

# Umpqua Valley Team Penning Club Rating Guidelines

## Purpose:

The goal is to have riders with the same rating compete with each other in the “draw pots” at the club events. At the beginning of the year, riders will rate themselves. After riders have attended three events, the rating committee will evaluate them to determine if they are rated correctly; and if not, the rating committee will re-rate them and explain why. A rider may appeal their rating by using the CTPA appeals form.

Riders of different ratings are welcome and encouraged to ride together in the “practice” part of the events.

## Divisions:

### **NOVICE/BEGINNER** is a rider with:

- Limited or no experience team penning;
- Limited or no experience working cattle;
- Has attended novice or beginner clinics or workshops only;
- Has been a member of a club or association for less than two years;
- Does not enter or ride in CTPA sanctioned events;
- Does not have an experienced horse to ride.

### **INTERMEDIATE** is a rider with:

- Some experience team penning and/or working cattle;
- Knows the functions of the team and can perform one or two of the functions;
- Has been a member for more than two years and has ridden at half or more of the club events;
- Is attending CTPA events and riding in the 3 and 5 class;
- Can get their horse to work cattle with moderate success;
- Rides “up” occasionally;
- Has attended clinics and lessons from more advanced riders.

### **OPEN** is a rider with:

- Experience team penning and working cattle;
- Rides all team positions and can do all reasonably well;
- Is riding multiple regional events and numerous classes in those;
- Is rated a 2 or better by CTPA or has been approved by the rating committee.