

ICHA Amateur or Professional Status

1. Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur for all competitions conducted under ICHA 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 payments for riding, driving, showing in halter/in hand, training, schooling or conducting clinics' or seminars.
 - b) Accepts payment for giving instructions in equitation or horse training.
 - c) Accepts payment 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.
 - d) Accepts payment for using his/her name, photograph, or other form of personal association as a horseman in connection with any advertisement or article to be sold.
 - e) Accepts prize money in equitation or showmanship classes.
 - f) Rides, drives or shows in halter/in hand in competitions, any horse for which he/she or a family owns or operates and receives payment for boarding, training, and riding, driving, or showing in halter/in hand.
 - g) Gives instruction to any person or rides, drives or shows in halter/in hand in competitions, any horse for which a member of his/her family or corporation which a member of his/her family controls will receive payment for the activity.
 - h) Accepts payment for selling horses/ponies, acts as a paid agent in the sale of horses/ponies or takes horses/ponies on consignment for the purpose of sale or training other than those owned wholly or in part.

2. The following activities do not affect amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified:
 - a) The writing of books or articles pertaining to horses/ponies.
 - b) Accepting payment for officiating as judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer or participating as a TV commentator, or accepting bona fide payment for services as a veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator, breeder or boarder.
 - c) Accepting payment for expenses without profit.
 - d) Accepting a token of appreciation other than money, for riding, driving showing in halter/in hand.
 - e) Having the occupation of veterinarian, farrier, groom, breeder, boarder or tack shop owner.

I have read the above statement and agree that I am an amateur. I promise, if I become a professional, I will notify ICHA promptly and return my amateur card.

Applicant Signature

Please return with your application

Date