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Agenda #1  LAE Classes Only
Amateur/$50,000 Amateur Proposal

Final Proposal: To Executive Committee in August
Amateur/$50,000 Amateur

• Establish a $400,000 Amateur class with a $50,000 limited amateur class as a class within a class structure with the same entry options as the LAE Non-Pro/Limited Non. i.e. enter one, combo, two classes. $400,000 cap would be based on lifetime earnings.

Format for class structure

• Show in one class and only pay one entry fee and one cattle charge.
• Show in two classes and pay two entry fees and one cattle charge and go to the herd one time.
• Show in two classes and pay two entry fees and two cattle charges and go to the herd twice.
• Seniors who are eligible will be an additional charge for either or both classes

Once an individual reaches the age of 60 if they qualify under Amateur rules, the may return to Amateur status regardless of lifetime earnings.
What we know-----
* These proposals could affect all 6097 Amateur members.
* Lost 590 Amateurs last year.
* This would also aide trainers in keeping their clients still showing against their peers.
* Help in the area of buying and selling of horses.
* With the Amateur division having a ceiling it would avoid the problems that the Non-Pro division has at this time.
* This would enable the Amateur to better elevate their skills to be more competitive.
* Improve class structure to level competition
* In these economic times, we need to encourage amateurs to continue showing. Being successful is key to that endeavor, plus help protect Texas Major Events fund revenue.