



## 2010/2011 Amateur Endorsement Application

Welcome to the Australian Quarter Horse Association. Do you know about the Amateur Section of the Association? This category caters for the competitor who is a non professional horse owner.

AQHA Amateurs are offered a range of classes, provided exclusively for them, such as Amateur Halter, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, Trail, Reining, Western Riding, Showmanship at Halter and Western Horsemanship. Not all AQHA Approved Shows cater for these events but the numbers are growing.

If you are interested in becoming part of this group and not sure about all the details, you can contact one of the Amateur Division Committee Members who will be only too willing to have a chat. Their web site is [www.aqhaamateurdivision.com.au](http://www.aqhaamateurdivision.com.au) where you will be able to find their contact details.

**Endorsement Fee:** \$30.00 (In addition to your membership fee)

**Membership Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your application for an Amateur Endorsement must be true and correct in each detail. A false statement shall be grounds for possible disciplinary action under the AQHA's disciplinary procedure, which can include suspension, fine, and/or expulsion from membership.

An Amateur Endorsement application must be completed and submitted every year.

In submitting this application for an AQHA Amateur Endorsement, I hereby affirm that I am 19 years of age or older on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010, and have not within the previous three years:

- a) Exhibited a horse owned by someone other than myself or my immediate family member\*, for remuneration\*\*.
- b) Trained a horse owned by someone other than myself or my immediate family member\*, for remuneration\*\*.
- c) Assisted in training a horse owned by someone other than myself or my immediate family member\*, for remuneration\*\*.
- d) Instructed a person in riding, driving, training, or showing a horse either directly or indirectly for remuneration\*\*.

\* "Immediate family member" means the applicant's spouse, parents, defacto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s) or sister(s). Such ownership must be evidenced by the records of the Association and the certificate of registration of such horse must show as the owner by proper endorsement of the Association.

\*\* "Remuneration" means payment of money or other consideration for a service or benefit. Under AQHA rules, prize money is not to be considered remuneration, but payment of entry fees, expenses etc, by any person other than the contestant or the contestant's spouse, parents, defacto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s) or sister(s) shall be considered remuneration.

**PLEASE NOTE: The AQHA Rules and Regulations state that Amateurs riding in Open classes can only ride their own horses or horses owned by their immediate family members. Youth members CANNOT apply for Amateur Endorsement.**

**Please complete the following:**

By applying for Amateur Endorsement, I agree to comply with the AQHA's Rules & Regulations as contained in the current AQHA Official Handbook, and as they may be amended from time to time. I understand that my AQHA Amateur Endorsement privileges are revocable. Should I, for any reason, become ineligible to compete in approved Amateur classes, I have the affirmative duty to immediately and voluntarily surrender my AQHA Amateur Endorsement, and refrain from further exhibiting in any form of Amateur class. I agree that should the AQHA find, for any reason, that I am ineligible to compete as an Amateur, upon request, I agree to surrender my Amateur Endorsement immediately. I further acknowledge that for violation of AQHA rules, I may be subject to possible disciplinary action and/or fine to a maximum amount of \$5,000 together with revocation of any Amateur points and awards, both of me and my horse.

I verify that I meet all Amateur eligibility requirements. I also verify that the horse I show in any AQHA Amateur or Open class is legitimately owned by me or someone in my \*immediate family. I, or the immediate family member who owns the horse that I will exhibit, agree to provide proof of legal ownership upon request by the AQHA. I am aware that a false declaration of eligibility may result in disciplinary action including fines and/or suspension or expulsion.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_