

## **NOVICE AMATEUR INFORMATION PACK**

Due to recent polls conducted by the PHAA and VPHA the BOD have decided to reintroduce the Novice Amateur category from the 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2020. Current financial Novice Amateur holders can continue with their points.

### **NOVICE AMATEUR RULES**

**Classes:** Showmanship, Hunter under saddle, English Equitation, Western pleasure, Western horsemanship, Trail.

**Points gained.** All points will be recorded on a spreadsheet by the PHAA point's administrator.

Points will not carry over to Masters or Amateurs

No annual high point awards will be awarded.

### **Eligibility**

- 1.** You must be a financial member with the PHAA and have an Amateur or Masters Card.
- 2.** Once ten (10) points have been attained in any of the above disciplines, the person is no longer eligible for novice Amateur in that discipline. You will receive an email with your ROM Award.
- 3.** You must apply for Novice Amateur annually.
- 4.** Every person competing in a Novice Amateur class must have a Novice permit appropriately endorsed by the PHAA.
- 5.** If Novice Amateur, Amateur and Masters are on the same program the holder of the Novice Amateur permit must only show in one category. The eligibility of the Novice Amateur may vary between disciplines.
- 6.** Novice Amateur can compete in Amateur classes on the program if no Novice Amateur classes are offered.

### **Programs**

It is not compulsory for PHAA affiliates to run Novice Amateur classes on their programs. Affiliates have the option if they wish to offer a Novice Amateur high point of the show.

Novice Amateur classes will not be held at State or National Shows.

The Board believes this initiative will attract new members to the Association. It will also give some existing members the opportunity to show their horses against members with similar experience. This will build confidence and increase their skill. The board would like to thank members who gave them valuable feedback regarding the reintroduction of these classes.

# NOVICE AMATEUR OWNER APPLICATION

Complete this form if you wish to participate in **Novice or Amateur** classes.

## **RULES & REGULATIONS The PHAA is trialling a Novice Amateur Card (non point scoring)**

Your application for a Novice Amateur Owner Endorsement must be true and correct in each detail. A false statement shall be grounds for possible disciplinary action under the PHAA's disciplinary procedure, which can include suspension, fine and/or expulsion from membership.

A Novice Amateur Endorsement application must be completed and submitted every year. Novice Amateur cards will only be issued once a regular Amateur application has been approved and it is confirmed you have not received a ROM or have more than 10 points in the eligible classes.

### **Novice Amateur Eligibility – Please see reverse of form, with the following provisos:**

A card will be conditionally issued on payment of fees and any points earned from that date will remain valid provided the application is approved.

1. Applicants name will be printed in the Paint Horse newsletter following issue of the card and will be approved if no protests are lodged within a four (4) week period after printing.
2. Protests will be heard by the Board of Directors and if successful all points previously earned by the applicant will be forfeited.

Novice Amateur Requirements - Every rider competing in a Novice Amateur class must possess a Novice Amateur card issued by the PHAA. Show management may inspect this card at any show. Novice Amateur points score runs from the 1st August to 31st July each year.

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## **APPLICATION FOR NOVICE AMATEUR CARD**

**Name:** .....

**Memb No:** .....

**Address:** .....  
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**Email:** ..... **Phone:** .....

**Facebook name/identity** .....

I hereby agree to abide by the Novice Amateur Rules as set out by both the PHAA, AQHA and the HSAA. I have read and understood the rules printed on page 2 of this application.

**Signature** .....

**Date:** .....

If a **point score book** is required an additional \$ 30 is payable per book.

Please send \_\_\_ point score books.

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I/we have paid \$..... for above fees by direct deposit - **Date of deposit** \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ BSB:

062 534 A/C No: 1025 3938 A/C Name: Paint Horse Association of Aust.

I/We enclose cheque / money order / credit card details for \$..... for above fees.

**Credit Card Payments** - will attract a 2.00% Merchant fee.

VISA / MASTERCARD (Please Circle) Card No \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card ..... Expiry Date \_\_ / \_\_

Signature: ..... Date:.....



### 237 (a) (TRIAL) NOVICE AMATEUR

This is a non point scoring division in the Amateur class with the PHAA.

PHAA members who qualify under Rule 237 as an Amateur, will be eligible to apply for Novice Amateur endorsement providing they meet the following requirement.

Financial members of the PHAA who are current Amateurs may apply for Novice Amateur endorsement. Novice Amateur endorsement entitles an Amateur to compete in Novice Amateur classes (see below) once a fee has been paid and the application processed and a card issued.

Only the following classes are able to be entered as a Novice as per the AQHA rules

- *Hunt Seat Equitation,*
- *Hunter Under Saddle,*
- *Western Pleasure,*
- *Western Horsemanship,*
- *Trail*
- *Showmanship*

If you have achieved an Amateur/Youth ROM with the PHAA, or a respective breed association, in any of the above classes, then you are NOT eligible as a Novice in that class nor are you eligible if you have earned 10 or more points in that class as an Amateur. Once you achieve 10 points in any of the above classes you will then be ineligible to compete in that class as a Novice, you will have a new card issued

The Novice Card (issued by the PHAA Office) will have printed on it the Novice classes that you are eligible for and MUST be produced when entering a Novice class at a show. Any person competing in the Novice classes MUST have a Novice Card with their relevant breed association and the rules for gaining that Novice Card through their relevant breed association must be rules similar to the AQHA.

Novice Amateurs must not compete on a different horse at the same show in the same category in Amateur classes.

A separate Points sheet is to be submitted for Novice Amateur classes.

You must return your card for reissue if you obtain 10 or more points in one of the classes mentioned above in a given show year. The card will be updated and returned to you.

A Novice Amateur cannot compete as an Amateur in the same class at the same show. E.g. Novice Amateur Trail cannot compete in Amateur Trail as well. A Novice Amateur choosing to compete in any category at a show (for example Novice Trail) is not confined to Novice Amateur in other classes (eg Novice Hunter Under Saddle, and Novice Western Pleasure).

Points gained in Novice Amateur classes will NOT be tabulated for Amateur Honour Roll and High Point Awards. Novice Amateur Points will not be added into calculations for PHAA Novice Amateur Honour Roll and Awards or specific Novice Amateur Award that currently do not exist. Points will be tallied only to ensure you are still eligible to compete in that class (ie once 10 points are earned you are ineligible to compete in that class).