

SECTION VIII:

AMATEUR CERTIFICATION

Montana Hunter Jumper Association - Amateur Certification

The MHJA has developed guidelines to ensure the members of the association are following the same rules as the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). Every person who has reached his/her 18th birthday and competes in classes for amateur riders must possess a current amateur certification issued by the MHJA. Upon certification, an amateur continues to be such until he/she has notified the MJHA Board of Directors in writing of a change from amateur to professional status. A professional continues to be such until he/she has received amateur status by a vote of the MHJA Board of Directors and then must wait one calendar year until he/she may show as an amateur. (See also Section I:10)

An amateur is defined as anyone who is NOT engaged in the following activities:

1. Accepts remuneration for riding, training, schooling, or conducting clinics or seminars.
2. Accepts remuneration for giving instructions in any form of equitation (whether Western or English) or horse training.
3. Gives instruction, rides, trains, or schools horses, other than those horses actually owned or leased by him/her, when his/her employer or a family member of his/her employer owns, boards or trains said horse.
4. Accepts remuneration for the use of his/her name, photograph, or other personal form of association as a horseman in connection with any advertisement or article to be sold.
5. Accepts prize money in equitation or showmanship class.
6. Rides or shows a horse, for which he/she or a member of the family receives remuneration for boarding, training, riding, or showing.
7. Gives instruction to any person, or rides or shows any horse for which activity another person in his/her family will receive remuneration.

If any MHJA member has questions about whether a specific activity would negate their amateur status, it is the member's obligation to contact a member of the MHJA Board to discuss the issue.

The undersigned certifies that he/she has read and understands the above amateur rule and is eligible for amateur status under the above conditions. The undersigned confirms that he/she has NOT engaged in any activity cited in the amateur rules that would make him/her a professional.

If and MHJA member protests another member's amateur status, and it is determined by the MHJA Board of Directors that the individual under protest has signed this certification but does not qualify as an amateur according to the above rules, the violating member will be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50) fine and points accumulated as an amateur will be forfeited for that show year.

Signature: _____ Date: _____