



Amateur Division Conditions for 2021 Events

For events April 1, 2021—April 1, 2022

The amended conditions effective April 2, 2022 through December 31, 2023

Events may apply to host an Amateur division during this timeframe. To do so, a written request and confirmation that it will be run using the following criteria/conditions should **be included in the event's approval application**.

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. For the NRHA Derby this would be the eligible level plus one up.
- There will only be one level of amateur. Added money cannot exceed half of the Level(L) 4 added **money and cannot exceed the L1 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*.
- 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 **Categories 2, 6, 8, 11** as of **the previous year** or is currently eligible for L4 non pro only **or L4 and L3 only**.

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