

## Important Changes to USTPA Rules, Policies and Structure:

Several important action items were approved at or since the December 17, 2014 meeting of the USTPA Board of Directors. Those changes are detailed below and go into effect immediately. We will be updating this information in the member handbook and on the website as soon as possible.

Action items affecting classes and ratings will be in effect for the USTPA classes at the 2015 National Western Stock Show in Denver this week. An updated NWSS schedule will be posted online soon and will include these changes.

### #5 Team Penning with 3 Cap

The standardized USTPA #5 Team Penning class will now be capped at a 3, meaning no rider with a Penning rating higher than 3 may ride in this class.

### #7 Team Penning with a 5 Cap

The standardized USTPA #7 Team Penning class will now be capped at a 5, meaning no rider with a Penning rating higher than 5 may ride in this class.

### Show Producer Application Deadlines

Show producer applications are due to the USTPA office no less than 30 days prior to the intended event.

### Limits on "N" Rated Rider Entries

N rated riders are not allowed to ride in any Team Penning class above the #9 or ride in any Ranch Sorting classes above the #6. N rated riders can ride in the #9 Penning and the #6 Sorting but no higher classes.

### Regional Realignment

The USTPA regions have been realigned to result in 8 new regions. These 8 new regions are displayed on the map below. As a result of the merger, some regions will have more than 2 Directors until their seats are vacated by attrition as their terms end. Ultimately, each region will be represented on the Board by 2 elected Directors.

