASE don't panic and think just *your* number went up...it is happening across our entire association. Some ropers will go up a full 1.0 increment...these are ropers that were already up for a number increase prior to implementing the new system. Over the years, such a discrepancy has developed in our .5 rating that it is time to take action and address the issue.

With the shift in classifications will come a change in our roping categories. The Beginner roping will stay in place as it is. The 1.0 roping will now be just a short step up from the Beginner....it is for Beginners as well as .5s that are still working on their catch percentage and performance level. The 2.0 Roping will be the next category, then a 2.5, 3.0 and 4.0. A 5.0 roping will be optional at the District level, as will the Mixed Jr/Sr which will be a 4.0 and the Century which will be a 3.5. Worried about which roping to compete in with your partners?...consider this example...if you and your partner were both .5s that got moved to a 1.0...now your roping will be the 2.0 (instead of a 1.0)...if the 1.5 was your roping, now it will be the 2.5! Seems like a big jump...but remember roper's numbers are going up!

Another major change will be our barrier set up...we are going to a short score system with a 5 second barrier penalty. All Districts will be using the same short chute panel set up and a heeling barrier will be set up at all ropings.

There will also be a new award program for our Regular Season High Point Roper(s)...this topic will be covered later!

These are major adjustments to our mind-set...we've done the same thing for so long...it will take some time to sink in...so just Keep Calm and Rope On!!!

All our Best to All of You,
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