

POAC Adult Non-Pro Program

I. Purpose:

- a. The purpose of the Adult Non-Pro Program referred to as Non-Pro is to provide qualifying adults the opportunity to exhibit their POA in a fitting environment that promotes growth, development and confidence.
- b. Non-Pro is open to any POAC adult member who meets program eligibility requirements.

II. NON-PRO Eligibility Requirements:

- a. NON-PRO exhibitor must be 19 years of age or older as of January 1st of the current calendar year and a member in good standing.
- b. NON-PRO exhibitor will submit an annual non-transferable Adult Non-Pro Status Agreement and \$15.00 application fee to the National Office prior to exhibiting in any NON-PRO class.
- c. NON-PRO exhibitor POAC Membership Card will denote Adult Non-Pro status. This card may be required for status verification by any show management at any time.
- d. All approved NON-PRO classes will be offered at national shows.
- e. Exhibitors participating in NON-PRO classes may exhibit in all other adult classes at the same show.
- f. Any tentatively or permanently registered pony may be exhibited by an Adult Non-Pro.
- g. Ponies exhibited by an Adult Non-Pro may be exhibited by a youth or another adult at the same show.
- h. Regional/State Clubs are not obligated, but encouraged to offer some or all of the NON-PRO classes.
- i. Exhibitors who have received remuneration for any of the activities listed below within three years of submitting the Adult Non-Pro Agreement Statement are *not* eligible for the NON-PRO:
 - Showing (performance and/or halter)
 - Judging, training, schooling,
 - Instruction of any equine discipline and/or conducting equine related clinics or seminars
 - Performing any of the above listed activities (1-3) for the applicant's family or family business.
 - Performing any of the above listed activities (1-3) for the applicant's employer employer's business or family member of employer.
 - Received remuneration for teaching Equitation or Showmanship.
- j. NON-PRO eligibility is not affected by receiving remuneration for the following:
 - Writing of books or articles pertaining to equines or the equine industry.
 - Accepting payment for stewarding, announcing or show management.
 - Having the occupation of veterinarian, equine acupuncturist, massage therapist, farrier, practicing Equine law, owning or employed by a business that sells equine insurance, supplies, nutrition, veterinary supplies and medications, apparel, tack and equipment, hauling, breeding or boarding stable.
 - Providing the service of clipping, braiding, banding.
 - Certification as an instructor in equitherapy by Professional Association for Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH) or similar organizations. The excepted instructor shall teach only students enrolled with an approved organization or prescribed such rehabilitation by a licensed medical doctor. Non-Pros excepted under this provision shall file such certification with the POAC prior to competing in Non-Pro events at POAC-approved and/or sponsored shows.

III. Violation of Non-Pro Status:

- a. Persons found guilty of violating any of the NON-PRO eligibility qualifications shall, be responsible to the disciplinary judgment and actions of the hearing committee.
- b. Protest of Non-Pro status must be filed in accordance with the rules and regulation of the National POAC.
- c. The fee for protesting NON-PRO status is \$100.00.

IV. Non-Pro Points

- a. *National* NON-PRO points y kndg"dcugf "qp"Qpg'Rqp{ "TQpg'Tkf gt0
- d. *National* NON-PRO points are only for use within the Adult Non-Pro Program and may not be combined or considered when determining:
 - National POA Congress or Classic show awards, highpoints not specific to the NON-PRO.
 - National Year End Awards or High Points not specific to the NON-PRO.
 - National Top Ten Awards, ROM or Lifetime Pony Points not specific to the NON-PRO.
- e0National NON-PRO points only will be used when determining:
 - NON-PRO National POA Congress or Classic show awards/highpoints.
 - NON-PRO National Year End Awards, High Points.

V. Adult Non-Pro Performance ROM

- a. NON-PRO exhibitors who achieve a combined total of 1000 NON-PRO performance points are eligible to receive a NON-PRO ROM.
- b. 25 % of performance points earned (250 points) must be earned at a Regional Show, Classic Show and/or the POA Congress Show.

VI. Non-Pro Classes

1. Non-Pro Western Pleasure WJ
2. Non-Pro Western Pleasure WJL
3. Non-Pro Hunter U/S WT
4. Non-Pro Hunter U/S WTC
5. Non-Pro Trail WJ
6. Non-Pro Trail WJL
7. Non-Pro Showmanship WJ
8. Non-Pro Showmanship WJL
9. Non-Pro Equitation WT
10. Non-Pro Equitation WTC
11. Non-Pro Horsemanship WJ
12. Non-Pro Horsemanship WJL

Wording that would need to be inserted into the POAC Official Handbook with the addition of the Adult Non-Pro Program.

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• 19. **RULE 2. MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES.** Section A. 2. Adults may exhibit only in Halter, Longe Line, In-Hand trail, Most Colorful, Driving, Hunter In Hand and 19 & Over classes in Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail, Reining, Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation. Adults may also show in Junior Pony Futurity Classic Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, and Trail and JPFC Reining, **Adult Non-Pro Western Pleasure, Adult Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle and Adult Non-Pro Trail.**

• 71-72. **RULE 66. NATIONAL CONGRESS SHOW.** Section I. 2. The minimum performance classes are:
(These will need to be added to the list of classes)

1. Non-Pro Western Pleasure WJ
2. Non-Pro Western Pleasure WJL
3. Non-Pro Hunter U/S WT
4. Non-Pro Hunter U/S WTC
5. Non-Pro Trail WJ
6. Non-Pro Trail WJL
7. Non-Pro Showmanship WJ
8. Non-Pro Showmanship WJL
9. Non-Pro Equitation WT
10. Non-Pro Equitation WTC
11. Non-Pro Horsemanship WJ
12. Non-Pro Horsemanship WJL

• 81. **RULE 78. DEFINITIONS and GENERAL SHOW PROCEDURES**

A. AGE. 1. b. (1) May show only in any approved 19 & over Classes, Halter, In-Hand Trail, Longe Line, Hunter in Hand, all approved JPFC, **all approved Adult Non-Pro**, driving, and most colorful.

• 93-94 **RULE 97. APPROVED POAC PERFORMANCE CLASSES FOR NATIONAL POINTS.**

E. Other Approved Classes. Points do not count toward ROM(NT) or ROM(T)

These will need to added to the list

1. Non-Pro Western Pleasure WJ
2. Non-Pro Western Pleasure WJL
3. Non-Pro Hunter U/S WT
4. Non-Pro Hunter U/S WTC
5. Non-Pro Trail WJ
6. Non-Pro Trail WJL
7. Non-Pro Showmanship WJ
8. Non-Pro Showmanship WJL
9. Non-Pro Equitation WT
10. Non-Pro Equitation WTC
11. Non-Pro Horsemanship WJ
12. Non-Pro Horsemanship WJL

- 163-165 **RULE 144. POAC NATIONAL YEAR-END AWARDS.**

D. Additional Awards

23. *Adult Non-Pro*

a. For the Adult Non-Pro rider accumulating the most points at all shows during the current year. The classes that count towards this award are as follows: Adult Non-Pro Western Pleasure W/J, Adult Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle, W/T, Adult Non-Pro Trail, W/J. Adult Non-Pro Western Pleasure W/J/L, Adult Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle W/T/C, Adult Non-Pro Trail W/J/L.

- 189 **MEMBERSHIP**
 (This will need to be added to the Fees list)
 Adult Non-Pro ***\$15.00***
 (In addition to POAC Membership)

- 190 **OTHER FEES**
 (This will need to be added to the list)
 Protest Fee - Adult Non-Pro ***\$100.00***