

AQHA RULE CHANGES FOR 2020

INHUMANE TREATMENT

VIO204.3 tying a horse's head up (above withers), back or around in a stall or anywhere at an AQHA event (minimum level 2);

VIO204.13 use of prohibited equipment, including, but not limited to: unprotected lip chains (see SHW355.1.1); saw tooth bits; hock hobbles; tack collars; tack curb straps or tack hackamores; whips used for showmanship; war bridles or like devices; wire or solid metal curb straps no matter how padded; wire cavesson; wire or cable tie-downs; bumper bits; metal bosals (no matter how padded); metal longeing hackamores; chambons; headstalls made of metal (no matter how wrapped or padded), twisted rawhide, or rope may not be used on a horse's head (3/8 inch rope may be used with a slip/gag bit or a bonnet); running martingales used with curb bits used without rein stops; (minimum level 2); belly bands; excessively tight cavessons; riding in a curb bit without a curb strap; draw reins attached between or around the front legs will not be allowed; side reins (direct rein from bit to cinch or surcingle); (minimum level 1);

VIO204.20 It is prohibited to pour any substance into a horse's ears unless it is for a therapeutic purpose, which must be documented in a properly completed Medication Report Form (minimum level 2).

THERAPEUTIC MEDICATION ADDENDUM

VIO401. Prohibited drugs or substances include:

VIO401.1 Any product that contains an ingredient or is a drug which might affect the performance of a horse as a stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer, analgesic, local anesthetic or psychotropic (mood and/or behavior altering) substance. Stimulants and depressants are defined as substances that stimulate or depress the cardiovascular, respiratory or central nervous system.

VIO401.2 Any substance, regardless of how harmless or innocuous it might be, that might interfere with drug testing procedures.

VIO401.3 Any anabolic steroid

VIO401.4 Any nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) other than those other than those allowed by AQHA at the proper therapeutic dosage as contained in these Guidelines.

VIO401.5 Clenbuterol

VIO401.6 Albuterol

VIO404.1 Subject to the specified restrictions, only those thirteen (13) drugs or medications listed in VIO405.1 – VIO405.13 below may be administered within 24 hours of showing. The provisions in VIO405.1 – VIO405.13 below contain rules concerning maximum allowable plasma concentration levels followed by “Guidelines”.

VIO405.13 Methocarbamol - The maximum permitted plasma concentration of methocarbamol is 0.5 micrograms per milliliter. Guidelines: Whenever methocarbamol is administered, the dose should be accurately calculated according to the actual weight of the horse. Each 24 hours, not more than 5.0 mg per pound of body weight should be administered, preferably less. For a 1000 pound animal, the maximum dose each 24 hours is 5.0 grams, which equals ten 500 milligram tablets or 50 cc of the injectable (100 milligrams per milliliter). No dose should be administered during the 24 hours immediately following the prior dose. No part of a dose should be administered during the 12 hours prior to competing. Any medicated feed must be consumed and/or removed at least 12 hours prior to competing. Methocarbamol should not be administered for more than five successive days.

Prohibited Medication, Drug and Substance Rule Violations and Discipline

Any laboratory report resulting from random testing conducted by the AQHA that indicates the presence of any prohibited substance, the presence of any permitted medication in levels that exceed those allowed under these rules and guidelines or the presence of more than one NSAID, all of which are violations of these medications rules, will constitute prima facie evidence that the substance(s) was administered to the horse either internally or externally in violation of the AQHA medications rules.

If it is determined that the use of any drug or medication was not allowed by the medications rules or was not within the guidelines in the AQHA Rulebook, the responsible party or parties will be subject to disciplinary action. The initial determination of whether a medication rule violation has occurred will be based upon the laboratory results.

The following disciplinary actions may be considered by AQHA, AQHA Show Rule Violations Committee or AQHA Executive Committee in addressing a violation of the medications rules. The following are general guidelines only. The AQHA, AQHA Show Rule Violations Committee or AQHA Executive Committee may assess discipline (including fines, probations and suspensions) that is equal to, less than or greater than the discipline provided in the following guidelines based upon the nature of the violation and the severity of the circumstances presented in each case. The horse may also be disqualified from all classes in which it participated at the show for any violation of the medications rules. If disqualified, all awards and monies must be returned.

Category I - overages of a permitted medication or the presence of more than one NSAID

- First offense for overage of one permitted medication - \$500 fine; DQ
- First offense for more than one NSAID (if each NSAID is within allowed therapeutic levels - \$1,000 fine; DQ; 60 day probation
- Second offense – \$2,500 fine; DQ; 60 day suspension
- Third offense - \$5,000 fine; DQ; 6 month suspension
- If do not commit a violation for 24 months, violation slate is wiped clean
- Hearing Committee may assess discipline (including fines, probations and suspensions) that is equal to, less than or greater than the above disciplinary actions

Category II - Failure to Timely File Required Medication Reports For Conditionally Permitted Therapeutic Medication if Lab Results and Scenario Presented SUPPORT Legitimate Therapeutic Use

- First offense – warning/reprimand
- Second offense – \$1,000 fine; DQ; 60 day suspension
- Third offense – \$2,000 fine; DQ; 6 month suspension
- Violations do not count as first, second or third offenses for other Categories
- If do not commit a violation for 24 months, violation slate is wiped clean
- Hearing Committee may assess discipline (including fines, probations and suspensions) that is equal to, less than or greater than the above disciplinary actions

Category III - Failure to Timely File Required Medication Reports For Conditionally Permitted Therapeutic Medication if Lab Results and Scenario Presented DO NOT Support Legitimate Therapeutic Use

- First offense – \$1,000 fine; DQ; 60 day suspension

- Second offense – \$3,000 fine; DQ; 180 day suspension
- Third offense – \$5,000 fine; DQ; 1 year suspension
- Violations do count as first, second or third offenses for other Categories
- Offenses for use of a prohibited substance do not expire like those described in Categories I and II above and shall permanently remain on the responsible parties' record.
- Hearing Committee may assess discipline (including fines, probations and suspensions) that is equal to, less than or greater than the above disciplinary actions

Category IV - Prohibited

- First offense – \$2,500 fine; DQ; 3 month suspension
- Second offense – \$5,000 fine; 1 year suspension
- Subsequent offenses – \$10,000 fine; DQ; 5 year suspension;
- Hearing Committee may assess discipline (including fines, probations and suspensions) that is equal to, less than or greater than the above disciplinary actions
- Offenses for use of a prohibited substance do not expire like those described in Categories I and II above and shall permanently remain on the responsible parties' record.

LEVEL 1 ELIGIBILITY

SHW245.3.6 competed on an NCEA equestrian team on a scholarship, or ride as a starting exhibitor.

EQUIPMENT

SHW355. Halter Equipment

SHW355.1 For the purposes of this rule, the term “halter equipment” shall include the use of a safety lead or lip cord in halter classes.

SHW355.1.1. Safety lead is defined as a soft/flexible nonabrasive protective leather/leather-like covered chain with links having a gauge of at least 4.0 mm that has an unsecured keeper with at least 3/4 inches of the lead outside of the halter before attachment of keeper.

SHW355.1.2 Lip cord is defined as a round smooth soft/ flexible nonabrasive cotton polyblend cord with a dense core no smaller than 3/8 inches that has an unsecured keeper with at least 3/4 inches of the lead outside of the halter before attachment of keeper.

SHW355.1.3 The lip cord described above may not contain internal or external metal.

SHW355.1.4 The safety lead described above cannot be rawhide, suede or roughout, cannot contain external metal and all seams must be turned inside. Further, the protective leather/leather-like covering shall extend up the side of the lead to the base of the snap that attaches to the side of the halter and be clearly visible on the side of the keeper.

SHW355.1.5 Other than described above, no additional substances or materials may be added to a safety lead or lip cord.

SHW355.1.6 The safety lead or lip cord may only be applied over gum and not through mouth.

SHW355.2. Stallions 1 year of age and older may be shown with a safety lead or lip cord defined above in open and amateur divisions; mares and geldings 1 year of age and older may be shown with a safety lead or lip cord defined above in open, amateur and youth divisions; lip chains of any other type are prohibited; all other leads that do not meet the definition of an allowed safety lead or lip cord are prohibited.

SHW355.3. The following horses may not be allowed to be shown with a safety lead or lip cord:

355.3.1. weanlings

355.3.2. any horse shown in a performance halter class; and

355.3.3. any horse shown in a ranch horse conformation class.

SHW355.4. Applying excessive pressure on or excessive jerking of an allowed safety lead or lip cord is prohibited. Safety leads and lip cords and their application to the gum area will be inspected during the judging process. Excessive wear, rough or sharp edges around the protective cover of the safety lead or lip cord is prohibited; any raw area or abrasions of the gum area is grounds for disqualification.

SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER

SHW 378.3 Ten (10) points

Exhibitor is not in the required position during inspection

Exhibitor touching the horse or kicking or pointing their feet at the horse's feet during the set-up

Standing directly in front of the horse

Loss of lead shank, holding chain or two hands on shank

Blatant disobedience including biting, kicking, rearing or pawing; horse continually circling exhibitor

RANCH RIDING

Ranch Riding Penalties

SHW419.2 Three (3) point penalties

Break of gait at walk or trot for more than 2 strides

Break of gait at lope, except when correcting an incorrect lead

Wrong lead or out of lead

Draped reins (per maneuver)

Out of lead or cross-cantering more than two strides when changing leads

Trotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change

Severe disturbance of any obstacle

SHW419.5 (OP) Placed below horses performing all maneuvers

Eliminates or adds maneuver

Incomplete maneuver

Repeated blatant disobedience

Use of two hands (except junior and level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the two rein)

NSBA RULE CHANGES FOR 2020

EQUIPMENT 198. Horses are to be shown in a halter. Either a regular or show type halter is acceptable.

a) For the longeing demonstration, the only attachment allowed to the halter is the longe line. The longe line may not exceed 30 feet in length with a snap attached to the halter. The longe line must hang free from the halter without touching any part of the horse. It is permissible to use a longe whip however, disqualification will occur ~~if anytime~~ the exhibitor ~~blatantly~~ strikes the horse ~~with the whip~~ to cause forward or lateral movement at any time during the longeing demonstration.