

Questionnaire Results

1. Do you like the extended show season of 8 shows?
6 - Yes, keep the 8 shows
9 - No, go back to 6 shows

2. Comments on the show season, schedule, locations, etc:
 - The easier to understand the better for rider and point keepers.
 - To complicated and not understandable.
 - I don't like the double points for the last show.
 - I like being able to drop one show because life happens. I hate the double points show. I cannot see a reason to have it except for manipulation.
 - The new point system is far more accurate than the old system. The old system could potentially cause some problems. Example, if 2 people are close at the year end and say one of the penners only comes back on one team and the other penner comes back on 2 or more teams. If those 2 penners are on the same team, the one penner could blow the run thus leaving his partner with fewer points. It does not matter with the new system because both penners receive points for each run.

3. Do you like the revised point system? This includes: points for each run made and for each go, final show worth double points, only top 7 shows counted, count points from best 2 divisions.
6 - Yes, keep the new point system
8 - No, go back to the old system

4. Comments on the point system.

5. Do you want to keep the handicap for the first round in the Open and #5 division?
11 - Yes
4 - No

6. Do you want the Utah State Fair to continue to count towards rating changes?
6 - Yes
9 - No

7. Do you like the Pro, Am, Novice, and Rookie classes?
6 - Yes
8 - No, keep them separate (6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1)

8. Do you like the separate penning and sorting rating system?
12 -Yes
3 - No

9. Comments on the rating system.
 - Simpler the better. Age of rider, experience, money won prior year should tell it all. Ones experience riding in other clubs should count the same. You shouldn't rate a rider low just because he/she are new to club format.
 - Look at some of the people that are rating #1 (rookie class). I'm sure most will agree, big joke here.

- To many individuals are grossly underrated. Need to see what they are in other clubs and adjust. You may need to jump them a couple classes.
- I think everybody that is a 5 or a 6 has won a saddle if they wanted to so if you don't have enough awards for each group those people should be running for more purse money and no saddle. Otherwise the theory behind the pro, novice, am, etc. is good but with our classes and point system there is no fair way to make it work.
- I think we should only count money won from your best 2 classes at each show. What happens is that a lower number (just because they might be able to afford it) might enter all the classes so their winning percentage might not be as high. If you only count their best 2 classes at each show you get a more accurate rating on each penner.

10. Any other comments.

- Crystal is and has been the key to our clubs stability especially while the club has been experimenting with new formats. Our new leadership may want to consider assembling a club model/mission statement by asking these simple questions:
 - o What are the club objective?
 - o Higher purses or more entries
 - o Could club craft show format that attracts more Pro riders to the Open (like what has occurred in Open sort) while improving family participation in all other classes.
 - o What promotes participation more, prize money or prizes at end of year. This may be different for say the open and 8s.
 - o Is simple better regarding all concerns.
 - o Should club establish say 5 to 8 bullet point mission statement. Then make all decisions going forward based on our stated objectives.
 - o By starting each year with a published mission statement we might attract more participation in managing affairs and riding. People easily understand where we have been and where we're proposing to go.
- We should go by the rule book. If there is a call in question we should get out the rule book and see what the correct answer is. Not just whatever the opinion of the president is.
- You need to keep the handicap for the first round in the open and #5 division. You also need a draw division to encourage new riders without teams.
- I think there needs to be a drawpot class. Other successful organizations have adopted this format.
- The #3 riders are penalized for riding in the #4 sort and #5 penning, they can't use money won or points so there's no incentive for them to ride with the lower divisions, but the #2s and #1s can ride all divisions with no penalty.
- You need to have a draw division instead of the #5 division to get more upper class riders to support and ride with the #1s and #2, this would help the lower class riders improve and encourage them to ride not having to pick teams.
- For the state fair why not have an open division pick your teams and draw division?
- A lot of people complain about Corrientes this year. Nut up, you whiners. There were a lot more times this year than there was in previous years. Maybe the ones who complain need to just improve their skills.