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OFFICIAL DIVISION CRITERIA



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WHAT IS YOUR DIVISION?

ILHA Professional/Non-Pro/Youth/Senior/Para-Liberty Division Criteria

(Remuneration by the ILHA 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.)

YOUTH - A person is considered Youth if they are 17 years of age or under AND if they do not qualify as a Professional according to the criteria outlined below.

NON-PRO – A person is considered a Non-pro if they do not qualify as a Professional according to the criteria outlined below.

SENIOR – A person is considered Senior if they are 60 years of age or older AND if they do not qualify as a Professional according to the criteria outlined below. A person who is 55 years old or older AND who does not qualify as a Professional **MUST** choose to compete in the Senior Division OR Non-Pro Division, they cannot compete in both.

PARA-LIBERTY – A person is eligible to compete in the Para-Liberty Division if they have one or more of the following physical or vision disabilities: impaired muscle power, athetosis, impaired passive range of movement, hypertonia, limb deficiency, ataxia, leg length difference, short stature and/or vision impairment AND if they submit the ILHA Para-Liberty Application form which is available upon request by contacting Cinelle at: cinelle@libertyhorseassociation.com.

PROFESSIONAL status based on one's own activities. A person is a professional if after their 18th birthday they currently do or in the last 3 years have done any of the following:

- a. Accepts remuneration AND rides, exercises, drives, shows, trains, assists in training, schools or conducts clinics or seminars.
- b. Accepts remuneration AND gives riding lessons, driving lessons, training lessons, showmanship lessons, equitation lessons, trains horses, or provides consultation services in riding, driving, showmanship, equitation, or training of horses.
- c. Accepts remuneration AND acts as an employee in a position such as a groom, farrier, bookkeeper, veterinarian or barn manager AND instructs, rides, drives, shows, trains or schools horses that are owned, boarded or trained by their employer, any member of their employer's family, or a business in which their employer has an ownership interest.
- d. Accepts remuneration AND uses their name, photograph or other form of personal association as a horseperson in connection with any advertisement or product/service for sale, including but not limited to apparel, equipment or property.
- e. Rides, drives or shows any horse that a cohabitant or family member or a cohabitant or family member's business receives remuneration for boarding, training, riding, driving or showing. A cohabitant or family member of a trainer may not absolve themselves of this

rule by entering into a lease or any other agreement for a horse owned by a client of the trainer.

- f. Gives instruction to any person or rides, drives, or shows any horse, for which activity their cohabitant or another person in their family or business in which their cohabitant or a family member controls will receive remuneration for the activity. A cohabitant or family member of a trainer may not absolve themselves of this rule by entering into a lease or any other agreement for a horse owned by a client of the trainer.
- g. Accepts remuneration AND acts as an agent in the sale of a horse or pony or accepts a horse or pony on consignment for the purpose of sale or training that is not owned by them, their cohabitant, or a member of their family, farm/ranch/syndicate/partnership/corporation/business in which they, their cohabitant or a member of their family controls.
- h. Advertises one's equestrian services such as training or instruction.
- i. Accepts remuneration AND acts as an intern, apprentice, or working student whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, riding, driving, showmanship, handling, showing, training or assisting in training, giving lessons/coaching and/or schooling horses other than horses actually owned by them.
- j. Accepts remuneration in excess of rental fee for use of a facility, ring or school horses.
- k. Accepts remuneration for such use AND uses commercial logoed items while on competition grounds unless expressly permitted by applicable division rules.

PROFESSIONAL status based on one's own activity along with another's. A person is also deemed a professional after their 18th birthday if they accept remuneration for their spouse, family member, or cohabitant engaging in any activity listed above.

(For the purposes of this rule, the term cohabitant is defined as any individuals living together in a relationship, as would a married couple, but not legally married.)

For specific inquiries, please email: info@libertyhorseassociation.com