NATIONAL CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION

AM I AN AMATEUR?

A Non/Pro with Amateur status in this association is a person who does not or has not received remuneration in the past 15 years for the training or preparation of a horse in any equine discipline. (The member has been an apprentice cutting horse trainer at any time or has ever in their life been a trainer or assistant trainer of cutting horses **(the 15year exemption does not apply to this member).**

An Amateur in this association is a division of the Non Pro. An Amateur will cease to be eligible for Amateur competition once the said member enters the Non Pro/Amateur Hall of Fame.

A member who previously ceased to be eligible for Amateur status upon entering the Non Pro/Amateur Hall of Fame can reapply for Amateur status after reaching 60 years of age, providing life time earnings do not exceed $150,000.

A member who has ridden or trained horses or horse riders in any equine discipline astride for remuneration, directly or indirectly, for performing the duties or activities normally associated with any phase of training horses for the ***fifteen (15) year period*** prior to the date of the application for amateur classification under this provision is not eligible for Amateur Status.

No person may compete in this class who is married (or has a co-habitational relationship) or has been married (or had a co-habitational relationship) to a person who is classified as a professional by this Association.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you meet the eligibility of Amateur Status.

Q&A

Q: I have in the past shown my own western pleasure horses. Am I eligible for Amateur Status? **A:** YES

Q: I have trained western pleasure and camp drafting horses for remuneration in the past but do not do so any more. Can I get an Amateur card?
A: If these activities were prior to 15 years ago you will be granted Amateur Status. If these activities are post 15 years you are in-eligible.

Q: My partner trains camp drafting horses for remuneration. Am I eligible for an Amateur card? **A:** NO, you are not eligible for Amateur Status however you are eligible for Non Pro status.

Q: I have been working overseas for a cutting horse trainer loping horses only; I have not worked cattle or a mechanical cow device... Can I get an Amateur card?
A: NO, you will not be granted an Amateur card. You may however apply for a Non Pro card.

Q: I have prepared horses for sale as lead prospects for remuneration. Can I get an Amateur card? **A:** No

If you believe you are eligible, please complete the application form.

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APPLICATION FOR AMATEUR STATUS

FULL NAME: _____

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. **Have you ever been a NCHA Pro Trainer?** ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**
2. **Do you understand you MUST own a legal and equitable interest to any horse that you show in a cutting horse event?** ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**
3. **Have you ever been, or are you currently employed in any capacity on a horse training operation?** ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

NAME OF EMPLOYER: _____

PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

DUTIES: _____

Have you ever ridden, trained or assisted in training horses or horse riders for remuneration directly or indirectly? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If yes, provide details: _____

Are you a child of a horse trainer? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Are you a relative of and living in the same household as a horse trainer? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Are you now or have you ever been married to or had a co-habitational relationship with a horse trainer? ☐ YES ☐ NO

4. **Have you ever been denied Amateur Status?** ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**
If yes, provide details: _____
5. **Have you ever been denied Non Professional Status** ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**
If yes, provide details: _____
6. **Have you ever been a professional horse trainer in any discipline other than cutting in the last 15 years?** ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**
If yes, provide details:

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The undersigned agrees to become familiar with and be bound by the rules of the National Cutting Horse Association and agrees to have all disputes related to compliance with or violation of these rules resolved by the procedures provided in the rules.
I understand that a false declaration will result in suspension of NCHA privileges for a period of a minimum of six (6) months for the first offense. It is the member's responsibility to notify the NCHA office immediately upon any change in his/her Non- Professional/Amateur status. Failure to do so could result in loss of Non-Professional/Amateur status for life.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO: admin@ncha.com.au
All details must be filled in correctly before returning to the NCHA Office

OFFICE USE:
Approved for Amateur Status: ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO** Directors Signature: _____