

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

Statement of Policy

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NRHA EUROPEAN REGION ANIMAL WELFARE AND MEDICATIONS POLICY

This policy will create a standardized NRHA European Region Medications and Animal Welfare Policy across Europe. The policy will be effective beginning January 1, 2013 for all Categories and all levels of NRHA-approved European events.

- All NRHA-approved events in Europe may be subject to testing. 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).
- All NRHA-approved events in Europe with more than \$15,000 added money are required to test, and 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).
- NRHA guidelines for *testing* and for *disciplinary action* as currently approved for the NRHA 2015 Animal Welfare and Medications Policy will be used for the NRHA European Region Animal Welfare and Medications Policy. 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 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.
- Any disciplinary action resulting from a positive test at an NRHA-approved event in Europe will be applicable for all NRHA events worldwide.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND PENALTIES

- Disciplinary actions resulting from a positive test at an NRHA-approved event in Europe 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, approved by the Board of Directors, will perform the same functions as outlined in the NRHA Animal Welfare and Medications Policy.
- The NRHA Medications Hearing Panel shall use the offense levels below when recommending disciplinary action to the NRHA Board of Directors. The offense levels are applied within a 12-month period of the decision concerning the first offense.

Drug/Substance	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
Restricted Substances	Warning	Fine	Disqualification & Fine
Forbidden Substances as defined on the NRHA medications document for Europe	Disqualification & Fine	Disqualification, Fine & Probation	Disqualification, Fine & Suspension

NOTE: We will copy the list of substances approved by the FDA (Federal Drug Administration - USA) as a draft for the NRHA approved list for Europe and have the veterinarians of the Medications Hearing Panel review and adjust the list as necessary to meet the needs for reining in Europe.

EVENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

- a. 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.
- b. For every twenty (20) horses entered in the event one test must 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 weeks prior to the starting date of the event.
- d. Event management must 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 ship the tests on time to one of the recognized NRHA European laboratories and pay shipping cost.
- g. Event management must pay all fees charged by the recognized NRHA European testing vet and the recognized NRHA European laboratory.
- h. 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 this 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.

**APPROVED BY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President:

Date: _____

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Executive Director:

Date: _____
