



APHA Amateur Program

Showing in Amateur & Masters Amateur?

Here are some **helpful tips** when competing in both!

1. There are two divisions in the APHA Amateur program:
 - Amateur (19 & Over)
 - Masters Amateur (45 & Over)
2. A Masters Amateur exhibitor may show in both Amateur (19 & Over) and Masters Amateur (45 & Over) classes at the same show. However, the same horse cannot be shown in both the Amateur and Masters Amateur divisions in the same event.
 - Also, a horse may not be shown by more than one exhibitor in the same event regardless of the Amateur divisions (Amateur 19 & Over or Masters 45 & Over) at the same show.

Example: *Mary cannot show the same horse in both Amateur Western Pleasure and Masters Amateur Western Pleasure at the same show.*

Example: *Mary shows her horse in Amateur Western Pleasure. The same horse cannot also be shown in the Masters Amateur Western Pleasure by Mary's sister at the same show. However, Mary's sister could show the horse in Novice Amateur and/or Amateur Walk-Trot Western Pleasure at the same show as these divisions cannot be combined.*

3. Masters Amateurs may switch back and forth between showing in Amateur (19 & Over) and Masters Amateur (45 & Over) classes during the same show.

Example: *Mary, who is 50 years old, can show in the Masters Amateur Showmanship (45 & Over) and then show in the Amateur Western Pleasure (19 & Over) later that same day.*

4. Tabulation for Amateur and Masters Amateur division awards are based on the age of the Amateur (19-44 or 45 & over) for all year-end awards due to combining and splitting of classes.

Example: Mary, who is 50 years old, shows in Amateur (19 & Over) classes. Mary's points for year-end awards will be reflected on the Masters Amateur Honor Roll due to her age.

5. A Masters Amateur exhibitor can show two horses in the rail/group events in each division - one horse in the Amateur (19 & Over) and one in the Masters Amateur (45 & Over.) If the class is combined, the Masters Amateur exhibitor must choose which horse to exhibit.

Example #1: Mary has two horses to show. She is able to show one in the Masters Amateur Hunter Under Saddle and the other in Amateur Hunter Under Saddle.

6. Show management has the right to combine the two Amateur classes if either has five or less entries (not a two point earning class) without unanimous consent of exhibitors.

Example #2: Mary has two horses to show. Less than five people enter the Masters Amateur Hunter Under Saddle (45 & Over). Therefore, show management chooses to combine the Amateur (19 & Over) and Masters Amateur (45 & Over) Hunter Under Saddle classes. Mary must choose which horse to show in the Hunter Under Saddle class.

7. In individual working events, an Amateur exhibitor may show a maximum of three different horses. A Masters Amateur exhibitor may show up to three different horses in both the Amateur (19 & Over) and Masters Amateur (45 & Over) classes; however, they can only be shown once in that particular event – the same horse cannot be shown in both the Amateur and Masters Amateur divisions in the same event.

Example: Mary has three horses to show. She can show all three in the Amateur Trail, all three in the Masters Amateur Trail, two horses in the Masters Amateur Trail and one in Amateur Trail or one in Masters Amateur Trail and two in Amateur Trail. She cannot show the same horse in both the Amateur (19 & Over) and Masters Amateur (45 & Over) in the same event.

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