



### **Definition of Amateur**

1. Regardless of one's equestrian skills and /or accomplishments, a person is an amateur for all shows conducted under GHRA rules who after his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday has not engaged in any of the following activities which would make him /her a professional.

- a. Accepts remuneration for riding, driving, showing in halter/in-hand, training, schooling or conducting clinics or seminars.
- b. Accepts remuneration for giving instructions in equitation or horse training. (Persons acting as counselors at summer camps, who are not hired in the exclusive capacity of riding instructors, and persons giving instruction and training to the handicapped are excluded.)
- c. Accepts remuneration for employment in other capacity (e.g., secretary, bookkeeper, veterinarian, groom, farrier) and gives instruction, rides, drives, shows in halter/in-hand, trains or schools horses, other than horses actually owned or leased by him/her when his/her employer or a member of the family of said employer or a corporation which a member of his/her family controls, owns, boards, or trains said horses.
- d. Accepts remuneration for the use of his or her name, photograph or other form of personal association as a horseman 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/in-hand in competitions, any horse for which he/she or a member of his/her family or a corporation which a member of his/her family controls, receives remuneration for boarding, training, riding, driving or showing in halter/in-hand.
- g. Gives instruction to any person or rides, drives or shows in halter/in-hand in competitions any horse, for which activity another person in his/her family controls will receive remuneration for the activity.

2. The following activities do not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified.

- a. The writing of books or articles pertaining to horses.
- b. Accepting remuneration for officiating as a judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer or participating as a TV commentator, or accepting bona fide remuneration for services as a veterinarian, groom farrier, tack shop operator or breeder, or for accepting bona fide remuneration for boarding services.
- c. Accepting reimbursement for expenses without profit.
- d. Accepting a token appreciation, other than money, for riding, driving or showing in halter/in-hand. (Note: Horse board, prize money, partial support or objects of more than \$300 are considered remuneration, not small tokens of appreciation.) (Also note: accepting any amount of money whether more or less than \$300 is considered remuneration.)
- e. Having the occupation of veterinarian, groom, farrier or owning a tack shop or breeding or boarding stable in itself does not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified.

3. A horse shown by an Amateur in GHRA classes must be owned by the amateur or the immediate family of that amateur.

I have read the above "Definition of Amateur" and agree that I qualify as an Amateur under this definition.

Name Printed:

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Signature and Date:

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