



2023 Walking Horse Owners' Association

MEMBERSHIP/AMATEUR/PROFESSIONAL APPLICATION

(Valid January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023)

WHO A, PO Box 4007, Murfreesboro, TN 37129 or joinwhoa@aol.com

1st Adult Name (as it should appear on entry form): _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ or Cell Phone: (____) _____

*Do you need an Amateur Card? No Yes *Do you need a Limited Amateur Card? No Yes *Do you need a Professional Card? No Yes

I certify that I am applying for an Amateur Card/Professional Card, Limited Amateur Card, and that I meet the requirements for Amateur/Professional status in accordance with the applicable section of the current WHO A rulebook.

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Signature _____ Date _____

2nd Adult Name (as it should appear on entry form): _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ or Cell Phone: (____) _____

*Do you need an Amateur Card? No Yes *Do you need a Limited Amateur Card? No Yes *Do you need a Professional Card? No Yes

I certify that I am applying for an Amateur Card/Professional Card, Limited Amateur Card, and that I meet the requirements for Amateur/Professional status in accordance with the applicable section of the current WHO A rulebook.

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Signature _____ Date _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES 2 ADULTS & CHILDREN - 17 & UNDER (GRANDCHILDREN ARE NOT CONSIDERED IMMEDIATE FAMILY)

1) _____ DOB: ___/___/___ 3) _____ DOB: ___/___/___

2) _____ DOB: ___/___/___ 4) _____ DOB: ___/___/___

*E-MAIL: _____

*To receive email notices regarding WHO A shows please complete. We do not share information.

Select your Preferred Membership:

No Refunds

- Youth Membership Card - (17 & under) \$25
- Academy Eligible 1st Year \$25 Academy Eligible 2nd Year \$25
- Amateur \$75
- Limited Amateur \$75
- Professional/Trainer Card \$75
- FAMILY Membership/Amateur Card (2 Adults) Children 17 & Under within household - \$125
- LIFETIME Membership (1 Person under 50 years old) - \$1,000
- LIFETIME Membership (1 Person 50-59 years old) \$500
- LIFETIME Membership (1 Person 60-69 years old) \$400
- LIFETIME Membership (1 Person 70-79 years old) \$300
- LIFETIME Membership (1 Person 80+ years) \$200
- ASSOCIATE Membership (Business or Individual, non horse owner, no voting privileges) \$60

*MEMBERSHIP: REQUIRED AT WHO A AFFILIATED/SPONSORED SHOWS/EVENTS & PROGRAMS.

IF YOU EXHIBIT HORSES WITHOUT A VALID CARD YOU ARE AT RISK FOR SUSPENSION

PAYMENT METHOD: Check # _____ Amount: \$ _____ (Make payable to WHO A)

____ VISA/MC/Discover/AmX Card No: _____ Exp: _____ Sec Code: _____

1. PROFESSIONAL:

a. Definition: A Professional is an individual who:

- (1) Engages in the profession of horse training as main or part time occupation.
- (2) Has the responsibility for the care, custody, training and performance of horses for others.
- (3) Accepts payment for training, exercising, schooling, riding, exhibiting, and driving. Payment includes exchanges of services, compensation, and/or bartering.
- (4) Is a halter professional.
- (5) Is a professional for any breed horse.

b. Eligibility: Professional may show in all classes except classes designated as Amateur

c. Duties:

- (1) A Professional shall be responsible for the condition and welfare of horses in his or her custody.
- (2) A Professional is obligated to fully understand the rules of the WHOA including the penalties and restrictions.
- (3) A Professional who does not exhibit horses shall still be knowledgeable concerning the breed standard and the affiliations associated with the breed.

2. LIMITED AMATEUR

a. Definition: A Limited Amateur is an individual who:

- (1) Provides riding instruction to students but does not train horses or otherwise engage in activities defined as a Professional.
- (2) Boards or operates a boarding facility owned themselves or another person where horses are owned by others or co-owned with the Limited Amateur.
- (3) Acts as an agent in the sale, purchase or advertising of horses owned by others.
- (4) Is a relative of a Professional and over the age of 11. (see **definition** Section IV (n) page 6
- (5) Any individual designated as Interim status as set forth in Paragraph 5.

b. Eligibility: Limited Amateurs may show in Open classes and may show horses owned by Limited Amateur or immediate family (other than Professionals) classes designated as Amateur. May not show horses owned, co-owned or leased with others in an Amateur class.

3. AMATEUR

a. Definition: An Amateur is an individual that has reached age 18 as of January 1 of that year and that engages in the showing of horses as a hobby or pastime and not paid or compensated for their activities nor engaged in other activities defined as a Professional or Limited Amateur.

b. The following shall not affect amateur status:

- i Standing a breeding stallion, buying/selling or horses for personal ownership

- ii The writing of books or articles for horse show purposes.
 - iii The acceptance of remuneration for judging or serving in the capacity of DQP.
 - iv The reimbursement of exhibitor for expenses without profit.
 - v The acceptance of a small token of appreciation, other than money for exhibiting.
- c. Eligibility: Amateurs may show in Open and Amateur classes.

4. YOUTH

- a. Definition A person who has not reached his or her 18th birthday on January 1st of the show year and is not defined as a Limited Amateur.
- b. Eligibility. A Youth may show in Open, Amateur and Youth classes.

5. INTERIM

a. **CHANGE OF PROFESSIONAL STATUS:** Any Professional or Limited Amateur that desires to be reclassified as an amateur based on the grounds that he/she no longer engages in the activities that made him/her a Professional or Limited Amateur must notify the WHOA office in writing of this wish and send this notice via certified mail to the WHOA office. After such notification has been received and approved by WHOA, status can be changed to Interim and set the duration of the waiting period as approved by WHOA. A Professional will not become an Amateur but a Limited Amateur for the duration of his or her life. A Limited Amateur who is not a relative of a Professional shall go through the Interim Period and then become an Amateur.

b. Definition of the waiting period: The waiting period is as follows: If have been a Professional or a Limited Amateur for less than 13 months, then the applicant shall have Interim status for 2 years from the date of approval. If has been a Professional or Limited Amateur for more than 13 months, then the applicant shall have Interim status for 5 years from the date of approval.

c. The immediate family of a Interim may exhibit their own horses (no co-owned or leased horses) in all amateur classes except AOT /OAT classes.

****Note: The burden of proof of proving amateur status is on the applicant. WHOA reserves the right to investigate disputes and applicants may need to provide financial records/proof of ownership, etc. if needed. Falsifying information will result in a 2-year suspension and up to a \$5,000.00 fine. Subject stays suspended until fine is paid. No exceptions. Final determination of Professional or Amateur or Limited Amateur status shall be made by the Hearing Committee.**