

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

Statement of Policy

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NRHA EUROPEAN REGION ANIMAL WELFARE AND MEDICATIONS POLICY

- All NRHA-approved events in Europe may be subject to testing. All NRHA-approved events in Europe with \$15,000 or more in added money will be tested.
- In countries, states, provinces with medications guidelines or for dual approved FEI (Federation Equestre International)/NF (National Federation) events, the medications rules and regulations of those entities supersede those of the NRHA.
- All test results must be submitted to NRHA. For events that are dual approved with FEI/NF the FEI/NF may finish their testing/disciplinary process before NRHA will get the results. The affiliate is responsible for submitting all the test results to the NRHA within five (5) business days after receiving the results from the FEI/NF.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND PENALTIES

- Disciplinary procedures will be enforced based on the seriousness of the violation(s), precedents in similar cases and any prior rule violations by the individual(s).
- Any disciplinary action resulting from a positive test at an NRHA-approved event in Europe will be applicable for all NRHA events worldwide and will be based as outlined in this policy.
- Any disciplinary action from the FEI/NF resulting from a dual approved NRHA event will be upheld by the NRHA. (i.e. if a member is put on probation or suspended by the FEI/NF for a positive test result at an NRHA/FEI event, then the member would also be on probation or suspended with NRHA for the same period of time.)
- The NRHA Medications Hearing Panel will perform the same functions as outlined in the NRHA Animal Welfare and Medications Policy. Hearings and appeals will be conducted as provided for in the Disciplinary Procedures section of the *NRHA Handbook*.
- The NRHA Medications Hearing Panel shall use the offense levels below when determining disciplinary action. The offenses levels are applied using the timeframes listed in the following penalty chart.

Drug/Substance	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense
Controlled Medication Substances (365-day period)	Warning	Fine	Disqualification & Fine
Banned Medication Substances (3-year period)	Disqualification & Fine	Disqualification, Fine & Probation	Disqualification, Fine & Suspension

NOTE: Warnings, disqualifications, fines, probations, suspensions and revocations will be published in the *NRHA Reiner* magazine.

EVENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

- Event management may charge a medications fee of no more than 25€ per horse per event when testing at the event. Horses entered ONLY in the Youth and Rookie classes are excluded from paying medications fees but may be tested.
- For every twenty (20) horses entered in the event, it is recommended that one test be taken with at least one (1) horse being tested at each event. Horses entered ONLY in the Youth and Rookie classes are not included in the number of horses for this

- calculation but may be tested.
- c. Event management must order the test kits from the NRHA office at least two (2) weeks prior to the starting date of the event.
- d. NRHA staff will contact one of the recognized NRHA European testing veterinarians and coordinate the testing. Recognized NRHA European testing veterinarians include FEI/NF recognized testing veterinarians. The treating or official show veterinarian CAN NOT be used as the testing veterinarian.
- e. Event management must provide the recognized NRHA European testing veterinarians suitable facilities conveniently located to collect equine blood and urine samples. Suitable facilities means one or more stalls, as requested, that are well lit, clean, dry, freshly bedded, and having a door or gate that can be secured.
- f. Event management must pay all fees charged by the recognized NRHA European testing vet, the recognized NRHA European laboratory and shipping costs.
- g. The NRHA Show Steward/Representative should be included in each step of the testing procedures to ensure integrity of the testing process.

ADMINISTRATION

This policy statement may only be changed upon a recommendation supported by a supermajority vote of the European Affiliate Council (EAC) to the NRHA Board of Directors. A supermajority vote of the NRHA Board of Directors is required for final approval of any changes to the policy. Further restriction of this policy may only be implemented with a 180 day notice (following approval from the Board) to the entire membership via notice on the NRHA website. Further changes to this policy making it less restrictive may take effect immediately upon approval of the Board. Notice would also be given to the membership via notice on the NRHA website.

If you have questions on medications, dosages, withdrawal times, or the like, please call the US Equestrian Medications Hotline at 1-800-633-2472.

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