

To: LHSRA Rodeo Coordinators, Judges, Arena Directors, Stock Contractors
From: Perry Moses, LHSRA President
Date: September 24, 2009
Re: Updates and Information

Please be advised of the following, per September 10, 2009 action of the LHSRA Board of Directors:

- Qualifying Rodeos are responsible for any issues regarding stock, as well as any other rodeo issues. If some type of corrective action, which may or may not involve a fine, is imposed for any reason by the Board of Directors, it will be imposed upon the Qualifying Rodeo.
- To attempt to assure that problems do not occur based on the quantity, size or health of stock, Rodeo Coordinators are advised to set a time early enough in advance of the start of the rodeo, to have opportune time to find replacement or additional stock, if necessary, once the stock is assessed.
- To facilitate assessing the stock, Rodeo Coordinators are advised to have the Arena Director, Judges and stock report well in advance to the start of the rodeo.
- The Arena Director will assess for size, quantity and evenness of stock, based on the NHSRA Rule Book and Ground Rules for Arena Directors and Judges, as presented at the 2009 Arena Directors/Judges' Clinic.
- The Judges will assess for any physical or health issues that would inhibit or compromise the ability to be competed upon. Animal welfare is one of the most critical issues in the sport of rodeo.
- If any of the aforementioned personnel identifies a problem, the Rodeo Coordinator, Arena Director and Judges should work together to come to a resolution. If there is no resolution, the Qualifying Rodeo should expect that action will be taken.
- There is no expectation that stock is to be assessed for the level at which the stock will perform in competition if the stock is even, healthy and within the proper quantity.
- A newly added Ground Rule on September 10, 2009, prohibits billy goats from being used in Goat Tying.
- Undersized stock will be subject to the same penalties as overweight, oversized or uneven stock.
- If there is an issue on stock that is used at a rodeo, the complainant must complete a Feedback Form and the timekeepers' and/or judges' sheets will be reviewed in reference to the stock in question.

It is my hope that diligence in the area of quality stock will result in a more competitive rodeo season.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (318) 452-3052 or speak with me at any rodeo.