

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2025	1/30/2025	

Rule Change Intent

This proposal is addressing a Professional moving back to Amateur status in the Leveling Program. The Leveling program was created to allow riders of like ability to compete together insuring fairness. Riders who held a Professional status in the industry and later obtain their Amateur Card by following the USEF requirements for obtaining Amateur status have an advantage in the show ring over true Amateur Select and Amateur Choice riders.

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Linked Rules Comments

SUBCHAPTER AR-1 GENERAL SECTION

AR110 Abbreviations of Class Specifications/Junior Exhibitor/Amateur Requirements/Ages

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2. Achievement Leveling Program

- a. The following class sections may be offered at Federation Regular Arabian Competitions, AHA Regional Championship Competitions, and AHA National Championship Competitions. (see AHA Achievement Leveling Chart in the AHA Handbook for below definitions):
- b. Open- Select Open, Choice Open and Elite Open
- c. Amateur- Select Amateur, Choice Amateur, Elite Amateur and Prime Time Amateur
- d. Youth- Select Youth, Choice Youth, Elite Youth, Walk-Trot/Jog
- e. Achievement point requirements for each level/category will be determined each year by the AHA Competition Advisory Committee and will be posted on the AHA website prior to December 1 of the next competition year.
- f. AHA compilation of Achievement Points will govern rider eligibility for each level/category. AHA Achievement Points will include all points earned from the 2002 competition year forward.
- g. When Leveling classes are offered a rider may enter their appropriate level or opt to enter a higher level instead. A show may elect to allow exhibitors to enter their appropriate achievement level and/or any higher level(s) (all appropriate qualifications would be required, if applicable). Riders who are deemed Choice by their leveling points may not level down to Select. In addition, Elite riders may not level down to Choice or Select. In Working Western Classes where levels are run concurrently, a show may elect to allow riders to enter up (not down) in all levels in which appropriate qualifications and entry fees are applied in any circumstance. ***Any Amateur who has been a Professional (as defined in GR1306) may not compete in any division in the Amateur Select/Choice/Primetime levels or the Open Select/Choice Levels; and the Non-Pro Rookie/Limited/Intermediate/Primetime and Open Limited/Intermediate levels in Reining regardless of their leveling point status. These amateurs may only compete in the Elite Amateur or Open in all current leveling seats and Non-Pro and Open in Reining.***
- h. ***Professionals moving to Amateur status must contact the Arabian Horse Association office to have their leveling record recorded as an Elite/Non-Pro rider.***

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