

Understanding ShowRunner Rider Ratings

SortArena.com maintains a database of all the riders who have ridden at any event that uses our system. One of the pieces of information that is stored is a rider's rating for each type of sport (ranch sorting 2-rider, ranch sorting 3-rider, and team penning). However, since producers have their own rating systems, rider ratings are specific to a particular producer. This means every producer has to set a rider rating for every rider who rides with them in each sport they ride in. Once you have set a rider rating, you won't need to set it again for future events, but you can change it any time.

How Rider Ratings Are Set

When a rider rides at your event, you set a rating for that rider. At the end of the event, the event information is posted to SortArena.com and the rider rating information is added to the SortArena.com master rider database in the cloud.



The rider ratings you set are stored for your riders. Other producers will not have access to the ratings you set.

How Ratings Are Retrieved

First Time Producers

The very first time you create an event, all the riders you register will have a default rating of 0, regardless of whether or not a rider already exists in the SortArena.com database.

Existing Producers

If you have already posted an event to SortArena.com, the next time you create or open an event, all the riders who have ridden with you in the past will have the most recent rating that you set for them the last time they rode.

Setting Your Rider Rating Scale

Before you begin setting rider ratings, it's important to set the minimum and maximum rider ratings that you use for your riders in each sport. This will help SortArena.com properly calculate their suggested performance scores.

Sign into your Producer Dashboard and select **Edit Producer Profile** from the **Account** menu. Then select the **Settings** tab.

Producer Profile

YOUR PRODUCER PROFILE

Organization Account Contact **Settings** Maintenance

Ratings
Customize the minimum and maximum rider ratings used by your organization for each sport type at your events. (optional)

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|---|---|
| Ranch Sorting Minimum Rider Rating | Ranch Sorting Maximum Rider Rating |
| 1 | 10 |
| Team Penning Minimum Rider Rating | Team Penning Maximum Rider Rating |
| 1 | 5 |

Enter your minimum and maximum ratings for each sport you offer, and select **Save Changes** at the bottom of the screen.

Setting Your Rider Ratings

Initially, you'll set your rider ratings during the registration process.

When you type a rider's name into the registration slip, a lookup table will appear showing possible matches in the SortArena.com rider database.

New Rider

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|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | 17041 | Jacob Bias | ♂ | 0 | |
| <input type="radio"/> | 12305 | Jacob Braa | ♂ | 0 | Fruita, CO 720-247-9332 |
| <input type="radio"/> | 12300 | Jacob Coons | ♂ | 0 | Park city, UT 435-239-4735 |
| <input type="radio"/> | 6499 | Jacob Fournier | ♂ | 5 | 5.14 |
| <input type="radio"/> | 13215 | Jacob Hurt | ♂ | 0 | 6.27 |
| <input type="radio"/> | 15706 | Jacob Langenberg | ♂ | 0 | |
| <input type="radio"/> | 14667 | Jacob Lindeman | ♂ | 0 | Baton rouge, LA 225-470-1818 |
| <input type="radio"/> | 13710 | Jacob Plumlee | ? | 0 | |

Your current rating for this rider

Rating suggested by SortArena.com based on past performance

Current rating

To the far right of the name, there is a number in a gray box. This is your current rating for this rider. If you are a new producer or this is the first time this rider has ridden with you in this sport, the rating will be 0. If this rider has ridden with you before in this sport, it will be the most recent rating you set for this rider.

Suggested rating

To the right of the gray box, there may be a green or orange box. This indicates that the rider has ridden at one or more events powered by SortArena.com in the past, and this is a suggested rating based on their past performance and your rating scale for this sport.

- **Green** means this rider has ridden in this sport at several events, and SortArena.com has high confidence in this rating.
- **Orange** means that the rider has ridden in this sport at a few events, and SortArena.com has medium confidence in this rating.

If you find a match in the list, congratulations! Just click on it to register this rider. Rider details, such as cell phone number and address, will be filled in automatically if a producer or the rider has provided this information in the past. If this rider has ridden with you in the past, the rating you last set for this rider will also be filled in. Otherwise, the rating will initially be set to 0, and you can enter your own rating for this rider. This rating will only apply to this sport.

IMPORTANT!

It's very important to look for matches in the rider lookup database for the rider you are registering because when you do:

- The rider will be able to see their rides, scores, and winnings on their SideKick app during the event with a paid Sortarena.com membership
- The rider will see their results from your event in their SortArena.com account
- SortArena.com will be able to use the results from your event to update the overall performance statistics for that rider
- You will avoid having to re-enter cell phone and address information
- You will avoid creating duplicate riders in the database

*If the rider is in the list, select their name from the list

If there are no matches in the database (you're sure?), you'll need to create a new rider by entering the rider information into the registration slip. You can enter a rating for this rider at this time, but it will only apply to this sport (ranch sorting 2-rider, ranch sorting 3-rider, or penning).

Saving Your Rider Ratings for Future Events

Post the event (if not an evaluation event)

After you set rider ratings at an event, you will only be able to see the new ratings on local computers that are being used for that event. To save them for your next event, you must post the event to SortArena.com.

Manage rider ratings on your Producer Dashboard

Shortly after you post the event to SortArena.com, you'll be able to see a list of all the riders who rode at your event and their rider ratings for each sport.

On SortArena.com, sign into your producer account and select **Ratings** from the **Riders** menu on your Producer Dashboard. Here you can view rider ratings or make changes to rider ratings.

Next time you create or open an event, all the rider ratings you set here will be filled in automatically when registering riders who have ridden with you before!

Presetting Rider Ratings Before an Event

For new producers, it can be cumbersome to enter a rating for every rider during the registration process at their event. The good news is there's a way to set all the rider ratings BEFORE the event for all the riders that typically ride at your events.

Create a new event

1. Create an event in ShowRunner with the title **Rider Preload**.

Event Details

Please specify the title and optional subtitle for your event and when your books will open.

Pro Tip! Give your event a unique title and subtitle

Title:

Subtitle:

From:

IMPORTANT!

Be SURE to give your event a date far into the future. This event will be posted on the SortArena.com calendar and may confuse riders into thinking it's a legitimate event if it's scheduled for the near future.

WHY IS POSTING YOUR EVENT IMPORTANT?

- It saves all rider information you entered, including rider ratings, for your future events
- It lets you view event history and statistics on your Producer Dashboard
- It lets your riders view their ride history and performance scores
- It saves a backup of your event data
- It's required by the license agreement

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2. Set the event date far into the future, like January 1, 2030.
3. Leave all the other settings at the default choice and select **Save**.

Create an ALL DRAW class

1. Create a new class for one of the sport types that you offer at your events (ranch sorting 2-rider, ranch sorting 3-rider, or penning).
2. Give the class the name **Ranch Sorting 2-rider [participation]** (or **Ranch Sorting 3-rider [participation]** or **Penning [participation]**, depending on the sport).
3. Select **All Draw** for class rules.



4. Leave all the other settings at the default choice and select **Save**.
5. Repeat steps 1-3 for each sport type you offer at your events.

Register your riders

Go into the registration screen for each of your classes, add a registration slip for all riders that ride with you, and give them your rider rating for that sport (see [Setting Your Rider Ratings](#)). Repeat for each of your sport type classes. There is no need to draw teams or enter scores.

Post your event

Once you have created a registration slip for each rider for each sport type they will ride in, post your event to SortArena.com (see [Saving Your Rider Ratings for Future Events](#)). Wait at least 15 minutes after posting the event for the information to show up on your Producer Dashboard at SortArena.com.

The result

The next time you create or open an event, all your riders will show in the rider lookup database with your rating already set. This makes the registration process a lot smoother since you won't have to set ratings (or enter new riders) at the event. You'll simply pick them from the list.

NEW RIDERS? NO PROBLEM!

If you have any new riders show up to an event, no problem! You can just type in those riders as you normally would, and their information, along with their initial rider rating, will also be saved on SortArena.com when you post the event.