

## SECTION III

### GENERAL RULES Part 3 - Amateur Rules

#### 2018 RULEBOOK

of the  
**American Shetland Pony Club**  
**American Miniature Horse Registry**  
**American Show Pony Registry**  
**National Sport Performance Pony Registry**  
**American Shetland Pony International Registry**



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**3.1 Eligibility** - Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur for all shows conducted under the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR rules who after his/her 18th 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 instruction in equitation or horse training. (Persons acting as counselors at summer camps, who are not hired in the exclusive capacity of riding instructors are excluded, and persons giving instruction and training to the handicapped).
- C. Accepts remuneration for employment in other capacity (i.e., 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 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. 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 halter/in hand.
- F. 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 or corporation which a member of his/her family controls will receive remuneration for the activity.
- G. A husband, wife, or significant other of a professional trainer who solicits, advertises whether it be in magazines, newspaper, handout, Websites, on vehicles and/or trailers or any other means of communication to the public, who trains equine in/for any other equine association (this would include donkeys and zebras) may not hold an amateur card in the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR nor can they show as an amateur in any sanctioned ASPC/AMHR/ASPR show.
- H. The following activities do not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified:
1. The writing of books or articles pertaining to horses.
  2. Accepting remuneration for officiating as a Steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer, participating as a TV commentator, or accepting bona fide remuneration for services as a veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator, breeder, or for accepting bona fide remuneration for boarding services.
  3. Accepting reimbursement for expenses without profit.
  4. Accepting a token of appreciation, other than money, for riding, driving or showing in halter/in hand. (Notice: 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).
  5. 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.

### 3.2 Amateur Reinstatement Procedure:

- A. Notification to the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Registry in writing the date of which the training facility has been closed, all advertisement of solicitation of training have been removed from publications, websites, handouts, and any other form of public communications.
- B. A letter from the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Registry to the trainer along with their husband or wife, or significant other giving them the official date of which they can reapply for their amateur cards and waiting their one (1) year period and meeting all qualifications of an amateur.

### 3.3 Amateur Cards

- A. Official ASPC/AMHR/ASPR amateur cards are required to participate in the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR amateur classes. Amateur cards must be applied for annually, and expire on November 30th of each year. Amateur applicants must be 18 years old or older and a current senior member of the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR. Application can be made through the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Office for a fee. Exhibitors are responsible to present their amateur card to show management.
- B. Individuals without amateur cards in hand on show day may apply for an amateur card through the show office or with the Show Steward for a show site fee. All show-site applications and appropriate fee must be received prior to amateur classes entered, in order for the individual to be allowed to show. Show-site amateur applications will be valid for 15 days from the date fees are received by the Show Steward or Show Management. All show-site applications and fees will be sent to the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Office via the Show Steward with their official Steward's report. If an amateur application and fee is forgotten, a new amateur application and fee is required.
- C. Amateur cards cannot be applied for at the AMHR National Show or at the ASPC/ASPR Congress.

- 3.4 Amateur in AMHR** - A Horse shown by an Amateur in AMHR classes must be owned or leased by the amateur. An owner is defined as a person holding title, or members of his or her family as defined in Section III-Part I-Definitions-1.13-Family.
- 3.5 Amateur in ASPC/ASPR** - Amateur in ASPC/ASPR-Classic/Foundation, Modern/Modern Pleasure and American Show Pony divisions: Ponies shown in Amateur classes must be exhibited by an amateur exhibitor.
- 3.6 Modern Amateur Owned and Shown** (Halter Classes) - Amateur in ASPC/ASPR- Classic/Foundation, Modern/Modern Pleasure and American Show Pony divisions: Ponies shown in Amateur classes must be exhibited by an amateur exhibitor.
- 3.7 Modern Amateur Owned and Shown** (Performance-Driving Classes)
- A. To be judged on the same basis as the appropriate Ladies Class and shall perform in the same way and be subject to the same specifications, except stallions may be shown.
  - B. A Pony in an amateur owned and shown class is eligible and may be shown in other classes, including Stakes, provided it is driven by the amateur owner. An owner is defined as a person holding title, or members of his or her family as defined in Section III-Part I-Definitions-1.13-Family.
- 3.8 Classic Amateur Owned and Shown** (Halter and Performance Classes) - A pony being shown in an Amateur Owned and Shown class need not have been shown throughout the entire show by the amateur owner.
- 3.9** All leases on ponies/horses used in Amateur Incentive Classes must be postmarked on or before January 1st of the exhibition year. The amateur may not use an animal leased if postmarked after January 1st of the exhibition year in these classes.