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# Amateur Declaration

## Amateur and Professional Status (AMA RULEBOOK)

61. DEFINITION OF AN AMATEUR – A person is an amateur for all competitions conducted under the USEF and AMA who, after their 18th birthday, has not engaged in any activities which would make them a professional.

A. An amateur must be 18 or older.

62. DEFINITION OF A PROFESSIONAL – A person becomes a professional, for horse, mule, and donkey show purposes, if he or she engages in any of the following activities:

- A. Accepts remuneration, for riding, driving, showing in halter, training, schooling or conducting clinics or seminars.
- B. Accepts remuneration for giving instruction in equitation or horse, mule, or donkey training. This includes leasing.

- C. Accepts remuneration for employment in another capacity (i.e., secretary, bookkeeper, veterinary, groom, farrier) and rides, drives, shows in halter, trains or schools horses, mules, donkeys, or gives instructions when his employer or a member of the family of said employer, owns, boards, or trains said horse, mule, or donkey.
- D. Accepts remuneration for the use of his name, photograph or other form of personal association as a horseman or mule person in connection with any advertisement or article to be sold.
- E. Accepts prize money in equitation or showmanship classes.
- F. Rides, drives or shows in halter at a horse, mule, or donkey show, any horse, mule, or donkey for which he or a member of his family accepts remuneration for boarding or training.
- G. Gives instruction to any person or rides, drives or shows in halter at any horse, mule, or donkey show, any horse, mule, or donkey whose activity another person in his family, or corporation which a member of his family controls, will receive remuneration.
- H. The following shall not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified.
  - 1. Writing of books or articles pertaining to horses, mules or donkeys.
  - 2. Accepting remuneration for judging or stewarding.
  - 3. Accepting reimbursement for expenses without profit.
  - 4. Accepting a small token of appreciation other than money, for riding, driving, or showing in halter. (Horses', mules', donkeys',

board, partial support, or objects of more than \$300.00, are considered remuneration, not small tokens of appreciation.)

- I. Having the occupation of veterinarian, groom, farrier or owning a tack shop or breeding or boarding stables in itself, does not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified.

### 63. CHANGES OF STATUS

- A. Any person who has been a professional and who desires to be reclassified as an amateur on the grounds that they no longer engage in the activities which made them a professional, must so notify the association in writing.
- B. The applicant must then wait a period of one year from the date their reapplication for amateur status is acknowledged by the association.
- C. After this time period has elapsed, the person may submit to the Board a letter supported by two or more notarized letters from AMA members outlining the applicants activities for said time period and testifying that applicant has not engaged in any activities which would make them a professional.
- D. Information concerning the change of status from professional to amateur or vice versa, shall be published in the AMA newsletter.
- E. When an individual, for any reason becomes ineligible for Amateur membership, he or she shall promptly notify AMA office and return

membership card. Card will be reissued without the “A” amateur designation on it.

64. AMATEUR STATUS – Can be applied for at time of joining or rejoining the AMA. It must be specified in writing and your card will specify your AMA number with an “A” after it.

65. AMATEUR CLASSES – Class rules shall follow those of the specific classes in Western, Working, English.

- A. Amateur may ride on a Bridled or Green animal. That mule must abide by the respective Bridled or Green equipment requirements.

After reading the above rules I understand that I do qualify for the Amateur division.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

