Rule Changes (Approved December 14, 2015)

Now Reads:
2.3 Amateur Exhibitor – An Amateur, for horse show purposes, is a person who, after his/her 18th birthday, has not engaged in any activities which would cause him/her to be classified as a Trainer, and holds a valid Amateur’s Card.

Change to Read:
2.3 Amateur Exhibitor – An Amateur for horse show purposes is a person who is 18 or older on January 1 of the show season and has not engaged in any activities which would cause him/her to be classified as a trainer and holds a valid Amateur Card.

Now Reads:
2.17 Trainer (or Professional) – Any adult who has the responsibility for the care, training, custody and/or performance of a horse. A person is a Trainer(Professional) for horse show purposes who, after his/her 18th birthday, accepts remuneration for training, showing, or riding of a horse, whether or not it is the principal means of his/her income.

Change to Read:
2.17 Trainer (or Professional) – Any person who has the responsibility for the care, training, custody and/or performance of a horse. A person is a Trainer (Professional) for horse show purposes who is 18 or older on January 1 of the show season and thereafter accepts remuneration for training, showing, or riding of a horse whether or not it is the principal means of his/her income.

Now Reads:
17.4 Any person who has not reached his/her 18th birthday is declared to be an Amateur and is not required to have an Amateur Card. (Exception: A Youth whose parent is a Trainer cannot exhibit a horse in an Amateur Class if the Trainer has received remuneration for that horse).

Change to Read:
17.4 A Youth Exhibitor (see Definition 2.19) is declared to be an Amateur and is not required to have an Amateur Card which is an exception to 17.8 (Exception: A Youth whose parent is a Trainer cannot exhibit a horse in an Amateur Class if the Trainer has received remuneration for that horse.)

NEW RULE
2.7D Age of exhibitors for a class with exhibitor age restrictions is the person’s age in years on January 1 of the show season.

Rule Amendment (August 8, 2016)
Rule 19.6 A Gaits – “Change” to read:
19.6 A Entries in the three trail pleasure divisions should exhibit a natural trail gait on a relaxed rein (see 19.7) and the rider has the option to ride with one (1) or two (2) hands. If riding with one (1) hand changing is permitted on the reverse.