SHOW Seeks Comment on Proposed Rule Change

The SHOW HIO recently received a recommendation from its Rules Committee to change the “Relative of a Professional” designation in its 2023 updated rulebook. In addition, the committee has recommended a “secondary” rule for shows under 100 entries in a single night and 150 entries for multi-night shows.

SHOW will accept comments from the public on these rules for two weeks with a comment period ending Wednesday March 8, 2023. All comments can be emailed to the SHOW office at [rreed@showhio.com](mailto:rreed@showhio.com).

The old rule read as follows and can be found in the current rulebook on page 13.

*F. Amateur and Professional Status*

*(3) Relative of a Professional*

*(a.) Any Member of a professional’s family who has reached his/her 18th birthday is a professional if he/she aids or assists in the activities which make the aforesaid a professional. (b.) Any member of a trainer’s immediate family who has reached his/her 18th birthday shall be considered a professional if he/she shows a customer’s horse. This provision shall apply to exhibiting at any horse show. Exception: A trainer’s immediate family may show a customer’s or co-owned horse in an open class and not jeopardize their amateur status.*

*(c.) The doing of clerical work of itself or the giving of financial aid of itself is not to be deemed “aiding or assisting”.*

The committee is proposing the following change and new rules:

*(3) Significant Relations to a Professional*

*• Significant Relations to a Professional is defined as following:*

*1. A person who is the spouse of a professional.*

*2. A person who is a parent or stepparent of a professional.*

*3. A person who has any of the following relations to a professional by blood, marriage, or adoption: child (who no longer qualifies as a youth exhibitor), sibling, half sibling, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, first cousin, grandparent, great-grandparent, great-uncle, great-aunt, ‘steps’ of the same relation as any of the above, in-laws of the same relation as any of the above.*

*4. A person who is an adult who jointly resides intermittently or regularly in the same dwelling as a professional but is not a professional’s spouse.*

*(a.) Any person with Significant Relations to a Professional who has reached his/her 18th birthday is a professional if he/she aids or assists in the activities which make the aforesaid a professional.*

*(b.) Any person with Significant Relations to a Professional cannot exhibit in an amateur class at any horse show on a horse not solely owned by his/herself. Exception: A person with Significant Relations to a Professional may show a customer’s or co-owned horse in an open class and not jeopardize their amateur status.*

*(c.) The doing of clerical work of itself or the giving of financial aid of itself is not to be deemed “aiding and assisting”.*

The committee has also recommended the following “new” rule be added to the rulebook and go into effect for the 2023 show season:

*(4) Secondary Horse Show Amateur Exception*

*Any single day horse show with less than 100 entries or multi-day horse show with less than 150 entries at the previous year’s outing of the same show will qualify as being a “Secondary Horse Show”. In the case of a Secondary Horse Show, an amateur will be considered as anyone who does not possess a professional license, regardless of relation to a professional.*

*Shows proceeding as a Secondary Horse Show MUST designate so on their class sheet. A show may qualify as a Secondary Horse Show but choose not to proceed as one. In that case, normal SHOW rules of amateur status (Section F, 1-3) will apply.*