



GVHS MEMBER DECLARATION OF AMATEUR STATUS Show Year \_\_\_\_\_

*In order to compete in Amateur classes at shows, exhibitors may be required to provide proof of Amateur status. Amateur exhibitors must read the Amateur definition below and complete this form to declare their Amateur status and return to the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society. The Amateur will enter the GVHS High Points Program in the month their membership is paid and the Amateur Declaration is received at the GVHS office. A GVHS Amateur card will be provided for the Amateur to utilize as proof of Amateur status.*

**Amateur**- Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur for all competitions who after his/her 18th birthday, has not engaged in any of the following activities which would make him/her a professional

- a. Accepts remuneration (compensation for work or a service) for riding, driving, showing, training, schooling, or conducting clinics or seminars.
- b. Accepts remuneration for giving riding or driving lessons, lessons in showmanship, instructions in equitation or horse training. (Persons acting as counselors at summer camps, who are not hired in the exclusive capacity of riding instructors, are excluded and persons giving instructions and training to the handicapped are also excluded).
- c. Accepts remuneration for employment in any other capacity (e.g. secretary, bookkeeper, veterinarian, groom, farrier) and gives instruction, rides, drives, shows, trains or schools horses, other than horses actually owned or leased by him/her, when his/her employer or a member of the family of said employer or a corporation which a member of his/her family controls, owns, boards or trains said horses.
- d. Accepts remuneration for the use of his or her name, photograph or other form of personal association as a horseman in connection with any advertisement or article to be sold.
- e. Accepts prize money in equitation or showmanship classes, except as allowed in 3.k. below.
- f. Advertises professional services such as training or giving lessons by way of business cards, print ads, or internet.

The following activities **do not** affect amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified.

- g. The writing of books or articles pertaining to horses.
- h. Accepting remuneration for officiating as a judge, steward, course designer, announcer, or participating as a TV commentator, or accepting bona fide remuneration for services as a veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator or breeder, or for accepting bona fide remuneration for boarding services.
- i. Accepting reimbursement for any expenses directly related to the horse.
- j. Accepting a token of appreciation, other than money, for riding, driving, or showing in hand in halter (tokens worth more than \$300 are considered remunerations)
- k. Prize money won in any amateur or owner class does not affect amateur status of a person otherwise qualified.
- l. Any person who is serving an internship for college credit through his/her respective accredited college program and who has never held professional status, can accept reimbursement for expenses without profit.
- m. Accepting payment of, or reimbursement for expenses such as hotels, travel, entry fees, food, etc., without profit.

I have read and understood the above definition for an Amateur competitor and hereby declare my Amateur status for the calendar year in which this form has been dated.

**Amateur Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print Clearly)

**Amateur Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE/PROV:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip/Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign date and return to GVHS: BY MAIL: GVHS, P.O. Box 219, MORRISTON, FL 32668**

**BY FAX: 940-234-1300 or BY EMAIL to [gvhsbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:gvhsbusiness@gmail.com)**