

DESCRIPTION OF NEW SHOW CLASSES

Amateur Bred, Owned, Training Maintained & Shown [class each for Stallions, Geldings & Mares]

Description: In order to be eligible for this class, the horse must have been bred and shown by the owner and NOT have been trained professionally as of January 1st in the year it is shown in this class.

Rationale: There has not been a class that allows *amateur breeders* to compete with other amateur breeders on a relatively “level playing field.” The Owner, Bred, Exhibited class is full of professionals and some amateurs showing horses prepared and trained by professionals. This NEW class will allow a large group of members that breed, train and show their own horses a class to see how well they compete with their peers.

Plan: This class was submitted to the National Office on November 25, 2023 for submission to the Show Committee for consideration to be added to the class list for Nationals and Congress beginning in 2025. This class has been submitted as a Non-Rated Class to a number of show managers for inclusion in the local shows for 2024 with a request for feedback that will be supplied to the National Show Committee. It is believed that this group of classes will encourage many more members to attend the National Show and/or Congress – the feedback from the local shows using this class in 2024 will provide evidence of the need for this class.

Amateur Owned, Training Maintained & Shown by Exhibitor [class each for Stallions, Geldings & Mares]

Description: In order to be eligible for this class, the horse must **NOT** have been trained professionally as of January 1st in the year it is shown in this class.

Rationale: There has **NOT** been a class for *amateur trained horses* to compete without having to compete with horses in amateur classes that are in training and prepared by professionals. It is believed that this group of classes will encourage many more members to attend the National Show and/or Congress – the feedback from the local shows using this class in 2024 will provide evidence of the need for this class. It is believed that as more amateurs attend the National Show, they will bring more youth to the show as well.

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