

## Judges Committee Report

November 11, 2011 - 8:30 to 10:00 A.M.  
Carlsbad Room, Hilton San Diego Mission Valley

The Rodeo Judges Committee met with 9 participants present, representing 7 associations:

Michael Lentz	ASGRA	committee co-chair
Gene Fraikes	TGRA	
John Beck	CGRA	
Amy Griffin	ILGRA	
Greg Brown	GSGRA	
John Sciarrilli	GSGRA	
Jim Lilly	MGRA	
Greg Gillum	AGRA	
Jai Crystal	AGRA	

Co-chairman Lentz offered a summary of IGRA active judges.

The following 2011 IGRA Certified Judges have met the qualifications for and are being recommended for recertification in Rodeo Year 2012:

Kristin Baldwin (Junior Judge) - DSRA  
Frank Elam, Jr (Senior Judge) – TGRA  
Gene Fraikes (Senior Judge) - TGRA  
Jim Gant (Junior Judge) - GSGRA  
Amy Griffin (Senior Judge) - ILGRA  
Rick Jones (Senior Judge) - RRRRA  
Michael Lentz (Senior Judge) - ASGRA  
Jack Morgan (Senior Judge) - CGRA  
Anthony Ovaldson (Senior Judge) - GSGRA  
Kyle Putman (Senior Judge) - IAGRA  
Jorge Ramirez (Senior Judge) - GSGRA  
Dolores Zuspahn (Senior Judge) – KGRA

The following new judge is being recommended for Certification effective for the 2012 rodeo year:

Tom Sheridan (Rookie Judge) – ILGRA

Roger Courtemanche (Junior Judge) - CGRA was certified for 2011 but did not meet the qualifications for recertification in 2012 and is thus not receiving a recommendation.

The Committee discussed several challenges to our Rodeo Judges. In particular, we discussed the methods and quality of Judge's training or education and consistency in judging techniques and the application of rules. We noted in particular the preponderance of Rodeo Rules changes being offered this weekend that focus on these issues/problem areas. Key recommendations include:

1. Develop training videos using archival or newly collected footage of all events, but focusing on chute dogging, rough stock riding and team roping in particular. Is it possible to even use a "Judge cam" to collect some of this footage?

2. Find a way to incorporate student judge training into rodeo schools or play days.
3. Bring back the requirement for annual seminar attendance for Judge's Recertification. This is a change that creates a different standard than that of other certification programs, but the Committee felt that the Judges ought to be held to a higher standard. This is part of an effort to create better communications within the Judges program and to improve the consistency in techniques and the application of rules.
4. Focus more effort on training of new (Rookie) Judges by implementing a "mentoring" requirement; extend the Rookie Judging period to the first eight (8) full days of participation as a Judge.

Two Standing Rules changes are being proposed to the Convention to address Judge's education and training and Recertification.

Michael Lentz  
Jack Morgan  
2011 IGRA Judges Committee co-chairs

**Rodeo Judge Level Assn**

Phoenix, AZ

FEBRUARY 18-20

Alvarado, TX

MARCH 11-13

Fort Lauderdale, FL

APRIL 8-10

Little Rock, AR

APRIL 29-MAY 1

Palm Springs, CA

APRIL 29-MAY 1

Las Vegas, NV

MAY 20-22

Oklahoma City, OK

MAY 27-29

Calgary, AB, Canada

JULY 1-3

Denver, CO

JULY 8-10

Detroit, MI

JULY 22-24

Sante Fe, NM

AUGUST 12-14

Chicago, IL

AUGUST 19-21

Kansas City, MO

SEPTEMBER 2-4

San Francisco, CA

SEPTEMBER 9-11

Fort Worth, TX Finals

OCTOBER 7-9

**TOTAL**

Kristin Baldwin Junior Judge DSRA X X X X 4

Roger Courtemanche Junior Judge CGRA 0

Frank Elam, Jr Senior Judge TGRA X X X X X 6

Gene Fraikes Senior Judge TGRA X 1

Jim Gant Junior Judge GSGRA S 0

Amy Griffin Senior Judge ILGRA X 1

Rick Jones Senior Judge RRRRA X X X X 4

Michael Lentz Senior Judge ASGRA X X X X X 6

Jack Morgan Senior Judge CGRA X X X X X X X 9

Anthony Ovaldson Senior Judge GSGRA X X X X 4

Kyle Putman Senior Judge IAGRA X X X X X 6

Jorge Ramirez Senior Judge GSGRA X 1

Dee Zuspann Senior Judge KGRA X X X X X X 7

count 3 3 4 3 3 4 4 3 3 3 3 3 3 4 4 9

contestant count 119 105 104 60 72 75 110 75 94 40 72 56 71 67 119 1239

contestants/judge 39.7 35.0 26.0 20.0 24.0 18.8 27.5 25.0 31.3 13.3 24.0 18.7 23.7 22.3 29.8 25.3

rodeo entries 884 748 785 466 636 598 812 373 630 337 718 386 604 484 854 9315  
entries per judge 2 94.7 249.3 1 96.3 1 55.3 2 12.0 1 49.5 203.0 1 24.3 2 10.0 1 12.3 239.3 1 28.7 2 01.3 1  
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0

Frank Elam, Jr 0 0

**Rodeo City and Date**

**2011 IGRA Rodeo Judges Activity**

Kristin Baldwin  
Roger Courtemanche

**2011 IGRA Rodeo Judging Pairings**

**Judges**

1 0 0  
0 0 0 0  
0 0 0 0 0  
2 0 1 0 0 0  
0 0 2 0 0 1 0  
0 0 5 0 0 1 2 4  
1 0 1 0 0 0 2 1 2  
2 0 3 0 0 1 1 2 4 0  
0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0  
3 0 1 1 0 0 2 3 3 1 2 0  
5 0 6 2 0 3 6 7 7 7 7 2 8

\*minimum possible - 0; maximum possible - 10.

Jack Morgan  
Anthony Ovaldson  
Kyle Putman  
Jorge Ramirez  
Dee Zuspahn  
Distinct partners\*  
Gene Fraikes  
Jim Gant  
Amy Griffin  
Rick Jones  
Michael Lentz  
Proposal 1:

## RULE XVI GENERAL RULES FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

### Section 3. Recertification Process.

A. **Except for the Judging program,** sSeminar attendance is not required for recertification.

## RULE XIX JUDGES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

### Section 3. Recertification.

A. Refer to Standing Rule XVI, Section 3, for recertification process general requirements.

B. Work as a Judge at least once each year at an IGRA–sanctioned rodeo other than the IGRA Finals Rodeo.

C. If a certified Judge is unable to work at a rodeo during the year, then that person must attend a seminar before recommendation for recertification.

**C. Prior to the last regularly scheduled board of trustees meeting, each certified Judge must attend a Judges Seminar covering both PRCA Judges Handbook and the IGRA Rodeo Rules.**

Proposal 2:

## RULE XIX JUDGES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

### Section 2. Certification.

C. Rookie Judge.

1. A newly certified Judge will be considered a Rookie Judge until they have completed judging four (4) **eight (8)** full days of IGRA rodeo competition.

2. Rookie Judges shall not be assigned to finish flag any roping event or Chute Dogging or as the official timer in a rough stock riding event **for the first (4) complete days of rodeo judging.**

3. The time spent as a Rookie Judge will be considered a practical examination. **A Senior Judge must accompany them during each event to ensure accuracy and consistency of judging techniques and decisions.** The committee will evaluate all Rookie Judges during their first four (4) **eight (8)** complete days of rodeo judging. If their performance is not satisfactory, they will be required to complete additional training prior to advancing to Junior Judge status.

4. If their performance is satisfactory, upon approval of the committee, they will be advanced to Junior Judge status.