

AMATEUR

RULE: Certain Non-Professionals within this Association may be classified as Amateurs. A member of this Association shall be disqualified from being classified as an Amateur under any one of the following circumstances: **(A)** the member has ridden or trained horses or horse riders *astride* for remuneration, directly or indirectly; **(B)** the member has in the last (5) five years assisted in training horses or horse riders *astride* for remuneration, directly or indirectly. **(C)** the member is married (or had a co-habitational relationship) or has been married (or had a co-habitational relationship) in the last five years to a person who is engaged *or in the last five years has been engaged in activities that would require that person to be classified because of the activities then occurring as a professional by the provisions of Rule 51.a.3.* **(D)** the member has resided in the last (5) five years with a person who *is engaged or in the last five years has been engaged in activities that would require that person to be classified because of the activities then occurring as a professional by the provisions of Rule 51.a.3.* **(E)** the member has in the last (5) five years resided with or on the premise with a parent, step-parent or foster parent of the member who was, during the time of the member's residency, a Professional; **(F)** the member is directly or indirectly employed by a Professional and performs the duties of employment on the premises of a horse training operation astride a horse; **(G)** the member has been an apprentice cutting horse trainer at any time, or *ever in their life been a trainer or assistant trainer of cutting horses.* **(H)** the member has received more than \$100,000 in eligibility lifetime NCHA cutting horse earnings (\$50,000 Limited Age/\$50,000 Weekend). See Amateur Rules for details.

5 year/\$15,000 Exception:

An applicant may be granted Amateur status if **(A)** the applicant more than **five (5)** years before the date of application: (i.) The member is married or has been married the last five years to a person who is engaged in activities that would require that person to be classified because of the activities then occurring as a professional by the provisions of Rule 51.a.3 (ii.) resided with a professional (including a parent of the applicant): **and (B)** the applicant has not won \$15,000 in cutting horse competition of all types. This includes winnings in all breed associations and any and all cutting competitions by whom such competitions are produced, sponsored or approved. A person applying for Amateur classification under this 5 year/\$15,000 exception shall provide to NCHA a detailed life history for the **five** year period immediately prior to the date of the application for amateur status that includes a sworn listing of all winnings in all cutting horse competitions, whether or not such competitions are sanctioned by the NCHA. In addition, the person shall provide to the NCHA any and all information as the NCHA may request to documenting the status of the applicant. There is no right to classification as an Amateur and this classification may be granted based upon an evaluation of all circumstances considered relevant by the NCHA. The decision on such applications shall be made by Non-Pro/Amateur Review Committee. The applicant can appeal any adverse decision of the Non-Pro/Amateur Review Committee to the Executive Committee, whose decision will be final and binding.

10 Year/\$15,000 Exception:

An applicant may be granted amateur status if the applicant has previously trained horses astride, but only under the following criteria: **(A)** the applicant has never been involved as a trainer or assistant trainer of cutting horses for direct or indirect remuneration in any amount; **(B)** the applicant has not been involved in any equine training activities astride a horse for the most recent (10) years prior to the date of application; **and (C)** For the time period prior to the date of application, the applicant has not received in excess of \$15,000 total from direct or indirect remuneration for training horses astride and from earnings in any competitions in any equine discipline(s). A person applying for Amateur classification under this (10) ten year/\$15,000 exception shall provide to the NCHA a detailed life history for the time period requested by the NCHA that includes a sworn listing of all winnings in all equine competitions, as well as all compensation either direct or indirect received by the applicant for past horse training activities. In addition, the person shall provide to the NCHA any and all additional information as the NCHA may request related to documenting the status of the applicant. Failure by the applicant to comply with requests for information from the NCHA will result in denial of the application for Amateur status. There is no right to classification as an Amateur and this classification may be granted based upon an evaluation of all circumstances considered relevant by the NCHA. The decision on such applications shall be made by Non-Pro/Amateur Review Committee. The applicant can appeal any adverse decision of the Non-Pro/Amateur Review Committee to the Executive Committee, whose decision will be final and binding.

NON PROFESSIONAL

A Non-Professional in this Association is a person who has not received direct or indirect remuneration to work in any manner in the following activities on the premises of a cutting horse operation: showing, training or assisting in training a cutting horse or cutting horse rider. For purposes of this rule, a cutting horse training operation is any facility where cutting horses are trained. Any person who has trained horses astride in any equine discipline for direct or indirect remuneration shall be considered a professional by this Association, with the exception of those who have been granted a change of status since January 1, 1997, from professional to non-professional.

5 Year/ \$10,000 or 10 Year/ 25,000 EXCEPTION:

A person who is currently prevented from being classified as a Non Professional because they have at some point in their life trained cutting horses (as defined in the NCHA Rulebook) **or any person who has trained horses astride in any equine discipline** can regain their Non Professional classification under the following circumstances:

The 5 year/\$10,000 Exception: **(A)** The person has not performed any duties or acts which could be considered as "training of cutting horses" or horses of other equine disciplines, nor has the person received any remuneration, direct or indirect, for performing the duties or activities normally associated with any phase of training horses for the (5) five year period prior to the date of the application for Non Professional classification under this provision; and, **(B)** The person has not won in their lifetime more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in combined total earnings from NCHA events (defined as NCHA Lifetime Earnings), and earnings from any other equine discipline (excluding any Non-Pro money won in equine events other than in NCHA).

The 10 year/\$25,000 Exception: **(A)** The person has not performed any duties or acts which could be considered as "training of cutting horses" or horses of other equine disciplines, nor has the person received any remuneration, direct or indirect, for performing the duties or activities normally associated with any phase of training horses for the (10) ten year period prior to the date of the application for Non Professional classification under this provision; and, **(B)** The person has not won in their lifetime more than twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in combined total earnings from NCHA events (defined as NCHA Lifetime Earnings), and earnings from any other equine discipline (excluding any Non-Pro money won in equine events other than in NCHA).

A person applying for Non Professional classification under this rule shall provide to the NCHA a detailed life history for the applicable five or ten year period immediately prior to the date on the application for Non-Pro status. In addition, the person shall provide to the NCHA any and all additional information as the NCHA shall request related to documenting the status of the person applying under this rule. Failure by the applicant to comply with requests for information from the NCHA will result in denial of the application for Non-Pro status. There is no right to classification as a Non Professional and this classification may be granted based upon an evaluation of all circumstances considered relevant by the NCHA. The decision on such applications shall be made by the Non-Pro/Amateur Review Committee. The applicant can appeal any adverse decision of the Non-Pro/Amateur Review Committee to the Executive Committee, whose decision will be final and binding.

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