

RECOMMENDATION FOR RULE CHANGE

STANDING COMMITTEE Amateur Committee	CONTROL NUMBER AM-310
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RELATED COMMITTEES	ACTION (new, change, clarification) Change
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ORIGINATORS RECOMMENDATION FOR CHANGE, ETC:

AM-310., new rule to read: Amateur Platinum Division

- A. **ATTIRE AND TACK.** Attire and tack must meet the standards in Rules SC-235 and SC-240, SC-195.A. and SC-200.A.
- B. **AGE.** This division is for Amateurs 50 and over.
- C. **ELIGIBILITY.** All participants in this division must meet Amateur Eligibility as outlined in AM-010, and hold a current Platinum Amateur card. This is an optional division. If Platinum classes are offered, a 50 and over Amateur must decide between the Platinum and the traditional Amateur classes for a given show. Example: A 50 and over Amateur may not enter the Platinum Showmanship and the Amateur Trail at the same show. A Platinum Amateur may enter Platinum Showmanship and Amateur Western Riding because there is no Platinum class offered for Western Riding. If no Platinum classes are offered, the exhibitor may show in the traditional Amateur division.
- D. **OWNERSHIP.** All participants in this division must meet the ownership requirements as outlined in AM-020.
- E. **POINTS.** Points earned in this class will count toward APHA Platinum Amateur Register of Merit, Superior Event and Honor Roll awards only. Points in this class will not count toward any other APHA awards including Breeders' Trust payouts.
- F. **CLASSES WHICH MAY BE OFFERED.**
 - 1. Showmanship.
 - 2. Western Pleasure.
 - 3. Western Horsemanship.
 - 4. Trail.
 - 5. Hunter Under Saddle.
 - 6. Hunt Seat Equitation.
- G. **CONTESTANTS EXHIBITING THE SAME HORSE.** A horse may not be shown by more than one exhibitor in the same event in the Amateur Platinum division (all age classes) at the same horse show. Example: A horse being exhibited in Amateur Platinum Trail may not be exhibited in Amateur Platinum Trail by another exhibitor at the same horse show. However, a horse being exhibited in Amateur Platinum Western Pleasure may be exhibited in any Amateur division Trail by another exhibitor at the same horse show as these classes cannot be combined.

RELATED RULES:

If you list a related rule, please state here if you want the proposed change as listed here also automatically changed in the related rule. If the control passes; also state how the related rule should be changed.

AM-060., changes to read: APHA Amateur Top 20 Awards

- A. **TITLE/ELIGIBILITY.** Year-end recognition will be given to the Amateur/horse combinations who earn the most points in halter and performance classes while meeting the qualifying Rules AM-010 and AM-020 and the Title/Award requirements for each of the following divisions.
1. Classic Amateur - Top 20
 2. Masters Amateur - Top 20
 3. Novice Amateur - Top 20
 4. Amateur Walk-Trot – Top 10 (2014 change)
 5. Amateur Solid Paint-Bred - Top 10
 6. **Amateur Platinum – Top 10**
- B. **TIME PERIOD.** Total points will be compiled for Amateur/horse combinations from January 1 through December 31.
- C. **Maximum Number of Shows and Judges Counted.** A maximum of 20 APHA-approved shows may be used from which their total points will be tabulated. Each show may consist of the main judge and ancillary judges (JU-000.H.6.) A main judge may only be counted from two (2) shows. One alternate show will be used in the case of a tie.
1. **Eligible Points.** Points earned in events listed in AM-090.C and AM-095.B-C, excluding *Yearling Longe Line, Yearling In-Hand Trail* and Amateur Limited Working Cow Horse are eligible for this award. For Walk-Trot, points earned in events listed in AM-300. F. are eligible for this award. (2014 change) **For Platinum, points earned in events listed in AM-310. F. are eligible for this award.** For Solid Paint-Bred, points earned in events listed in AM-090.D and AM-095.D-E, excluding Amateur Limited Working Cow Horse are eligible for this award.
- D. A contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the Amateur with each horse will be compiled separately.
- E. In order to be eligible for this award, a minimum of eight (8) points must be earned.
- F. **AWARD.** When the titles of APHA Top 20 are awarded, buckles shall be prepared and presented to the Amateurs in each group (Rule AM-060.A.1-4.) by the APHA office.

AM-065., change to read: APHA Amateur Honor Roll Award

- A. **TITLE/ELIGIBILITY.** The title of APHA Amateur Honor Roll will be awarded to any Amateur/horse combination that meets the qualifying Rules AM-010 and AM-020 and the Title/Award requirements. The ten Amateurs and their horses in each of the following groups earning the most points in each Amateur event during each calendar year from January 1 through December 31 each year will be awarded the title:
1. Classic Amateur
 2. Masters Amateur
 3. Novice Amateur
 4. Amateur Solid Paint-Bred
 5. Amateur Walk-Trot
 6. **Platinum Amateur**
- B. **POINTS.** In order to be eligible for this award, a minimum of eight (8) points must be earned.
1. Tabulation for Classic and Masters Amateur awards will be based on the age of the Amateur due to combining and splitting of classes. Example: (Year) Honor Roll Classic (Event) Horse and (Year) Honor Roll Masters (Event) Horse.

2. Limited Working Cow Horse, Yearling Longe Line and Yearling In-Hand Trail points do not count towards this award.

C. **AWARD.** The Amateur in each group (**AM-065.A.1-5.**) earning the most points in each Amateur event during one calendar year will receive an appropriate award.

D. **CERTIFICATES.** The Top 10 Amateurs and their horses in each group (**AM-065.A.1-5.**) placing second through tenth in each Amateur event will receive an appropriate certificate.

AM-070., changes to read: APHA Amateur Zone Awards

A. **TITLE.** The title of APHA Amateur Zone Award will be awarded to an Amateur/horse combination that meets the qualifying Rules AM-010. and AM-020. and the Title/Award requirements in the following divisions:

1. Classic Amateur
2. Masters Amateur
3. Novice Amateur
4. Amateur Walk-Trot (2014 change)
5. Amateur Solid Paint-Bred
6. **Platinum Amateur**

B. **POINTS.** This award recognizes the top five Amateurs and their horses in each group (AM-070.A.1-4.) living in each of the zones found on the APHA Zone Map. This award is based on total cumulative points earned within their respective zones from January 1 to December 31 each year. See rule SC-105.B.3.a.-d. for states, provinces and countries listed in the respective zones.

1. Minimum eight points to qualify. To qualify for any of the Zone titles or awards, the horse must have earned at least eight (8) points in that zone during the year.

2. Eligible Points. Points earned in events listed in AM-090.C and AM-095.B-C, excluding *Yearling Longe Line, Yearling In-Hand Trail* and Amateur Limited Working Cow Horse are eligible for this award. For Walk-Trot, points earned in events listed in AM-300. F. are eligible for this award. (2014 change) **For Platinum, points earned in events listed in AM-310. F. are eligible for this award.** For Solid Paint-Bred, points earned in events listed in AM-090.D and AM-095.D-E, excluding Amateur Limited Working Cow Horse are eligible for this award.

C. **TIE BREAKER SYSTEM.**

1. Performance Points. Amateur/horse with the greatest number of performance points.
2. Fewest Shows. The most points earned in the fewest number of shows.

D. **AWARDS.** First place in each group (AM-070.A.1-4.) will receive an appropriate award. First through fifth place in each age group will receive an appropriate certificate.

AM-085. Amateur General Show Rules

A. **ELIGIBILITY.**

1. **HORSES PROPERLY REGISTERED.** An Amateur exhibitor must be able to prove that the horse exhibited is properly registered with the APHA at the time the horse is being shown.
2. **STALLIONS.** Stallions are eligible to show in amateur events.
3. **In Amateur Showmanship at Halter and Amateur Halter Classes, points shall be awarded to any Amateur and horse, regardless of horse's age (except weanlings) provided the Amateur meets eligibility and ownership requirements, Rules AM-010. & AM-020. A., and the horse meets registration requirements.**

B. **ENTRY WITHDRAWAL.** See Rule SC-175.A. and SC-185.A.

C. **ERRORS IN ENTRY.** The exhibitor is responsible for errors on the entry blank. A horse entered in the wrong class may be transferred to its correct class after the judging program has been printed.

- D. **CONTESTANTS EXHIBITING THE SAME HORSE.** A horse may not be shown by more than one exhibitor in the same event regardless of the amateur age divisions (Classic 19-44, Masters 45 & Over or All Age classes) at the same horse show. Example: A horse being exhibited in Classic Amateur Western Pleasure may not be exhibited in Masters Amateur Western Pleasure by another exhibitor at the same horse show. However, a horse being exhibited in Classic Amateur Western Pleasure may be exhibited in Novice Amateur and/or Amateur Walk-Trot Western Pleasure by another exhibitor at the same horse show as these divisions cannot be combined.
- E. **EXHIBITING TWO HORSES.** An exhibitor may exhibit a maximum of two horses in the following individual working events: Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping, Tie-Down Roping, Cutting, Team Penning, Ranch Sorting, Goat Tying, Jumping, Pole Bending, Reining, Stake Race, Steer Stopping, Team Roping Heading, Team Roping Heeling, Trail, Utility Driving, Western Riding, Working Cow Horse, Limited Working Cow Horse, Working Hunter and Yearling Longe Line. Each horse may have only one exhibitor or driver per class.
- F. **REQUEST BY JUDGE TO CHANGE HORSES.** The judge may not ask the Amateur exhibitor to change horses with another Amateur exhibitor in any amateur events.
- G. **SITUATIONS/EVENTS NOT SPECIFICALLY STATED.** For any situations/events not covered by amateur program rules and regulations applying to APHA approved show and contest rules shall apply. Examples:
1. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT.** See Rule GR-040.G.
 2. **GO-ROUNDS.** See Rule SC-185.J.
 3. **HACKAMORE/SNAFFLE BITS.** See Rule SC-240.D.& E.
 4. **DISQUALIFICATIONS.** See Rule SC-160.I.1-3.

ORIGINATOR'S JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE:

The proposed program is intended to retain and hopefully encourage the return of some amateurs aged 50 and over. In speaking with Masters Amateurs as well as Masters aged Novice Amateurs there is a clear divide between those who would like to see Masters Amateur classes offered at all regional shows and those who would prefer to compete in the all-age Amateur class because they tend to have higher entry numbers. Creating an optional division for Amateurs aged 50 and over would please both groups.

Unfortunately, most regional shows don't have enough amateur entries to justify splitting the Amateur classes into Classic and Masters. Even at larger shows where the split may be justified and such a split is requested, more often than not at least one Masters Amateur objects to the split because they prefer to show for the largest number of points possible. Those who would prefer to show in a Masters class become discouraged and will eventually stop attending APHA shows.

There is a similar story for older Novice Amateurs who point out. Many are not prepared to make the transition to an all-age Amateur class and instead turn to other competition venues with their Paint horses.

This proposal would NOT affect the Classic and Masters age divisions within the Amateur division, but would add year end awards for the Platinum division. This would allow for three divisions (Classic, Masters, and Platinum) of Year End, Honor Roll, and Zone awards. It would be my hope that only Amateur and Platinum classes would be offered at regional shows, but this would allow for awards to continue to be broken out between Classic and Amateur ages within the Amateur division.

*Please note I am submitting multiple proposals all of which I hope would meet the same objectives, but each of which takes a different approach with the hope of fostering good discussion to determine which changes would best achieve the goal of retaining and encouraging more amateur entries.

STAFF COMMENTS:

DATA PROCESSING AND/OR FINANCIAL IMPACT:

LEGAL IMPACT:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

RULES COMMITTEE COMMENTS: SEND TO COMMITTEE AS WORDED.

Also, what is the financial impact?