

SSRA Handicaps Defined:

The minimum age to participate in the SSRA is 50 [year of birth] and was founded in 1984 by a group of men that wanted to keep roping steers, enjoy a common interest and do something competitive and something for a greater good, hence “competitors forever, dedicated to charity”. A sport that doesn’t have a lot of participants.

The Association has a wide range of contestants and ability, from those that still rodeo hard to those that do it as a hobby, “for the sport of it”. As previously stated, there isn’t very many people that steer rope. An event that is seldom mastered. It takes time, money, and good horses to even have a chance of being competitive. Thus, in the interest of growing the Association, charity, evening the competitive playing field A handicap system was created in about 2006.

To date, handicaps have been assigned by committee [board of directors]. This document sets forth guidelines to help determine the handicapping of its members.

- Rides some of the best horses, strong horsemanship skills, strong rope handling skills, aggressive scoring, roping, & tying, PRCA top 35, NFR qualifiers. Very consistent. These guys tie steers in the 9-11 second range
- Though they may possess many of the above qualities, they are not as “complete” in all facets of the event. PRCA wise, this group are generally Circuit ropers. Consistent ropers and proficient with all types of cattle [weaker – stronger]. On the same steer that the above tie in 9-11, these guys tie in the 12-14 second range
- This group rides good horses, not as aggressive in the run and not as consistent. They’ll place in a go round occasionally. On the same steer [as the above groups] they’ll be 14-16 seconds. Generally roping for the average. Stronger steers are a challenge for this group.
- These ropers are working on finding consistency in accomplishing all aspects of a run. They may be new to the event, but otherwise have rope and horsemanship skills. Age &/or physical limitations are contributing factors to what can be accomplished.
- This group is challenged to place in a go round. They aren’t very consistent with catching and in their run, all together. Rarely place in a go round and are primarily roping for the average. Medium + steers are a challenge to this group. Age &/or physical limitations may be factors to what they can get done. They love the challenge and enjoy being a part of it all.

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