

Report of the Rodeo Judges Committee to the 29th IGRA Annual Convention

The Rodeo Judges Committee met on November 15, 2013 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am with 10 participants present, representing 8 associations:

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| Michael Lentz | ASGRA | Committee chair |
| Doug Holmes | AGRA | |
| Clint Coil | ARGRA | |
| Jack Morgan | CGRA | |
| Danny Becht | GSGRA | |
| Anthony Harmon | GSGRA | |
| Amy Griffin | ILGRA | |
| Tom Sheridan | ILGRA | |
| Kami Boles | SGRA | |
| Terry Covington | TGRA | |

The following 2013 IGRA Certified Judges have met the qualifications for and have been recommended for recertification in Rodeo Year 2014:

Clint Coil (Junior Judge) – ARGRA
Gene Fraikes (Senior Judge) – TGRA
Amy Griffin (Senior Judge) – ILGRA
Anthony Harmon (Senior Judge) – GSGRA
Rick Jones (Senior Judge) – RRRRA
Michael Lentz (Senior Judge) – ASGRA
Jack Morgan (Senior Judge) – CGRA
Tom Sheridan (Junior Judge) – ILGRA
Dolores Zuspahn (Senior Judge) – RRRRA

Terry Covington (Rookie Judge) – TGRA was recommended for certification effective for the 2014 rodeo year after completing his student judge training in 2013. I want to offer special thanks to the CGRA Denver rodeo team for allowing us to conduct his 2–day practicum training during the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo in July.

Kami Boles – GSGRA was recommended for acceptance into the Student Judging program.

These recommendations were approved by the IGRA Board of Trustees at their meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2013.

Kyle Putman (Senior Judge) – IAGRA was certified for 2013 and met the qualifications for recertification, but chose not to be recertified.

In the Friday committee meeting, chairman Lentz offered a summary of IGRA active judges (see table below)

The committee discussed several challenges to our Rodeo Judges. In particular, we discussed strategies for the proper way to deal with unsportsmanlike behavior from contestants.

We discussed the issues of handling reride situations and the need for consistent application of the rules.

Two rules changes are being proposed to the convention to address these issues. These and several other potential rules changes were discussed to be followed up on with the Rodeo Rules Committee.

We discussed the Head Judging responsibilities and set up scheduling criteria for bi-monthly conference calls for all judges in the next year where will continue some of our discussions with outreach to officials not present in the meeting.

We discussed video resources available for training and education and will be working to incorporate them into our certification/recertification materials.

Finally, our judges are making a pledge to improve and then apply our rodeo rules in a consistent manner, showing competence, respect and sportsmanlike conduct toward each other and all of our officials, volunteers and contestants. And we expect the same in return. We wish to improve the rodeo experience for everyone associated with IGRA and that means we have to stop tolerating inappropriate conduct in and around the arena.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Lentz, Chair
Judges Committee