

ANIMAL ISSUES REPORT & RECOMENDATIONS

Voted to support Chute Coordinators' recommendation for best practices to limit double-loading stock in the bucking chutes.

Steer Riding:

- Poor adherence to required sizes – recommend associations to have better communication with stock contractors
- Smaller animals that were used collapsed or performed poorly under the weight of many contestants – can become a PETA / public perception issue
- Need better communication with stock contractors on stock size requirements
- Many of the cows required ropes in the bucking chutes to keep from trying to climb out

Chute Dogging:

- Voted not support rodeo rule proposal to DQ contestants for dog falls
- Issue of animal health and safety in this event has been addressed with better stock requirements and contestant education
- No reports of animal injuries or death since the new stock requirements have been in place

One calf injury reported in a Rodeo School

Animal Injury Reports and health issues need to be filed with Rodeo Checklist Trustee to help track potential issues that should be addressed.

Calves are only required to be within a 30-pound range within the group used in competition.

- Very young observed in San Diego's rodeo, possible animal health issues in using animals that should not yet be weaned
- Calves too large in Bay Area Rodeo. Calves were able to push open the chute gate resulting in the gate bars needing to be modified to prevent eye injuries.
- Large calves were climbing on top of one another and climbing out of the runway to the roping chute

Ringworm was observed a few rodeos:

- One official contracted it from handling an infected animal
- Recommendation to vet check / pull sick animals from competition before rodeo begins
- Have the vet present when running animals before Saturday & Sunday's events to help spot use vet to help spot limping, injured or sick animals

Goats, best practices:

- Keep different sized harnesses in stock with equipment
- Learn to fasten harness correctly to prevent escaping goats
- Add illustration to rodeo resources that demonstrates properly harnessed goat

Respectfully submitted,
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