

M. Amateur

1. Amateur is any rider nineteen years old and older on January 1 of the calendar year of the show who is no longer eligible to show in Youth classes, and who has not shown, judged, trained or assisted in training a mule, donkey, or horse for remuneration, either directly or indirectly, nor received compensation for instructing another person in riding, driving, training or showing a mule, donkey or horse in competition for the previous five calendar years.
2. Amateur Guidelines
 - A. Amateur cards will be issued only upon application and approval of the applicant, which application shall be truthful in each and every detail. Amateur cards issued by NASMA, IMAD, AQHA, APHA, SDMS, GCDMA, Palomino Horse, will be accepted. Other breed amateur cards may be accepted with approval from the sanctioning club as determine at time of entry by the sanctioning club. Copies of Amateur cards or an application must be included with entry. Applications will be issued by the sanctioning club. No exhibitor may show in any approved Amateur event without possessing a current Amateur card.
 - B. Application shall verify, that: the applicant has not shown, trained or assisted in training a horse/mule/donkey for five years previous to application for Amateur membership.
3. Amateur Eligibility: The application for Amateur card must be true and correct in each detail. Amateur applicants maintain eligibility, when he or she meets and maintains the following requirements
 - A. Is 19 years of age on or after January 1 of the year of application and not longer eligible to compete in Youth classes.
 - B. Has not shown, judged, trained or assisted in training a horse/mule/donkey for remuneration,

defined as monetary, either directly or indirectly.

- C. Has not received remuneration for instructing another person in riding, driving, training or showing a horse/mule/donkey for five calendar years previous to application for Amateur card.
- D. Does not hold credentials of horse/mule/donkey show judge, any other equine organization.
- E. Cannot hold membership accreditation in a professional for those events which are the same events or classes the individual competes or desires to compete in Amateur competition. (i.e. A person who competes in PRCA roping event may not compete in Amateur Calf roping, etc.)
- F. Has not, nor during the period of Amateur status, cannot show a horse/mule/donkey for which the person's spouse has previously received remuneration for training during the 12 month period preceding the show of the horse/mule/donkey by the Amateur in Amateur or open competition.
- G. Every person competing in an Amateur class must possess a current individual Amateur card. Show management should inspect this card at any show entered by requiring a copy of the card or an application to be sent in with the entries or presented at time entry is made.
- H. Upon revocation of Amateur membership because of ineligibility, all earned points from time of violation of eligibility shall be revoked.
- I. Should the Amateur be found in violation of the amateur rules the penalties shall be as follows:
 - (1) First Violation: suspension from Amateur classes for a period of one year from time of violation:
 - (2) Second Violation: a suspension from Amateur classes for a period of two years from the time of violation.
 - (3) Third Violation: a suspension of five years from

time of violation.

- 1. Amateur Committee:
 - a. The Amateur Committee is considered as a Standing Committee and follows these guidelines.
 - b. As a Standing Committee, it will consist of not less than three members, and not more than one can be an Amateur card holder. Each member will be appointed by the President for not less than one year and not more than three years.
 - c. The amateur committee from the sanctioning club will evaluate all applications and be responsible for issuing cards.
 - d. The amateur committee will preside over any formal hearing regarding a member's eligibility or discipline following the procedures set up for protecting the due process of all involved in the protest.
 - e. Decisions of these hearings must be completed and announced within one month. Extensions of this time frame may be granted based on written request from the committee or the individual member about whom the hearing is called.