



American Paint Horse Association

SC-085. DRUGS AND MEDICATIONS

- A. FORBIDDEN SUBSTANCES.** A horse shall not be shown in any class at a show approved by the APHA or event held in conjunction with an APHA-approved show, whether or not the event is approved by APHA, if the animal has been administered in any manner a forbidden substance. A forbidden substance is defined as any stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer or sedative which could affect the performance of the horse (stimulant and depressants are defined as substances which stimulate or depress the cardiovascular, respiratory or central nervous system). Also forbidden is any substance, regardless of how harmless or innocuous it might be, which might interfere with the detection or quantification of any substance defined above. In the event any forbidden substance is administered to any horse for any reason, the owner and/or trainer should withdraw the horse from competition until the drug is no longer present in the plasma or urine.
- B. PERMITTED SUBSTANCES.** The following seven drugs or medications are permitted. Administration of these drugs or medications does not require that the horse be withdrawn or kept out of competition.
- 1) Phenylbutazone
 - 2) Flunixin
 - 3) Ketoprofen
 - 4) Meclofenamic Acid
 - 5) Naproxen
 - 6) Acetazolamide
 - a. May only be administered to horses documented through DNA testing to be positive (N/H or H/H) for HYPP (Hyperkalemic Periodic Paralysis).
 - 7) Lidocaine/Meplivcaine
 - a. When administered within 24 hours of showing, may only be used under actual observation of event management (or designated representative) and/or the official show veterinarian, either of which must sign the medication report form, to aid in the surgical repair of minor skin lacerations which, by their very nature, would not prevent the horse from competing following surgery. A medication report form must be filed with show management as required in section C. below.
- C. CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED SUBSTANCES.** In addition to those drugs listed in section B., Therapeutic Medications (those drugs listed in the Racing Commission International (RCI) regulations- class 4 and 5) given for the legitimate treatment of illness or injury are permitted if ALL of the following conditions are met:
1. Filing of a completed medication report (available from APHA or show management) with show management before exhibiting the horse. The medication report must contain the following information:
 - a. Diagnosis of illness/injury, reason for administration, and name of administering and/or prescribing American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) veterinarian.
 - b. Signature of veterinarian or person administering the medication. If prescribed by written instructions, a copy must be attached to the medication report.
 - c. Identification of the medicine; the name, amount, strength and mode of administration.
 - d. Date and time of administration.
 - e. Identification of the horse: Name, age, sex, color and entry number.
 2. The horse must be withdrawn and kept out of competition for not less than 24 hours after the medication is administered.
 3. The medication report must be filed with show management within one hour of administration of the medication or one hour after show management is available, if administration occurs at a time other than during competition hours.
 4. The medication report must be signed by show management and the time of receipt recorded on the report.
 5. While this report must be filed only if the administered medication will be present in amounts detectable in the blood and/or urine samples at the time of competition/sampling, exhibitors are hereby cautioned it is their responsibility to determine whether or not such medication has had time to clear the horse's system. IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT, A MEDICATION REPORT SHOULD BE FILED.
- D. CAUTION AGAINST MEDICINAL PREPARATIONS.** The use of medicinal preparations and tonics of any kind in which the ingredients and quantitative analysis are not specially known is also cautioned against the use of such may result in a positive analysis of the specimen taken from the horse.
- E. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES.** All owners, trainers and exhibitors are accountable for the condition of any horse which they enter or allow to be entered, in any APHA sponsored or approved event, or event held in conjunction with an APHA-approved show, whether or not the event is approved by APHA. Such persons are hereafter referred to as "responsible parties". By voluntarily entering a horse in an APHA approved or sponsored event or event held in conjunction with an APHA-approved show, whether or not the event is approved by APHA, the responsible parties are presumed to know all rules and regulations of the Association. Based on their accountability for their horse's condition, all responsible parties are subject to disciplinary action any time a prohibited substance is detected at an APHA approved or sponsored event, regardless of the reason the prohibited substance has been administered, and whether or not the responsible parties had actual knowledge of the administration or presence of the prohibited substance.

- F. INVOLVED PARTIES.** In addition to the “responsible parties” as that term is used in this rule, any person who administers, aids in the administration, causes to be administered, or conspires in the administration of any prohibited substance shall be subject to disciplinary action. Such persons are here-after referred to as involved parties.
- G. TESTING BY APHA OR STATE GOVERNMENT.** All drug testing of APHA approved events will be done under the direction of the APHA unless the show is being conducted in a state whose government has established drug testing procedures. Those shows that are tested by the APHA will be selected at random by the APHA office, however, the show management of any APHA event can request that a show be tested if show management agrees to be responsible for the cost associated with the testing. Any drug testing performed at the request of show management shall be conducted by the APHA staff or its designated representative.
- H. LABORATORY INTEGRITY.** It shall be presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it was sent is the one taken from the horse in questions, that its integrity has been preserved, and that all the procedures of the collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory, analysis of the sample and report received from the laboratory pertaining to the horse in questions are presumed to be accurate and correct reflections of the condition of the horse during the show in which the horse was entered. The burden shall be on the responsible or involved parties to rebut the aforesaid presumptions in a hearing conducted by the Association’s Executive Committee or its appointed committee.
- I. REQUEST FOR SPECIMEN.** A request by the APHA representative or its designee to take a specimen of urine, saliva, blood or other substance for testing shall not be refused by any person. Refusal to comply with such a request shall constitute grounds for immediate disqualification of the horse from further participation in the show and shall also be considered a positive drug test for purposes of this rule. Artificial induction of urination is at the option of the owner/agent.
- J. COOPERATION WITH APHA REPRESENTATIVE.** Cooperation with the APHA approved veterinarian and/or his agents and/or Association representative shall include, but not limited to:
1. Taking the animal immediately to the location selected by the appointed veterinarian and/or his agents for testing the horse and present it for testing and presenting the registration certificate or a photocopy for the veterinarian’s report.
 2. Assist the veterinarian and/or his agent in procuring the sample promptly, including, but not limited to, removing equipment from the horse, leaving it quietly in the stall and avoiding distractions to it. Schooling, lengthy cooling out, bandaging and other delays of this type may be construed as noncooperation.
 3. Polite attitude and actions towards the veterinarian and/or his agents and/or Association representative.
 4. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a refusal.
- K. HORSES SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION.** Horses in competition at any APHA sponsored or approved event or event held in conjunction with an APHA-approved show, whether or not the event is approved by APHA, are subject to examination by a licensed veterinarian or an Association representative who must be approved by the APHA. The examination may include positive identification, physical, saliva, urine, blood tests, or other tests or procedures at the discretion of said licensed veterinarian necessary to effectuate the purposes of this rule. Said veterinarian may examine any or all horses in the class(es) in a show, or any horse entered in any class, whether in competition or not, or any horse scratched or withdrawn or which simply fails to appear for competition by any other exhibitor within 24 hours prior to the class for which it has been entered. A horse which has been withdrawn from competition may be administered a prohibited substance provided the prohibited substance is declared to show management prior to a requested drug testing.
- L. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION.** At such time as the APHA receives written notification of a positive drug test involving forbidden substance, all “responsible parties” shall immediately be placed on temporary suspension and denied all privileges of the Association, pending hearing on the matter. The APHA shall mail written notification of this action to the responsible parties and shall also give notification via telephone when possible. Any responsible party will be charged a \$200.00 restitution upon receipt of notice to APHA of a positive drug test.
1. **Post Bond.** Each responsible party may post a \$500.00 bond at which time that party will be allowed to participate in all APHA events and activities until such time as a hearing is held.
 2. **Certified Check.** The \$500.00 bond must be in the form of a certified check or money order payable to the APHA. The bond will become effective at such time as is received in the APHA office.
 3. **Bond Returned.** If it is determined after the hearing that there has been no violation to this rule, the \$500.00 bond will be returned. If it is determined after the hearing that there has been a violation of this rule, the \$500.00 bond will be automatically forfeited to the APHA drug testing fund. This bond forfeiture is in addition to any other penalties or disciplinary action that may be taken against the responsible or involved parties.
- M. HORSE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES.** The horse involved, as well as the responsible or involved parties, may be subject to, but not limited to, the following penalties where appropriate.:
1. **Barred.** Barred from competition.
 2. **Forfeiture.** Forfeit awards, or monies, or points or placings, thereby moving up horses placing behind the disqualified horses and possible redistribution of awards, or monies, or points, or placings.
 3. **Certificate Relinquishment.** Relinquishment of the horse’s registration certificate to the Association for a specific period of time. Although ownership of such horse may, thereafter, be transferred to another party, the transfer of ownership will not dissolve or shorten the terms of disciplinary action.
 4. **Penalties or fines.**
 5. **Suspension.**