

YVTPC RATING CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINE

#1 RATED PENNER: Beginning rider, learning to pen and/or ride. Could have a horse with some working skills but penner lacking knowledge to perform. Penner with usually less than two years experience.

#2 RATED PENNER: Novice rider/penner with some knowledge of positioning, herd skills, and limited knowledge of cattle. Or knowledge of cattle but limited riding ability and horse has limited skills.

#3 RATED PENNER: Good cattle reading and penning skills. Rides well with same rated penners in lower rated classes. Can ride in higher classes with open riders.

#4 RATED PENNER: Shows above average horsemanship and cattle reading skills, becoming consistent in ability and judgment. Could ride in higher rated classes with some success with like numbered riders.

#5 RATED PENNER: An experienced rider who places in the upper rated classes locally and regionally. Should be able to pen with success with amateur riders and help in situations that lower number riders should need in higher rated classes.

#6 RATED PENNER: Pens professionally - Is rated at the top in most all organizations. Would rank in the top 10 percent of YVTPC and other regional shows.

RATING COMMITTEE GOALS

The purpose of rating each member is to provide a fair and level playing field for all members. No one should be riding with an advantage, or be disadvantaged, when competing with other members.

It is stressed that at any time, when determining the rating of an individual, rating committees must not consider the effect on the individual member but the effect on the membership as a whole. If the member pens like a 3 then they are rated a 3. If they pen like a 2 then they will be rated a 2. The individual's age, length of time penning, existing teams, or the fact they may skip a rating level altogether, simply does not enter into the equation. The penner's ability dictates their rating.

When rating a penner, the rating committee cannot consider personal relationships, emotions, or conflict of interest. The decision must be based solely on the individual's ability. The rate of improvement the individual has shown, and the likelihood of significant improvement by the end of the year should also be considered.

YVTPC'S rating committee is made of up 5 members and one alternate. This insures that emotions and personal conflicts do not enter into the decisions on a riders rating.

Once the rating decisions are made, our committee will stand together as one on the decision. Talking about ratings to members is strictly forbidden without two or more members present.