

Report of the Chute Coordinators Committee to the 28th IGRA Annual Convention

Co-Chairs Jay Beck and Scotty Shadix (for Heather Murray).

The chairs reported the following officials were recommended and approved for recertification:

Arena Directors: Heather Murray, Jeanne McLeod, Scotty Shadix, and Dee Zuspann.

Chute Coordinators: Jay Beck, David Hallwood, Tim Miller, Heather Murray, Scotty Shadix.

Students currently seeking certification as Chute Coordinators: Diane Ross, Kevin Boyce, Jefferson Clode, Chris De Espinosa, Nikol Hillman, Stephen Bell, and Kelly Cauffman.

Best Practices Regarding Students.

Arena Directors and Chute Coordinators are encouraged to notify students of upcoming rodeos and invite them to be a part of the chute crew. ADs and CCs should meet with the students prior to the rodeo to evaluate which requirements need to be completed and choose the best placement for the student at each rodeo. ADs and CCs should sign off on the appropriate requirements and forward which requirements were successfully completed to the respective committee chair. If a requirement is not completed successfully, the AD or CC should discuss with the student how to improve in the particular area and notify the student that he/she needs more practice before signing off on that particular requirement. The AD or CC should notify the chair that the student needs more practice before the requirement should be considered completed.

Best Practices.

- Animal Handling. Chute dogging ropes should not be placed around horns in order to turn animal in the chute.
- Avoid stepping or hitting an animal in the head.
- Train crews to be patient when animal turns in chute, wait until that chute is next to open, and use the method of opening the gate partially while pushing the head one direction and the rear in the opposite direction until the animal turns.

Testing. Need a new test for CCs and same test for certification and recertification. The same test has been used for many years. Suggestions for how to make new test and content included number of questions, type of questions, etc.

Reminders.

- AD – Injury reports if not completed by the Rodeo Director.
- CC – Animal Injury Reports and Stock Contractor Evaluation be turned in at post-rodeo meeting.
- CC – Prior to each rodeo, CC should forward the stock requirements review list to the stock contractor followed by a personal contact for questions or clarifications on stock requirements.
- AD and CC – Conditions of the facility are to be examined prior to both Saturday's and Sunday's performances.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Beck, Chairman
Chute Coordinators Committee