

2011/2012 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.

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 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 will be 19 years of age or older on 1st August 2011, and have not personally received remuneration or any other form of compensation at any time in the previous 3 calendar years for:

- a) Showing, training or assisted in training any horse; or.
- b) Instructing any other person in riding, driving, training or showing a horse in competition.

As per Rule 61.

PLEASE NOTE: An Amateur cannot exhibit any horse that is not owned by them or their **immediate family in any class at any show.

****Immediate family: Applicants spouse, parents, defacto partner, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s) or sister(s).**

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/s I show in any class is legitimately owned by me or someone in my **immediate family. I, or the immediate family member who owns the horse/s 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: _____