

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

GR1306 Professional/Amateur Status [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 13-B AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS]

GR1306 Professional/Amateur Status

1. Amateur. Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur if after his 18th birthday, as defined in GR101, he has not engaged in any of the activities identified in paragraph 4 below.
 - a. In the Dressage Division, individuals are only eligible to compete as amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22, see DR119.3.
 - b. For Amateurs in Jumper Sections, see JP118.
 - c. For Amateurs in Hunter Sections, see HU106.
 - d. For Amateurs in Eventing, see EV Appendix 3-Participation in Horse Trials.
2. Remuneration. Remuneration is defined as compensation or payment in any form such as cash, goods, sponsorships, discounts or services; reimbursement of any expenses; trade or in-kind exchange of goods or services such as board or training.
3. Permitted activities by Amateur. An Amateur is permitted to do the following:
 - a. Accept reimbursement for actual expenses associated with conducting classroom seminars for a not-for-profit organization, therapeutic riding programs, or programs for charitable organizations approved in advance by the Federation.
 - b. Act as a camp counselor when not hired in the exclusive capacity as a riding instructor; assist in setting schooling fences without remuneration; give instruction or training to handicapped riders for therapeutic purposes.
 - c. Appear in advertisements and/or articles related to acknowledgement of one's own personal or business sponsorship of a competition and/or awards earned by one's owned horses.
 - d. Accept prize money as the owner of a horse in any class other than equitation or showmanship classes.
 - e. Accept prize money in Dressage.
 - f. Accept a non-monetary token gift of appreciation valued less than \$300 annually.
 - g. Serve as an intern for college credit or course requirements at an accredited institution provided one has never held professional status with the Federation or any other equestrian National Federation. In addition, one may accept reimbursement for expenses without profit, as prescribed by the educational institution's program, for the internship. In the Hackney, Roadster, American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano, Friesian, Arabian, and National Show Horse Divisions, college students may also accept a stipend during the internship served under this paragraph. At the request of the Federation, an Amateur shall provide certification from the accredited educational institution under whose auspices a student is pursuing an internship that he is undertaking the internship to meet course or degree requirements.
 - h. Write books or articles related to horses.
 - i. Accept remuneration for providing service in one's capacity as a: **clinic manager or organizer (so long as they are not performing the activities of instructor or trainer)**, presenter or panelist at a Federation licensed officials' clinic, competition manager, competition secretary, judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer, TV commentator, veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator, breeder, or boarder, or horse transporter.

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Rule Change Intent

To clarify that amateurs may organize, manage and host clinics as long as they are not performing the activities of instructor or trainer.

Potential Impact

To clarify that amateurs may organize, manage and host clinics.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: amateur rule

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016 Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Arabian	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016 Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Breeds/Disciplines	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments