

RATINGS COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

1. The Ratings committee will consist of only 5 voting members, which will be 3 Open rated, 1 Amateur and 1 Novice rated riders. In addition, there will be 1 alternate Open rated rider that will vote only in the absence of one of the 3 Open riders.
2. The ratings committee (made up of volunteers) will be selected by the newly appointed board from the October general membership meeting.
3. Each member will not serve more than a 2 year term.
4. At any time during the ratings process (i.e. voting, discussing rider's future ratings) all 5 voting members must be present.
5. No rating committee member can discuss to any member their future (or possible) rating, until after they have been officially rated from the committee after the ratings process is completed after the October penning, and they will be officially notified by the Awards Banquet.
6. Any committee member can be drop from the by the board, and replace by another equivalent rated rider at any time prior to their 2 year term, as a result of personal conduct that is considered detrimental to the ratings committee process and/or the club's bylaws, rules and goals.
7. After a member has been rated the previous year, the **new** ratings committee has until the next two penning's to rerate the member as deemed necessary, unless they received from the member a ratings appeal.
 - a) On a ratings appeal, the committee can elect to vote on the appeal at that time the appeal was received, or wait until after the next two penning's.
 - b) If the member is moved to another division as a result of being rerated, the rider will bring year-end points with them to their new division pro-rated based on the number of teams ridden in the new division as follows:

No teams in new class –	75%
1 team in new class –	56.25%
2 teams in new class –	37.5%
3 teams in new class –	18.75%
4 teams in new class –	No points
8. If a new member self-rates themselves below a division that is below the division that the ratings committees determines that the member's rating is, will be moved to their new division with their points as noted in **7b** above.
9. Any member that was previously rated and has returned after a period of absence, will compete with their previously assigned rating for at least their next two (2) penning's, at which at that time they will be reevaluated by the committee.