



AUSTRALASIAN TEAM ROPING ASSOCIATION INC
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Team Roping Enthusiast

Thank you for your interest in producing an ATRA event. It is with great pleasure that we present to you a synopsis of the role of the Event Producer, and give you with a brief overview of what the Association is, what are the ATRA's expectations of you as a promoter and what you can expect to receive from the ATRA in the way of administrative and event management support.

Affiliated producers are required to advertise each roping to be held. We are asking that entry fee, contact details, the \$ amount of add back for each event along with the payout splits be stated in advance so each member is informed. A scenario guide to preferred events and payout guide will be included in the tale end of this package.

www.teamroping.com.au is the web site for all information regarding the ATRA. Here you can view results, check upcoming events and schools; download forms and view news items as they occur.

The ATRA communicates to its members with a bimonthly e-newsletter 'The Roping Pen'. Any non-member is able to sign up and receive the monthly e-newsletter via the web site.

We welcome your opportunity to comment and provide your insights for Team Roping and all timed events in Australia. It is our aim to grow your opportunity to compete through increased events throughout Australia, whilst also offering the opportunity for new and developing ropers to learn more about the sport.

Yours Faithfully

*Darren Poole
Affiliation Director*



PROMOTERS OVERVIEW.

Date: To be considered **points award**, ropings need be listed on the ATRA website **one month prior** to commencing. As soon as you have a date in mind please let the ATRA office know so that all dates can be well promoted to members in good time. First time Producers may apply to the Executive for leniency with this ruling.

Levy and Affiliation Costs: \$4 per entry per man.

Affiliation costs are a flat \$2.00 per entry per man.

Trophy/Development Levy which is also \$2.00 per entry per man. 100% of this levy goes back to Ropers, with 60% going to Regional Championships and 40% towards Sports Development. Junior and Novice Roper Development is a major focus for the ATRA and its Sports Development program.

Full Membership: Adults \$100. Junior \$50.

The membership year runs from July 1st to 30th June each year with the Australasian Finals to be conducted in September. Full membership is \$100.00. The Association offers a cumulative day membership payment plan. Membership benefits both Event Producers and Roping members. All member updates and relevant news items are available on the Association website www.teamroping.com.au. The ATRA offers tracking of individual points won, subsidised Sports Development programs such as schools and development days, Regional Championships for each area and the Australasian Finals.

Day Memberships: Adults \$20. Junior \$10.

For all new ropers a day membership is offered. Day membership will be 1/5 of full membership at every roping, \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for juniors. To compete at the Regional Championships and Australasian Finals all ropers will be required to pay the remainder of membership costs if they have not already taken out 5 day memberships.

Format: Availability of stock will come into consideration as you decide what events to include. It is not the role of the ATRA to decide which events you will conduct. At this time our preferred format is Pro/Am or #7, #9, #11, and an Open Roping. We also encourage each promoter to conduct time events such as barrel racing, breakaway roping, calf roping and steer wrestling. We also encourage you to have a junior looper dummy roping if you have any small keen family members.

Entry Fee: A Producer calculator for the team roping events has been developed to assist you with this decision. This can be emailed as an excel file for your use.

Contact admin@teamroper.com.au to have this emailed directly.



Stock: Your supply of high quality roping cattle is crucial to a successful roping. An indication of how many, how much and the availability of is one of the first factors your event will need to take into account.

Paperwork: The office can provide you with support to assist you with the running of an ATRA event. Forms that will be required are able to be downloaded from the ATRA website. Many of these can be provided as automated forms you can run through your laptop or pc. We recommend that you copy all completed forms for your records.

Points Allocation: In an effort to keep the allocation of points as simple as possible for each roping competition held points shall be awarded to the top ten average winners; the allocation of points to each header and heeler is to be on a 10 → 1 basis. These points shall then determine the qualifiers for each Regional Championships. The ATRA office will monitor points won and keep record for each member.

Double Points: As an incentive for Roping Producers to have posted prize-money the ATRA awards **Double Points** to any roping that has either \$500 posted prize money or 5 head and above in a single event. ie: a 5 head team roping or a Open Roping with \$500 posted prize money.

Membership Packs: Membership forms will be sent prior to your event and we ask that all required details are completed and forms sent with full payment after each event. Further forms can be downloaded from our website.

GST: Many competitors are GST registered and will require a Tax invoice upon payment of their entries. Those competitors are required to present a Tax Invoice to collect any payouts or prizes won. GST is part of final payouts and not to be added onto the final payout. Just as your listed entry fee includes GST whether you are GST registered or not.

Rulebooks:

The rulebook is currently under production and can be emailed as a word document.

Contact admin@teamroper.com.au to have this emailed directly.

The ATRA currently operates with 5 second barriers and no crossfire restrictions.

Post event: Results and money to ATRA Head Office.

- Roping Results including times
- New Memberships
- Entry listing
- Payout sheets
- Classification Appeals
- Direct deposit information.
- Report/Photographs for website.



THE AUSTRALASIAN TEAM ROPING ASSOCIATION INC.

A COMPETITOR BASED ASSOCIATION FOR TEAM ROPING IN AUSTRALIA.

A meeting was held at Warwick Rodeo October 2006 where it was decided that it was time for a not-for-profit member based association to represent the sport of Team Roping in Australia. An association that will provide each member with a voice and equal representation as part of a National framework is a forward step for Team Roping in this country. We believe that an Australian membership based not-for-profit association will lead to growth and long term sustainability for Team Roping as a sport. With all profits going back into development of the sport of Team Roping.

A system of governance has been established that encourages all members to have a voice and an active role in the association. Each state has regional representation.

Australasian Team Roping Association Inc:

The ATRA is run by a panel of 8 executive positions. These positions are:

- Finance Director
- Administration Director
- Affiliation Director
- Finals Director– Regional & Australasian
- Publicity & Promotion Director
- Classification & Disciplinary Director
- Competition Director
- Sports Development Director
- Timed Event Director

These executive positions are voted on each year at the **AGM**.



CLASSIFICATIONS

TRIAD CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM – is used to limit the margin of error in setting roping categories. Each roper is classified or rated with a number 1 through 10, according to his or her ability to rope. No roper

will be numbered higher than 10. Your classification number is your ability rating as judged by your peers and/or performance based. If you are a number 4, you can rope with number 5 or less in the number 9 roping. The sum of your classification number and your partners' classification number, cannot exceed the number of the roping. This procedure closely defines the calibre of each roping division.

The purpose of the classification system is to provide for ropers a handicap system, which will allow them the opportunity to compete throughout the country against those of similar skills. The ATRA acknowledges that there is no such thing as a perfect classification system.

ATRA ropers will be rated from a #1 to a #10 based on their ability level **using the USTRC TRIAD Classification system**. The following are the general classification definitions for each **team roper ability level**.

#1 TRUE BEGINNER - *this person is learning to ride and swing a rope. Learning is priority over competition.*

#2 BEGINNER NOVICE - *Inexperienced riders with little roping experience. Uncomfortable roping from a horse, this roper has difficulty controlling their horse and rope at the same time. This roper is new to competition.*

#3 MID LEVEL NOVICE - *This roper is competing more and catch percentages have increased. Comfortable roping from a horse, but limited horsemanship skills prevents control over any aspect of the run. This instability prevents making necessary adjustments during the course of a run, which leads to inconsistency from one run to another.*

#4 UPPER LEVEL NOVICE - *Better rope handling mechanics allow for more catches. Better horsemanship skills afford control on slow moving steers but this roper still lacks the necessary rope skills and horsemanship to adjust to fast moving steers. Headers do not handle cattle very well and heelers lack ability to time feet. Both are inconsistent at putting runs together for the average.*

#5 LOW LEVEL AMATEUR - (HEADER) *Catches more than misses and handles cattle with more consistency. This roper rides a conservative barrier so most of the catches are well down the arena. This roper stands out in novice class ropings.*

#5 LOW LEVEL AMATEUR - (HEELER) *This roper can sense being in time with the steer, which allows for a better catch to miss ratio. Reaction time is slow making it difficult to adjust speed in the run. The roper has developed a pattern from one run to the next but struggles to catch many steers in succession. This roper stands out in novice class ropings.*

#6 MID LEVEL AMATEUR - (HEADER) *Catches the majority of steer around the horns, better at riding the barrier, this roper is turning steers where the heart of the roping is taking place. Skilled at handling steers through the corner, allows heelers to*



catch more easily and more frequently behind them. Typically rides to the hip of the steer before taking a throw and therefore does not take time out of the run.

#6 MID LEVEL AMATEUR - (HEELER) This roper knows when they are in time with the steer. Better horsemanship and better rope handling skills allow them to make adjustments during the run in order to time up with the steer. This roper rides a conservative corner and usually tracks the steer several jumps to find a throw. Timing is more automatic, so this roper will seldom completely miss a steer, however, the roper will frequently rope one leg. Focused more on catching than dictating the speed of the run.

#7 SEMI PRO - (HEADER) This roper can dictate the speed of the run. Skilled at riding the barrier, this roper will catch most of steers in the upper 1/3 of the arena. This group consists mostly of the better headers in the amateur ranks.

#7 HIGH LEVEL AMATEUR - (HEELER) Sound horsemanship and rope skills allow this roper to catch most of the cattle by two feet. This roper sets the run up using a wide angle relative to the steer and rides aggressively through the corner. A solid catcher with intermittent ability to speed up the run. Typically this roper will hold slack overhead, thus allowing more rope to extend between them and the steer. The inability to quickly shut the run down on a consistent basis prevents higher classification. Competitive jackpot heeler.

#8 PROFESSIONAL - (HEADER) this roper rides the barrier extremely well regardless of the length of score. They consistently rope their steer on the gain (a stride back from the steer) and with excellent horsemanship skills they control both the steer and the speed of the run.

#8 SEMI PRO - (HEELER) this roper rides higher and tighter horse position relative to the steer and consistently catches their steers on third or fourth jump. Quicker at handling their slack this roper can take time of the run by dallying on a shorter rope.

#9 ELITE - (HEADER) Regardless of the roping conditions this header has the unique calculated ability to control the run. They ride superior horses, which allow them to make the most of any steer they draw. This roper normally ropes for a living and or is among the best in the world.

#9 PROFESSIONAL - (HEELER) this roper rides the corner looking for position that enables him to rope as the steer leaves the corner. This aggressive position allows him to rope most of his steers by two feet on the second or third jump.

#10 ELITE – (HEADER)

#10 ELITE - (HEELER) This roper rides corner looking to rope the steer on the first legal jump and has the calculated ability to make up time on any given run. Superior horsemanship and rope handling skills allow him to rope most of his steers by two feet on the first or second jump. Ropes for a living and or is among the best in the world.



A **Classification Panel** has been established with a Director and Head of Panel overseeing the consistent classification and review of all ropers. The panel has been established in such a way that each roper will be classified on ability and has the assurance that their performance has been considered by no less than three anonymous panel

members. A system of appeal has also been put into place so that each roper has a chance to query their classification if they feel it is not consistent with criteria.

Finals Competition

The culmination of the points year will see an Australasian Finals. The ATRA Executive strives to ensure that the Association conducts a Finals competition, where worthy awards and prize money will be available at a National level. All regions throughout Australasia who have participated in affiliated events throughout the year are encouraged to participate.

We thank you for the opportunity to show you how our Association functions throughout the year and look forward to your involvement in our wonderful sport of Team Roping and Timed Events.

If we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us through the links we have in place on our website.

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