



United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.

The National Governing Body for Equestrian Sport

Amateur Classes

Amateurs in accordance with USEF GR 808 *Amateur Status* are eligible to compete in amateur classes at foreign FEI competitions. Please review the FEI rules for amateur classes as outlined below. Referring to the last paragraph under *Requirements*, please note you will be required to receive a waiver per the USEF's criteria for FEI classes (other than amateur classes) should you decide to take part in other international competitions with a height below 1.50m. If you think there's a possibility that you may be competing in these classes we suggest you request a waiver at least two weeks before the start date of the competition. Please refer to the [Procedure for Request for a Waiver to Compete In Foreign Competitions](http://www.usef.org/documents/athleteServices/ProcedureRequestWaiver.pdf) found on our website www.usef.org (direct link is <http://www.usef.org/documents/athleteServices/ProcedureRequestWaiver.pdf>). Due to time constraints and the volume of work, it is unlikely you will receive a waiver close to the start date or during the competition.

FEI - Jumping Rules "Amateur Owner Category" Effective 1 January 2005

An amateur owner category for international events was established. The following criteria define amateur owner status:

Requirements

- To be considered an "Amateur Owner" :
- Competitors may participate from the year in which they reach the age of 22 years.
- The competitor must be the owner of the horse(s) with which he/she competes. Ownership may be extended to the immediate family members.
- The competitor must possess a valid licence granted by his/her National Federation and the horse must have a valid FEI or national passport recognized by the FEI.
- An "Amateur Owner's" license would only be granted by NFs to those competitors who have formally signed a statement that he/she does not earn money for riding other people's horses, giving riding lessons, riding sponsored horses, or for publicity or commercial purposes, etc.
- The buying and selling of horses, as well as receiving prize money in cash, are not forbidden providing they do not constitute the competitor's only source of income.
- The "Amateur Owner" status will limit participation in other classes and championships. Competitors will not be allowed, after obtaining or renewing the "Amateur Owner" license, to take part in international or national competitions with an initial height of 1.50m or greater.

International Events

- International events for "Amateur Owners" can be organised for a category A group consisting of competitions with a height of between 1.30m and 1.40m maximum and a width of 1.55m maximum (except the triple bar), and a category B group consisting of competitions with a height of between 1.15m and 1.25m maximum and with a width of 1.40m maximum (except the triple bar).
- International events would be open to individual competitors of the host country and a limited number of foreign competitors.
- Cash prizes may be given, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- International events must comply with the FEI rules for International Jumping events. All event draft schedules must be submitted to the FEI for approval.

Championships

- When Continental or Regional Championships for this category are organised, the competition formula to be used must follow the formula for the FEI Continental Championships.

Course Designers

- The Course Designer is appointed by the Organising Committee, chosen from the list of FEI International Course Designers.

Facilities

- All expenses relating to competitions, transportation, travel, hotel accommodation and expenses at border crossings are borne by the competitor.

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