COMPARISON OF DRUG RULES
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Definition of Forbidden Substance

ApHC—

Rule 40.B.1. Drug; medication; stimulant; depressant; tranquilizer; local anesthetic; substance foreign to the natural system of a horse; or metabolite or derivative of any above-referenced substance: which could affect the performance, soundness or disposition of a horse and/or is used to treat or prevent physical ailments or treat symptoms of a horse, except as expressly permitted by this rule.

Rule 40.B.2. Substance permitted by this rule in excess of the maximum limit for such substance set forth in this rule.

Rule 40.B.3. Substance which may interfere with ApHC’s drug testing procedures or interfere with the detection of any forbidden substance or quantitation of substances permitted by this rule.

AQHA—
No person shall cause to be administered internally or externally to a horse, either before or during an approved event, any medication, drug, mechanical device or artificial appliance which is of such character as could affect its performance or appearance at that event, EXCEPT FOR THOSE CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED THERAPEUTIC MEDICATIONS, THE USE OF WHICH IS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR IN THE THERAPEUTIC MEDICATION ADDENDUM FOLLOWING SUBSECTION (J) OF THIS RULE AND NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS.

Forbidden drugs or substances

A. Any drug or substance considered a Class 1 or Class 2 substance as defined by the ARCI’s Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances, Revised Edition, February 14, 1995.
B. Any stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer or sedative which could affect the performance of a horse (stimulant and depressants are defined as substances that stimulate or depress the cardiovascular, respiratory or central nervous system).
C. Any substance, regardless of how harmless or innocuous it might be, that might interfere with the detection or quantitation of any substance defined in A, B, C.
D. Any anabolic steroid in halter classes, section (2) does not apply.

(Conditionally Permitted Therapeutic Medications)

Conditionally permitted therapeutic medication: Any drug, medication or substance that could affect the performance of a horse that is used for the legitimate treatment of illness or injury and is not specified as forbidden substance.

1. These substances must be administered by a veterinarian who is in good standing of the AAEP and licensed in the state where the event is being held
or from a written prescription by a licensed veterinarian who is a member in good standing with the AAEP.

2. The horse must be withdrawn and kept out of competition for not less than 24 hours after the medication has been administered.

3. Medication Report filed

Conditionally permitted medications that may be administered within 24 hours are: Bute, Diclofenac (Surpass), Flunixin, Ketoprofen, Meclofenamic Acid, Naproxen, Eltnac (pending FDA approval), Acetazolamide, Furosemide, Isoxuprine, Lidocaine/Mepivicaine, Dexamethasone.

APHA—

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Permitted Substances administered no later than 24 hours prior to competition. In addition to the following drugs:

Bute, Flunixin, Ketoprofen, Meclofenamic Acid, Naproxen, Acetazolamide, Lidocaine/Mepivicaine, Furosemide, Isoxuprine, Therapeutic Medications (ARCI Class 4 and 5 with the exception of any Anabolic Steroid) given for the legitimate treatment of illness or injury are permitted if an AAEP veterinarian administers the medication and a Medication Report is filed

NSBA—

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3. Medication Report filed

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USEF—Forbidden Drugs or Substances
Any stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer, local anesthetic, psychotropic (mood and/or behavior altering) substance, or drug which might affect the performance of a horse and/or pony (stimulants and/or depressants are defined as substances which stimulate or depress the cardiovascular, respiratory or central nervous system), or any metabolite and/or analogue of any such substance or drug, except as expressly permitted by this rule.

Conditionally Permitted Therapeutic Medication
The medication must be therapeutic and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of an existing illness or injury. Administration of a forbidden substance for non-therapeutic or optional purposes (such as, by way of example only, shipping, clipping, training, turning out, routine floating or cleaning of teeth, non-diagnostic nerve blocking, uncasting, mane pulling or non-emergency shoeing) is not considered to be therapeutic. A drug/medication report must be filed in a timely fashion with Show stewards and the horse must be withdrawn for 24 hours. The medication must be administered by a licensed veterinarian, or, if a veterinarian is unavailable, only by the trainer pursuant to the advice and direction of a veterinarian.

Definition of Responsible Individuals
ApHC—

Rule 50.A. Any person with authority over or responsibility for the care, training, custody or performance of a horse, including, but not limited to, an owner, lessee,
trainer, exhibitor, rider or handler and any person signing an entry form for a horse is defined for purposes of these rules as a responsible party for that horse.

**AQHA—**

1. He/She designates himself/herself on the entry blank as exhibitor, or authorizes another to designate him as exhibitor on the entry blank.
2. He/She signs the entry blank on behalf of himself or another, or causes an agent or representative to sign it
3. He/She physically participates in the event by riding or showing the horse
4. He/She is the actual trainer, having presented or caused to be presented the horse at the show grounds for exhibition.

**APHA—**

All owners, trainers and exhibitors are accountable for the condition of any horse which they enter or allow to be entered.

**NSBA—**

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**USEF—**

Under USEF Rules, the trainer is held responsible and accountable for the condition of the horse or pony and for compliance with the rules. The trainer is defined as any adult or adults who has or shares the responsibility for the care, training, custody, condition or performance of the horse or pony. Trainers, in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, are responsible and accountable under the penalty provisions of these rules, whether or not they have signed an entry blank. They are also responsible for guarding each horse at, and sufficiently prior to a recognized competition, such as to prevent the administration by anyone of or its exposure to any forbidden substance, and to know all the provisions of this rule and all other rules and regulations of the Federation and the penalty provisions of said rules.

**Sanctions and Penalties**

**ApHC—**

*(From Rule 40.1.)*

First offense—six-month suspension, $1,000 fine, suspension from next World/Nationals following commencement of suspension
Second offense—one-year suspension, $2,500 fine
Third offense—lifetime suspension
Horse is suspended for the same amount of time as the responsible party.
AQHA—
Overage of Conditional Medications
   First offense—$350 + disqualification
   Second offense—$700 + disqualification
   Third offense—Executive Hearing
Prohibited Medications
   Executive Hearing

APHA—
   Up to indefinite suspension and XXXXX fine

NSBA—
   Up to indefinite suspension and XXXXX Fine

USEF—
   First offense—1 year suspension
   Second offense—more than one year suspension
   Horse may be suspended for any period of time specified by the Hearing Committee

ARCI—
   Class 1 Drug—1–5 years suspension and $5,000 fine
   Class 2 Drug—6 months–1 year suspension and $1,500–2,500 fine
   Class 3 Drug—2–6 month suspension and up to $1,500 fine
   Class 4 Drug—15–60 day suspension and up to $1,000 fine
   Class 5 Drug—0–15 day suspension with possible fine

NRHA—Position statement as of 4/4/06 stating:
   Horses exhibited where applicable governmental regulations apply – follow the medications rules of those designated governing bodies
   Horses exhibited in dual or multi-sanctioned/recognized events or classes – follow the medications rules of those designated Governing bodies
   Horses exhibited in NRHA events or classes – NRHA does not endorse the use of medications that by their nature or application are harmful to the health of the horse, or that may endanger the horse or exhibitor. The NRHA endorses the use of medications that enhance the health and well-being of the horses.

NCHA—
   Administration of drugs while on the show grounds, including show arena and practice arena, is strictly prohibited unless administered in a life-saving situation. Such an instance must be reported to show management. The decision of show management as to life-saving treatment should be based on consultation with a veterinarian. Show management shall disqualify and/or refuse entry to any contestant and/or owner for violation of this rule.