

RULES for AMATEUR EXHIBITORS and AMATEUR CLASSES

An Amateur Class is one in which every Exhibitor is an amateur.

Any person who, under these rules is a Trainer and knowingly and falsely represents himself/herself to be an amateur in order to exhibit in amateur classes, or any person who violates any of the provisions of this rule, shall be subject to disciplinary action. If found guilty, there will be a mandatory three full calendar year (January-December) waiting period before re-applying for amateur status. The subject shall declare and apply for amateur status before being considered/granted an Amateur card. A person who has previously been declared a Trainer must wait three years before applying and being granted A.G.M.A. amateur status.

If there is a question whether a person is a Trainer or Amateur, determination shall be made by the A.G.M.A. Board of Directors.

Any person who has not reached his/her 18th birthday is declared to be an Amateur and is not required to have an Amateur Card.

Amateur classes may be restricted to Exhibitors 18 years and over, and shall so state on the prize list.

A Trainer's immediate family (no matter their age) cannot exhibit a mule as an Amateur if the Trainer has received remuneration for that mule.

Standing a breeding stallion or Gaited Breeding Jack; buying/selling mules and boarding mules does not affect a person's amateur status. Having the occupation of veterinarian or farrier or owning a tack store, does not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified. The writing of books or articles for mule show purposes or the acceptance or remuneration for judging or serving in the capacity of D.Q.P. at mule shows does not affect a person's amateur status.

To be eligible to show in Amateur classes at A.G.M.A. Affiliated Shows, every Amateur must have a current Amateur Card that must be renewed annually.

Application must be made to the Amateur Licensing Committee, whose chairman is appointed annually by the A.G.M.A. Board of Directors. It must contain the name of the applicant, address, date of birth, telephone number (including area code), and be accompanied by the required fee. The Amateur Card Rule will be enforced, and a photo I.D. will be required.

Amateur Divisions:

1. Amateur Classes are open to Amateur Exhibitors in keeping with specific class requirements.
2. Suggested Classes:
 - A. Amateurs on Two-Year-Olds (no canter required)
 - B. Amateurs on Three-Year-Olds (no canter required)
 - C. Amateurs on Four-Year Olds (no canter required)
 - D. Amateur Specialty Class (no canter required)
 - E. Amateurs 50 Years Old and Over (canter optional)
 - F. Gentlemen Amateur 18 Years Old and Over (canter optional)
 - G. Amateur Open Classes;
 - H. Amateur Trained, no professional training within 90 days
 - I. Owner/Amateur/Trained, no professional training within 90 days (training shall include grooming, warming up the mule or giving instructions by a Trainer)
 - J. Championship Classes.

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3. Amateur Classes may be limited to Owner-amateur. An Owner/Amateur Class is one in which every contestant is either an amateur who owns the entry being shown, or is an amateur member of the owner's immediate family, unless otherwise stated in the prize list.
4. Amateur Classes may be limited to "Amateur Owned and Trained." To qualify for this class, the mule must have received no professional training within 90 days preceding the show. The mule cannot be boarded at a professional training establishment. The exhibitor in any amateur owned and trained class shall be restricted to the mule owner or an immediate family member.