

National Cutting Horse Association

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2017 AMATEUR/NON-PROFESSIONAL APPLICATION

NCHA membership is required before this Application can be processed.

Membership # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____

\$20 for one year Are you applying for: Amateur Non-Professional Unlimited Amateur

Method of payment: (U.S. Funds only) _____ Check enclosed _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____ American Express _____ Discover _____

Name on Card _____ Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

PLEASE SEE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS APPLICATION FOR AMATEUR/NON-PROFESSIONAL DEFINITIONS. BE SURE TO CONSULT NCHA RULES FOR COMPLETE DETAILS CONCERNING NON-PROFESSIONAL/AMATEUR ELIGIBILITY AND EXCEPTION RULES.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST ANSWER QUESTIONS 1 THROUGH 5.

1. What is your occupation? _____
2. Do you understand that, you must own all legal and equitable interest to any horse you show in a cutting horse contest? Yes No
3. Have you ever been or are you currently employed, in any capacity, on a horse training operation? Yes No
If you answered "Yes" to question No. 3, then answer subparts (a), (b) and (c) below.
 - (a) Employed by whom?
 - (b) Dates of employment.
 - (c) What were your duties?
4. Have you ever been denied Non-Professional status? Yes No
5. Have you been a professional horse trainer in any equine discipline? Yes No
If you answered "Yes" to question No. 5, then answer subparts (a), (b), (c) and (d) below.
 - (a) Employed by whom?
 - (b) Dates of employment
 - (c) Lifetime earnings? (whole dollars only) _____ (exclude any non-pro earnings)
 - (d) What discipline?

Please answer questions 6 through 10 only if you are also applying for Amateur or Unlimited Amateur status:

6. Have you ever ridden, trained or assisted in training horses or horse riders astride in any equine discipline for remuneration, directly or indirectly? Yes No
If you answered "Yes" to question No. 6, then answer subparts (a), (b) and (c) below.
 - (a) Employed by whom?
 - (b) Dates of employment
 - (c) What were your duties?
7. Are you married (or had a co-habitational relationship) or have you been married (or had a co-habitational relationship) to a person who is engaged or has been engaged in activities that would require that person to be classified because of the activities then occurring as a professional by the provisions of Rule 51.a.3? Yes No
8. Have you resided with a person who is engaged, or in the last five years has been engaged in, activities that would require that person to be classified because of the activities then occurring as a professional by the provisions of Rule 51.a.3? Yes No
9. Have you resided with or on the premise with a parent, step-parent or foster parent of the member who was, during the time of the member's residency, a Professional? Yes No
10. Have you ever been denied Amateur status Yes No

The undersigned agrees to become familiar with and be bound by the rules of the National Cutting Horse Association. The undersigned expressly agrees to have all disputes related to compliance with or violation of these rules resolved by the procedures provided in the rules.

I understand that a false declaration will result in suspension of NCHA privileges for a period of a minimum of six (6) months for the first offense. It is the member's responsibility to notify the NCHA office immediately upon any change in his/her Non-Professional/Amateur status. Failure to do so could result in loss of Non- Professional/Amateur status for life.

Member signature _____ Date: _____

Director's signature and NCHA # _____

If you do not have access to a Director to sign this application, it may be sent (without a Director's signature) to the NCHA office for review and approval. **However, if you are applying for Amateur and/or Non-Pro status at a weekend show, a Director's signature is required.**

For office use only: Approved for Amateur Status _____ Non-Professional Status _____

Amateur

Certain Non-Professionals within this Association may be classified as Amateurs. A member of this Association shall be disqualified from being classified as an Amateur under any one of the following circumstances: (a) the member has ridden or trained horses or horse riders in any equine discipline astride for remuneration, directly or indirectly; (b) the member has assisted in training horses or horse riders astride for remuneration, directly or indirectly. (c) the member is married (or had a co-habitational relationship) or has been married (or had a co-habitational relationship) to a person who is engaged or has been engaged in activities that would require that person to be classified because of the activities then occurring as a professional by the provisions of Rule 51.a.3; (d) the member has resided with a person who is engaged or in the last five years has been engaged in activities that would require that person to be classified because of the activities then occurring as a professional by the provisions of Rule 51.a.3; (e) the member has resided with or on the premise with a parent, step-parent or foster parent of the member who was, during the time of the member's residency, a Professional; (f) the member is directly or indirectly employed by a Professional and performs the duties of employment on the premises of a horse training operation astride a horse; (g) the member has been an apprentice cutting horse trainer at any time, or ever in their life been a trainer or assistant trainer of cutting horses; (h) the member has received more than \$100,000 (\$50,000 Limited Age/\$50,000 Weekend) in eligibility lifetime NCHA cutting horse earnings. See Amateur Rules for details.

Please be aware that NCHA Rules contain several exception rules that may allow a member to obtain amateur status under certain limited circumstances. Please consult NCHA rules for the details of these exception rules. If you believe that you may qualify for amateur status under one of these exception rules and would like to apply, please contact the NCHA office to obtain an application form for the exception that you are seeking.

Non-Professional

A non-professional in this association is a person who has not received direct or indirect remuneration to work in any manner in the following activities on the premises of a cutting horse operation: showing, training or assisting in training a cutting horse or cutting horse riders. For purposes of this rule, a cutting horse training operation is any facility where cutting horses are trained. Any person who has trained horses astride in any equine discipline for direct or indirect remuneration shall be considered a professional by this association, with the exception of those who have been granted a change of status since January 1, 1997, from professional to non-professional.

Please be aware that NCHA Rules contain several exception rules that may allow a member to obtain non-pro status under certain limited circumstances. Please consult NCHA rules for the details of these exception rules. If you believe that you may qualify for non-pro status under one of these exception rules and would like to apply, please contact the NCHA office to obtain an application form for the exception that you are seeking.

Any person applying for amateur and/or non pro status under any one of the exception rules shall obtain an exception Application from the NCHA membership department (this is a different application than what is available on-line or in the Chatter), complete the application, have it notarized and signed by a director (where required) and return the application to the NCHA office for review by the Non Pro Amateur Review Committee and shall also provide the NCHA any and all additional information as the NCHA may request related to documenting the status of the applicant. Failure by the applicant to comply with requests for information from the NCHA will result in denial of the application. There is no right to a specific classification and classification may be granted based upon an evaluation of all circumstances considered relevant by the NCHA. The decision on exemption applications shall be made by the Non Pro Amateur Review Committee. The applicant can appeal any adverse decision of the Non Pro Amateur Review Committee to the Executive Committee, whose decision will be final and binding.

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