

AMATEUR SERIES – RULES

- **Definition:** An amateur rider is any rider who has never competed at 1.30m or higher on any horse in the past 5 years. Eligible riders to be Young Riders and Adults – i.e. from ages 16 and upwards.
- 5 qualifying shows excluding the Final. Best 3 scores count.
- Must compete in a minimum of 3 Amateur Classes to qualify. 4 categories – A0.90m, A1.00m, A1.10m, A1.20m
- One class per category per show will be allocated as an Amateur qualifying class – show holding body to decide and clearly indicate which class is for Amateur Series qualification. Recommended it be the Championship class in each category, but may not be the Welcome Stakes.
- All riders who meet Amateur definition will be printed followed by “(AS)” in the programme. Grading secretary to define this for the show holding body.
- Riders who do not meet the Amateur definition may still enter these classes, but will not qualify for the Amateur Series.
- There will be 2 sets of results – Class Result and Adult Amateur Series Results.
- There will be separate rosettes for the Amateur Series riders – 1st through to 10th place (which will be provided by GHS to the show holding bodies).
- A Ranking list will be established for the Adult Amateur Series.
- The top 20 horse and rider combinations per category will qualify to ride in the Final, which will be held in the Stubbs Arena during the Derby. The final numbers in the Final will be at the discretion of GHS, e.g. if there is equality of points at the 20th and 21st rider, then we will accept 21 riders. Riders may not carry their points from one category to another.
- A rider may change categories but the points are only counted for the category they have jumped. If someone qualifies in 2 categories they must decide in which to compete.
- If a rider qualifies more than one horse per category, they must choose which horse to ride.
- **There will be substantial prize money at the Amateur Series Final.**
- No substitutions in the Final Unless a rider has qualified more than one horse and the designated horse is unable to compete.
- Allow for 5 wild cards to cater for out-of-province, development riders etc.

Shows Incorporating the Amateur Series are as follows:

27/28 March	Penny Place
24/25 April	Witkoppen
1 / 2 May	Burlington
3 / 4 July	Fourways
14/15 August	Sunlands