



Amateur Division Conditions for 2020 NRHA-Approved Events

For 2020, any producer of an NRHA-approved non pro derby who wants to offer an amateur division that meets the criteria can submit a request for approval to the NRHA office.

The criteria are as follows:

- To compete in the amateur division, the same horse/rider must be cross-entered into the NRHA-approved non pro derby. The show conditions will govern which level(s) must be entered.
- There will only be one level of amateur. Added money cannot exceed half of the Level(L) 4 added money.
- Riders entering the amateur division must be non pros as defined in the *NRHA Handbook*.
- Riders must abide by the non pro ownership rules as outlined in the *NRHA Handbook*.
- During the test period, this will be classified as a Category 13 class.
- All other NRHA rules apply.

The following riders are excluded from competing in the amateur division:

- Youth (as defined by the youth membership requirements in the *NRHA Handbook*).
- Legal dependents of professional equine trainers.
 - A legal dependent is defined as being officially claimed as a dependent on a tax return.
- Spouses or legal partners/mates of professional equine trainers.
 - Partner/mate status will only be accepted when the civil status is legally and lawfully registered in the country/state of residence. All relationships must be current and lawful.
 - A “professional equine trainer” is defined as someone who handles the mounted preparation of a horse with the intent to improve the horse’s performance in any equine discipline (as defined in the *NRHA Handbook*).
- Anyone who has exceeded NRHA lifetime earnings of \$100,000 in Category 2, 6, and 8 as of 12/31/19 or is currently eligible for Level(L) 4 non pro only.

Note: NRHA judges and breeders are eligible to compete in the amateur division if they meet the required criteria listed above.