

# IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR WTRC MEMBERS



A new numbering system (the plus (+) number) will take effect July 3, 2009. The WTRC has been exploring a more accurate way to govern a roper's classification. There are highs and lows in every number category.

Sometimes when raising a roper, we know they may struggle with their new classification number and by not raising them, they become a touch too dominate in certain ropings. The plus system allows us to govern a roper with some restrictions without raising him beyond his or her capabilities. Everyone deserves a chance to be competitive without being raised out of the game.

The plus (+) system is simple - plus ropers will not be allowed to rope together in a roping that their classification equals. **The Plus System keeps the best header from roping with the best heeler which usually results in domination.** Implementing the plus number system will help govern ropers at the top of their number classification. Example: A 2+ Header can not rope with another 2+ Heeler in the #4 roping. However, these two could enter the #5 Roping together. A 4+ header can not rope with a 4+ heeler in the #8 Roping. Although these two 4+ Ropers may enter the #9 Roping without restrictions and so on.

This new numbering system will not affect the circuit standings. A 2+ Roper will be in the #2 category for circuit points, etc. All ropers with a current ½ number rating will automatically be a plus roper (example: if you are a 2.5, your new classification is 2+). Full number changes will still take place as needed.

The WTRC would like all members to know that we will continue to explore the best options available to keep all members competitive.

## **NEW from the WTRC: SENIOR #6 ROPING**

This all new roping will have its debut in Harlowton, MT at the Dennis Schuchard Memorial the weekend of July 10-12, 2009.

The Senior #6 is designed to give Seniors and Women another roping to feel competitive in. The requirements for eligibility for the Senior #6 are:

- Male 45 years or older (includes turning 45 in current year)
- Woman of any age
- 3+ rating or less

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