



NEW ZEALAND WESTERN RIDING FEDERATION

APPLICATION FOR AMATEUR STATUS

OBJECT:

The amateur division is designed for the non-professional exhibitor who owns and shows his/her own horse

AMATEUR ELIGIBILITY

1. (a) The application for amateur membership must be true and correct in each detail. A false statement shall be grounds for possible disciplinary action under NZWRF disciplinary procedure, which includes suspension, fine, and/or expulsion from amateur competition. A person is eligible for an amateur card, and maintains eligibility, when he or she:

- 1. no longer eligible to compete in NZWRF youth classes;
- 2. has not shown, trained or assisted in training a horse for remuneration, monetary or otherwise, either directly or indirectly, nor received remuneration for instructing another person in riding, driving, training or showing a horse for three (3) calendar years previous to application for amateur card; An exception exists with respect to an amateur competitor certified as an instructor in Riding for the Disabled or similar organizations. Such approved organizations shall be compiled and maintained by the NZWRF Amateur Department. The excepted instructor shall teach only students enrolled with an approved organization or prescribed such rehabilitation by a licensed medical doctor. Any amateur competitor excepted under this provision shall file such certification with the NZWRF Amateur Department prior to any competition by such individual;

3. must not exhibit in amateur NZWRF classes horses owned by any third party, but shall only exhibit horses **solely** owned by the applicant or the applicant's family, which is the applicant's spouse, child, stepchild, legal ward, father, mother, stepmother, sister, brother, stepparent, or legal guardian. Separate legal entities, such as family corporations, family trusts, or family partnerships, are also authorized owners of the amateur exhibitor's horse so long as all legal and equitable owners and beneficiaries of the legal entity are individuals specifically authorized by this rule. "Owned" means, in addition to other legitimate methods of acquiring ownership, the bona fide legal ownership obtained for adequate consideration in reasonable relationship with the actual market value of the horse. For example, a \$5 payment for world championship quality horse does not meet the required character of required ownership for competition in NZWRF amateur division. The relationship of the amateur to the owner of the participating horse must be evidenced by submitting legal documentation (i.e. copies of marriage and/or birth certificates);

4. cannot hold membership accreditation in a professional association for those events or classes which are the same events or classes the individual competes, or desires to compete, in NZWRF amateur competition. For example, a person who competes in a PRCA roping event may not compete in amateur calf roping, dally team roping (heading or heeling) but may show in any other amateur classes. A permit holder is not considered as one who has membership accreditation in a professional organization and may compete in any NZWRF Amateur class;

5. has not, nor during the period of amateur status cannot, show, train or assist in the training of a horse for which a spouse accepts remuneration, monetary or otherwise, either directly or indirectly, for training, assisting in the training, or showing of said horse;

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....

Email.....

I nominate the following horses, which I may ride in Amateur Events:

Horse Name.....No.....

Horse Name.....No.....

Horse Name.....No.....

6. has not, nor during the period of amateur status cannot, show a horse for which the person's spouse has previously received remuneration for training during the twelve month period preceding the showing of the horse by the amateur in NZWRF amateur competition.

(b) As a condition for the issuance of amateur card, the applicant, and/or the family member who actually owns the horse with which the amateur will participate, agrees to provide upon request, such documentation or other proof as requested to support the representations of sole economic ownership of the horse or horses exhibited by the amateur in amateur events, and the other criterion set forth above. Failure to promptly furnish such documentation upon request may be cause for immediate termination of amateur status and be ground for possible disciplinary action by the Executive Committee under NZWRF disciplinary procedure for failure to respond to request for information.

© To become eligible for amateur status, or become eligible for reinstatement to amateur status, the individual must wait three years from the date of the last incident which rendered the individual ineligible. Violation of NZWRF's rule requirement for truthful application for amateur status may be cause for more severe sanction than such waiting period.

(d) Payment of entry fees and/or expenses by anyone other than the Amateur, his/her immediate family, or a corporation, partnership or other business entity in which the Amateur and/or a member of his/her immediate family are the sole and only owner, shall be considered remuneration except for demonstrations, exhibitions, or international team competitions, where the Amateur is a member of the nationally sponsored team.

(e) Every person competing in an amateur class must possess current individual NZWRF amateur card **or a copy of an NZWRF Amateur card**. Show management must inspect this card at any show entered.

(f) Upon revocation of amateur card because of ineligibility, all earned amateur points from time of violation of eligibility rules, shall be revoked.

2 A person who has a formal lease agreement of a horse for no less than 12 months, that person is eligible to ride that leased horse in amateur classes. N.B. Copy of the lease agreement must accompany the amateur application sent to the NZWR Federation office.

Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any person other than those listed above are not considered as fulfilling ownership requirements for amateur classes.

3 No horse may be shown by more than one contestant in any one class, nor may a contestant enter more than one horse in any one class.

4 Junior horses may be ridden in open amateur classes with two hands with a snaffle bit or bosal.

5 A person wishing to relinquish professional status to return to the Amateur status is required to inform the NZWRF in writing of the date they ceased to be professional. Three (3) years from this date they will be eligible to apply for an Amateur Owner Permit.

6 Events to be run under the rules recognised by the NZWRF Rule Book.

7 Applications for amateur status must be made annually. The NZWRF will issue cards to successful applicants

Under the above requirements, I am eligible for Amateur Status and agree to abide by these Rules and Regulations, and any additions or alterations in the NZWRF Rulebook

Signed by applicant.....

Amateur No.....

Signed by Witness.....

Name

Amateur No.....

RETURN THIS FORM TO

- 1. Amateur Status, P O Box 612, Taupo 3351
Or NZWRF, C/- B Preston, 76 Dods Rd, RD1, Rotorua 3077
- 2. **Fee of \$5.00 enclosed**
- 3. **A Stamped self addressed envelope enclosed**