

NON-PROFESSIONAL

A Non-Professional in this Association is a person who has not received direct or indirect remuneration to work in any manner in the following activities on the premises of a cutting horse operation: showing, training or assisting in training a cutting horse or cutting horse riders. For purposes of this rule, a cutting horse training operation is any facility where cutting horses are trained. **Any person who has trained horses astride in any equine discipline for direct or indirect remuneration shall be considered a professional by this Association**, with the exception of those who have been granted a change of status since January 1, 1997, from professional to non-professional.

Non Pro 5 Year/\$10,000 Exception:

(A). The person has not performed any duties or acts which could be considered as “training of cutting horses”, or horses of other equine disciplines, nor has the person received any remuneration, direct or indirect, for performing the duties or activities normally associated with any phase of training horses for the five year period prior to the date of the application for NonProfessional classification under this provision; **and**, (B). The person has not won in their lifetime more than 10 thousand dollars (\$10,000) in combined total earnings from NCHA events (defined as NCHA Lifetime Earnings) and earnings from any other equine discipline (excluding any Non- Pro money won in equine events other than in NCHA).

Non Pro 0 Year/\$25,000 Exception:

(A). The person has not performed any duties or acts which could be considered as “training of cutting horses”, or horses of other equine disciplines, nor has the person received any remuneration, direct or indirect, for performing the duties or activities normally associated with any phase of training horses for the ten-year period prior to the date of the application for Non Professional classification under this provision; **and**, (B). The person has not won in their lifetime more than 25 thousand dollars (\$25,000) in combined total earnings from NCHA events (defined as NCHA Lifetime Earnings) and earnings from any other equine discipline (excluding any Non- Pro money won in equine events other than in NCHA).