



APHA Amateur FAQs

1. How do I sign up for my Amateur card?

- a. You may apply for your Amateur card via our online form here:

<https://americanpainthorseassoc.formstack.com/forms/2019amateurapplication>

or you can use the regular downloadable PDF form here: [http://apha.com/wp-](http://apha.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-Amateur-NoviceAmateur-Walk-TrotCardApplication.pdf)

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2. Can I sign up for my Amateur card over the phone?

- a. **No**, your Amateur application is a declaration of your Amateur eligibility and must be signed by you.

3. Why have I not received my Amateur card yet?

- a. Normal Amateur card processing is **2-3 weeks**. If you need your card prior to that time period, you may pay a **\$25 rush fee** OR simply apply for your Amateur card with the show secretary at the next APHA horse show you attend.

4. What is the difference between a Novice Amateur card, an Amateur card and an Amateur Walk-Trot card?

- a. An Amateur card is simply a card that declares you are an Amateur. An Amateur exhibitor is defined as someone who:
- Is 19 years of age or older
 - has not shown, ridden, judged, trained or assisted in training a horse for remuneration, directly or indirectly
- b. Novice Amateur eligibility is determined on a per-category basis at the time application for status is made. Having Novice Amateur eligibility in a category means you have not earned 40 or more points in the Open/Amateur/Youth divisions combined and/or 50 or more Novice points in a category. 2019 Novice categories are listed here: <http://apha.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2019-Novice-Eligibility-Categories.pdf> ***Note: having a Novice Amateur card allows you to show in BOTH Novice Amateur classes AND Amateur classes.**
- c. An Amateur Walk-Trot card limits the exhibitor to showing only in Amateur Walk-Trot classes (with the exception of halter, showmanship, in-hand trail, pleasure driving and longe line classes).

*** Refer to Rule AM-010, AM-205 & AM AM-300 in the rule book for more info**



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5. **On the application, when it says “please list ALL performance points and money you earned from other equine associations” does it really mean ALL?**
 - a. **Yes**, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to report all non-APHA points, earnings and World/Reserve World Championship titles to APHA at the time of application. Without these records, our database will not reflect accurate show records for you. APHA reserves the right to verify & research points, earnings & titles with other associations.

6. **Can I apply for a Walk-Trot card at the beginning of the year and change to a Novice card later on?**
 - a. Yes, you are allowed to reclassify your Amateur card **one time per year.**
**** Refer to Rule AM-300.C.1. in the rule book for more info***

7. **When does my Amateur card expire?**
 - a. All Amateur cards expires on **December 31st** of every year.
**** Refer to Rule AM-015.A.3. in the rule book for more info***