

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGES
DUE JANUARY 1 of the CURRENT CONVENTION YEAR**

DEC 27 2016

Proposed Rule Changes to be brought before the National Convention must be sent to Director of Operations to send to the Rules Committee who will review the submissions for duplication, clarity and conflict with existing rules.

All submissions are due to the Director of Operations by January 1 of the current Convention year so that they may go through the appropriate process and still be printed in the October issue. All items **MUST BE** submitted on the following proposal form. You may make copies of form as needed. All copies must be signed and **must** include the submitters ASPC/AMHR membership number.

Remember, you must submit your idea by January 1 of the current convention year.

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PROPOSED ASPC/AMHR RULE CHANGE

(Please type or print – Must include section, Article Part & item info)

Section, Article, part & Item Number: SEE ATTACHED Page # SEE ATTACHED

Indicate: Add or Delete: SEVERAL CHANGES INCLUDING ADDS AND DELETES, SEE ATTACHED FOR SPECIFIC RULE CHANGES,

Proposed Rule Change (provide desired language and intent of rule):

ADDITION OF A NOVICE AMATEUR PROGRAM FOR ASPC/AMHR/ASPR. SEE ATTACHED FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAM, RULES, RULE CHANGES AND CLASS LIST

Reason/Justification for Rule Change (provide brief description of why this rule needs to be changed or added):

This Program is being proposed, the goal being to implement a Novice Program for beginning members of all ages, to afford the Novice Amateur with little to no experience the opportunity to compete with similar and like exhibitors, giving each exhibitor the opportunity to learn how to present and compete with their equine and afford them an equal chance of winning against competitors of similar experience and expertise.

This Program is a much needed one with major benefits as outlined below:

This program will benefit, not only our local clubs but the entire organization as a whole by #1 Increasing membership and #2 By retaining members who, in the past, have become discouraged by having to compete against much more experienced Amateurs and #3 Increase revenue for local clubs and the organization and #4 increase sales of our small horses, thereby benefitting not only our organization but those members who breed and sell our small horses and #5 Increase sales and revenue for companies who market and sell products used by our small horses , members and exhibitors

Proposed Effective Date: 1/1/2018 or sooner if possible –THIS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 2017 SHOW YEAR AS A NEW PROGRAM GIVEN THE BENEFITS IT WILL BRING THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS

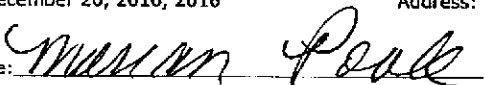
Committees or Rules that will be effected by proposed change:

Rules Committee, show committee, Amateur committee and any other committees who are affected (ASPC, ASPR, AMHR, NSPR etc.)

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by January 1 of current convention year**

NOTE: Many members were instrumental in providing input into this Proposal however in the interest of needing to communicate with the author only one name is being entered as the author.

ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Novice Amateur Program Proposal

Rule book Changes

Table of contents

There will need to be some changes in this section, however I will defer to those who do the rule book to do this as they see the need

ASPC/AMHR/ASPR NOVICE AMATEUR PROGRAM PROPOSAL-SECTION III

Sections affected are the Table of Contents renumbering

Sections affected are Section III-Part1-General rules-Definitions, Part 1-Definition 1.3 and 1.31

Section III, Part 3, 3.1 and 3.2-adding wording for new Novice Amateur Program

Section III, Part 3.2 through 3.9 renumbering only

Section III, Part 3.4-office to change whatever needs done in this section regarding novice amateur membership cards and tracking

Section III-3.5 Novice Amateur wording

Section III-3.6 Novice Amateur wording

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Section III-General rules-definitions

Section 1.3

ADD

Section 1.3 A

Novice Amateur-a person qualified as an amateur according to the rules specified in this rulebook pertaining to amateur qualifications and specifications shall be eligible to apply for novice amateur status and show in novice amateur classes.

Please refer to Section III-part 3, of the rulebook for rules pertaining to Novice Amateur Qualifications and Specifications.

Section III-Part 1, 1.31

Delete all current wording and ADD

Novice Exhibitor-see specific Novice Amateur eligibility and qualifications for ASPC/AMHR/ASPR in Section III, Part 3, General rules for Novice Amateur Exhibitors.

Section III, Part 3, Change to Amateur and Novice Amateur Rules

****3.2 ADD word Amateur in front of Eligibility to differentiate it from Novice Amateur**

ADD new section as follows:

3.2 To read

Eligibility for Novice Amateur Eligibility

Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments a person is a Novice Amateur for all approved Novice Amateur classes at all shows conducted under the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR rules who after his/her 18th birthday meets all qualifications and requirements of Amateur status including section 3.1A through I of Section III and who also qualifies under the following sub sections of Section 3.2 A through I:

A. Who have never shown in ASPC/AMHR/ASPR approved shows OR

B. Have competed in ASPC/AMHR/ASPR approved amateur, open or stakes classes less than 2 full show years prior to the show year enacting the Novice Amateur Program. This 2 show year rule does not disqualify a person from qualifying as a Novice Amateur for approved Novice Amateur classes if they have not shown in corresponding Amateur, Open or Stakes classes as are offered as Novice Amateur classes according to this Novice Amateur Program.

C. Who have not earned more than 30 points per class as calculated in 3.2 G below in Novice Amateur, Amateur, Open, Stakes or Halter championship classes in ASPC/AMHR/ASPR approved shows. The earning of 30 points in one class does not eliminate eligibility for Novice Amateur status in other Novice Amateur classes in which 30 points or more were not earned in that/those Novice classes or corresponding Amateur, Open, Stakes or Halter Championship classes. However earning 30 points or more in a driving class does eliminate Novice eligibility for the other Novice Amateur driving classes.

OR

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Section III-Part 3, 3.2 continued

D. Who have never won an AMHR National championship or an ASPC/ASPR Congress Championship in a class corresponding to the now offered Novice Amateur class(es). Winning a National Championship/Congress Championship in driving classes in Amateur, Open or Stake/Championship classes disqualifies a person from competing in that/those driving classes as a Novice Amateur, likewise earning a National/Congress championship in any corresponding Novice Amateur, Amateur, Open or Halter Championship or Grand Championship disqualifies a person from competing in those Novice Amateur corresponding classes.

E. Youth who become eligible for amateur status due to age are eligible to compete in Novice Amateur approved classes only if their points accumulated during their age 13-17 competition years in Youth, Open or Stakes/Championship classes do not exceed 30 points during the period prior to their exceeding the youth age requirements OR who have not shown as a youth for 2 complete show years the 2 years prior to the inception of the Novice Amateur Program AND who have not won an AMHR National Championship/Congress Championship in any Youth, Open or Stakes/Championship class(es) corresponding to the Novice Amateur class(es). Such youth may be eligible for Novice Amateur classes in which they have not earned 30 points or more in a youth class corresponding to Novice Amateur classes or have not earned a National/Congress Championship in like classes and the 2 year rule will also apply. The same restriction in D above relative driving classes applies to youth.

F. As long as a Novice Amateur is eligible to compete in Novice Amateur classes, cross entering of Novice Amateurs into like Amateur classes at any local, National or Congress show is NOT permitted during any show year EXCEPT when the Novice class is not offered. The Novice Amateur will lose their Novice status for this/those classes if this occurs when this/these Novice class(es) are offered.

G. Placings or points for each exhibitor for all classes will be calculated by local show managers and the information required by the national office will then be forwarded to the National office who will then maintain a total tabulation of points for each exhibitor per class and this will determine the point eligibility of exhibitors for the Novice Amateur Program. Members are encouraged to maintain their own record of points in the event of a dispute. Points will be calculated and assigned in the same manner as the current HOF system, however HOF status is not grant to exhibitors.

H. AMHR National championship or Congress shows-Members competing at local shows in Novice Amateur approved classes who attain 30 or more points in a given Novice class(es) during any given show year may continue to show in that/those Novice class(es) for that show year and at that year's National championship or Congress show in those same classes.

I. Novice amateur eligible members may compete in Open and Stakes/Championship classes as well as any classes not offered as Novice Amateur classes, however points earned in corresponding Amateur, Open or Stakes/Championship classes WILL count against the 30 points limit for Novice eligibility. Novice driving classes constitute eligibility to compete in their respective Stakes classes.

**Section II, Part 3, Renumber current 3.2 through 3.9 to 3.3 to 3.10

*** Section III, Part 3.4-ADD 3.4B= something about the Novice notation on the Amateur Card-will let office and show managers write this section as how this will be handled

** Section III, Part 3.5 ADD the word "Novice Amateur and "before the first word "Amateur".

** Section III, Part 3.6 ADD the word "Novice Amateur and "before the first word "Amateur".

** Simple wording changes or references as necessary

*** Section to be written by Office/board/show managers

Novice Amateur Program Proposed Program-Halter Division-Section X-HALTER

Rule book sections affected

Section X-1.12 C 6-adding Amateur and Novice Amateur to heading

Section X-1.12 H 3 –adding height limits for novice amateur halter classes

Section X-1.12 I-add novice amateur wording

Section X-2.4A-height division for classic for novice amateurs

Section X-2.4B-more height division for novice amateur language

Section X-2.5-Foundation height language for novice amateur

Section X-2.7B-add novice amateur language

Section X-2.7G-Add reference

Section X-2.7 G1-add new section # 1 and renumber existing #1-14 to #2-15

Section X-2.7G 16-Novice Amateur language for classics/foundations

Section X-3.6 add 3.6 D height divisions for Novice Amateur AMHR halter classes

Section X-3.7 F-eligibility for AMHR novice amateur halter horses regarding championship halter classes

Section X-4.7-NSPR-height, age, gender group for Novice Amateur if any classes

Section X-4.7 K-add language regarding NSPR novice amateur eligibility for championship classes

MODERN SHETLAND/ASPR HALTER RULES

Section X, 1.12 C 6

ADD Amateur, Novice Amateur before current word Amateur Owned and Shown and add a last sentence to read See Section III, parts 1 and 3, for Amateur and Novice definitions and rules.

Section X, 1.12 H –height limits, ADD at beginning of sentence under H1-Except for Novice Amateur classes.

Then ADD a #3 to this section to read as follows: 3. Modern Shetland and Modern Pleasure Shetland height limits for Novice Amateur classes if offered in these divisions are as follows; there will be 2 height groups and will be: horses all genders and all ages, shown together 43” and under and horses shown to be shown all together all genders, all ages, Over 43” to 46”.

Section X, 1.12 I-Championship classes

ADD Novice Amateur after model and before amateur in first sentence

CLASSIC SHETLAND-HALTER RULES and FOUNDATION SHETLANDS

Height Divisions

SECTION X-PART 2.4 A—At the second sentence at the end ADD “there are only the two (2) height divisions for classic shetlands for Novice Amateur exhibitors.

SECTION X-PART 2.4 B. ADD new section under B-as follows

B1. Over division of Classic Shetlands for Novice Amateur exhibitors will be over 42’-46” , all genders and ages of horses shown together.

SECTIONX-PART 2.4 B. ADD new section under B-as follows

B2. Under division of Classic Shetlands for Novice Amateur exhibitors will be 42” and under, all genders, all ages of horses shown together.

SECTION X-PART 2.5

Heights for Foundation Shetlands

ADD- New Section X- Part 2.5 C-Height for Novice Amateur classes, horses will be divided into only 2 height divisions, 38” and under will be consider “under” Foundation horses and over 38” to 42” will be considered ‘over” horses, horses to be shown all genders, all ages with no eligibility for championship or grand championship participation.

SECTION X-PART 2.7 B-ADD Novice Amateur to section in first sentence in parentheses.

SECTION X-PART 2.7 G-ADD to first paragraph at end of sentence ending in as specified. See #1. Below.

SECTION X-PART 2.7 G-ADD new #1 to read NOVICE amateur classes are to be all genders of horse , all ages of horse per height division specified to be shown together.

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SECTION X-PART 2.7 G ADD NEW # 15- To read "Novice Amateur, Judged on basis of height group, see Section X-2.4 and 2.5. Horse will be asked to move on a line at a walk and a trot. Horse must be owned by the Novice Amateur at the time of the horse being shown. Novice Amateur shown horses are not eligible to compete in any Championship or Grand Championship classes

AMHR HALTER DIVISION RULES

Height Divisions

SECTION X-PART 3.6 ADD 3.6 D-to read:

For Horse shown in Novice Amateur Halter Classes the AMHR will recognize only 2 height divisions in the show ring and all genders and ages of horses will be shown together in their respective height classes which are as follows:

Under Division- horses of all ages and genders, 34" and under

Over Division-horses of all ages and genders, over 34" to 38"

SECTION X-PART 3.7 F-ADD after last sentence, first paragraph " Horse(s) shown in Novice Amateur halter classes are not eligible to compete in Championship classes or Grand Championship classes.

HALTER CLASSES FOR NSPR

SECTION X-PART 4.7

Change 4.7 I -ADD #4-Except if shown in a Novice Amateur Class by a Novice Amateur exhibitor, all genders and ages will show together in one height group, 14.2 hands or less.

NSPR

SECTION X-PART 4.7 K-Make a new #1- to read "Horse(s) shown in Novice Amateur Halter class(es) are not eligible to compete in Championship or Grand Championship classes.

ASPC/AMHR/ASPR -NOVICE PROGRAM PROPOSAL –SECTION XI-DRIVING

Changes to rule book sections

Section XI-Part 1.1 C-add novice class wording

Section XI-Part 2.1A1g-add language about stakes classes

Section XI-Part 2.8D-adding reference to where Novice Eligibility rules are in rule book

Section XI-Part 2.8H-Adding language about stakes classes

Section XI-Part 3.5 Adding I to 3.5 -adding Novice Amateur eligibility information and stakes class eligibility

Section XI-Part 4.3F-Adding # 8 adding Novice Amateur eligibility information

Section XI-Part 4.3F #7- language regarding stakes class

Section XI-Part 4.4A-Reference to Novice Amateur eligibility in Section III, Part 3

Section XI-Part 4.4B-adding a section about stakes classes

Section XI-Part 5.1 K2i-change wording to describe Novice Amateur and reference Section III, Part 3

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Driving performance rules

Section XI-1.1 C –ADD at end, instead of period and add wording “ this includes Novice Amateur classes.

Section XI-2.1 A 1 g ADD last sentence. Novice Amateur driving classes exhibitors are eligible to enter their corresponding Stakes class provided they have competed in their preliminary qualifying class.

Modern Pleasure Shetland

Section XI- 2.8 D –DELETE second sentence and add Exhibitor must meet Novice Amateur eligibility rules in Section III, Part 3, 3.2.

Section XI-2.8 H-ADD at end-Exhibitors showing in Novice Driver Modern Country Pleasure Driving class are eligible to show in their respective driving championship/stake class.

ASPR-Driving

Section XI-3.5- 3.5I to ADD read

Novice Amateur Country Pleasure is to be judged on the same basis as the Amateur and Open Country Pleasure class. Driver must meet the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR requirements for Novice Amateur status as listed in Section III- part 3, 3.2. Novice Amateur Country Pleasure Driving exhibitors are eligible to compete in their respective Championship/Stakes class.

Classic Shetland Driving

Section XI-4.3F-ADD #8 to read: Novice Amateur driver to meet Novice Amateur eligibility requirements in Section III- part 3, 3.2.

Section XI-4.3F- # 7-ADD at end: An exhibitor competing in their Novice Amateur Country pleasure driving class is eligible to compete in their respective Country Pleasure Stake/Championship class.

****Section XI-4.4-NOTHING ? in rule book about amateurs, open etc ==RULE BOOK GOES FROM PAGE 38-40 WITHOUT ANY MENTION OF CLASSES LIKE OPEN, AMATEUR ETC FOR WESTERN COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING –NOT SURE IT NEEDS TO BE IN HERE BUT IF IT DOES ADD:

4.4-A-Novice Amateur Western Country pleasure driving class-Novice Amateur to meet Novice Amateur eligibility requirements in Section III-part 3, 3.2 and

ADD 4.4 B-ADD: An exhibitor competing in their Novice Amateur Western Country Pleasure driving class is eligible to compete in their respective Stakes class

AMHR Driving

******NOTE-RULE BOOK JUMPS FROM F TO H WITHOUT G? IN SECTION 5.1**

Division of classes

Section 5.1, K 2 i-DELETE the words Novice Driver/Horses and ADD-Novice Amateur Drivers-must meet eligibility requirements in Section III, part 3. Novice Amateur Driving classes are eligible to compete in the corresponding Stakes class.

******-ONE SECTION MAY NOT NEED TO BE ADDED-**

******JUST A NOTE ABOUT NUMBERING IN 5.1**

ASPC/AMHR/ASPC Novice Amateur Program Proposal-Section XII-HALTER OBSTACLE AND HUNTER

Rules Affected/Changed are listed below for Section XII

Halter obstacle and Hunter Classes

Section XII- Part 1, 1.3-changing ASPC language regarding # of obstacles for Novice Amateur Halter Obstacle classes

Section XII-Part 1.3G2-same as above for AMHR

Section XII-Part 1.B1-Hunter-add novice amateur in first section and add exception for novice amateur hunter classes relative # jumps

Section XII-Part 1.6B2-adding section for course design/# jumps for novice amateur hunter classes

Halter Obstacle

Section XII-In hand single working

Halter Obstacle Classes

Section XII, part 1.3 G1. ADD at end of first sentence "Except for Novice Amateur halter obstacle Classes, must be a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 7 obstacles"

Section XII, part 1.3 G2. ADD at end of first sentence "Except for Novice Amateur halter obstacle classes, must be a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 7 obstacles."

Hunter in Hand Classes

ASPC

Section XII, part 1.6 A.1. f. ADD f to this section to add number of jumps for Novice Amateurs. Wording to be: for Open, Amateur and Youth the course design should follow the same requirements as the course for jumpers EXCEPT for Novice Amateur hunter classes, the number of jumps will be a minimum of 3 fences and a maximum of 5 fences with no in and out jumps.

AMHR

Section XII-part 1.6B 1. ADD in first sentence between the word for and: the word hunters, IADD the words open, amateur and youth.....

Section XII-part 1.6 B 2-ADD section 2 to read " Novice Amateur class course design for hunters should follow the requirements as the course for jumpers except for the number of jumps. Number of jumps for Novice Amateur hunter classes will be a minimum of 3 fences with a maximum of 5 fences with no in and out jumps.

ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Novice Amateur Program Proposal-Section XIV-SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship classes

Rules affected by these changes

Section XIV, 1.1A-general notation for all Novice Amateur classes for all groups of horses

Section XIV, 1.2 C-adding Novice Amateur wording

Section XIV, 1.2 E-adding patterns language for Novice Amateur Classes

Modern/ASPR-section

Section XIV, part 1.1 A-ADD #8 as follows: If Novice Amateur Classes are added or held, all rules as stated in this section 1.1A7 will be applicable for ASPC/AMHR/ASPR/NSPR.

Section XIV, part 1.2A 2a-Eliminate the word gloves as a requirement then ADD gloves are optional. (Note-getting hard to find gloves of appropriate color to match outfits.)

Classic/AMHR/NSPPR Section

Section XIV, part 1.2C-ADD "Novice Amateur and" before amateur

Section XIV, part 1.2E-ADD sentence after first sentence to read "Only patterns 1 through 4 will be used for Novice Amateur Showmanship classes."

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Class List proposal

FOLLOWING IS THE CLASS LIST FOR THE ABOVE PROGRAM, NOTE THIS IS JUST A OF CLASSES BEING REQUESTED INITIALLY, CLASSES COULD BE ADDED AT A LATER DATE IF WARRANTED/APPROVED

- 1. NOVICE AMATEUR WESTERN COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING, UNDER AND OVER, SEE HEIGHT LIMITS IN RULE BOOK**
 - 2. NOVICE AMATEUR COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING, UNDER AND OVER, SEE HEIGHT LIMITS IN RULE BOOK**
 - 3. NOVICE AMATEUR HUNTER IN HAND, UNDER AND OVER, SEE HEIGHT LIMITS IN RULE BOOK**
 - 4. NOVICE AMATEUR HALTER OBSTACLE, UNDER AND OVER, SEE HEIGHT LIMITS IN RULE BOOK**
 - 5. NOVICE AMATEUR SHOWMANSHIP, UNDER AND OVER, SEE HEIGHT LIMITS IN RULE BOOK**
 - 6. NOVICE AMATEUR HALTER CLASSES, ALL AGE AND GENDER HORSES SHOWN TOGETHER, UNDER AND OVER, SEE HEIGHT LIMITS IN RULE BOOK**
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