

## **INSTRUCTIONS for Drug Testing - NAPHA Approved Shows**

NAPHA Show Rules prohibit the use of artificial appliances and drugs in all phases of horse exhibition in or out of the show ring. If any horse is found to be “sored” it will be disqualified and the owner will be subject to penalties. The exhibitor is to advise the Horse Show Management or Secretary in writing of all drugs administered within 72 hours prior to or during the event. This information is to be made available for inspection by anyone interested. No horse shall be eligible for competition in any class if it has been administered a forbidden substance, i.e. any stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer or local anesthetic. Any horse entered in a class is subject to examination by a licensed veterinarian. Such examination may include physical, saliva, urine and blood tests at the discretion of the veterinarian.

CAUTION: Refusal to submit a horse for examination whether in competition or not or to cooperate with the veterinarian and technicians until the samples have been taken constitutes a violation and subjects the responsible person to the penalties under the Rules.

In addition to the applicable State or USEF Regulations on Drugging of Horses, it is the goal of NAPHA that all shows be declared “drug free” – which means that NO DRUGS OF ANY KIND MAY BE ADMINISTERED TO A HORSE TO BE SHOWN (THIS INCLUDES BUTE) STARTING 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE FIRST CLASS AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE CLOSE OF THE SHOW.) If a show is to be “Drug Free,” notice must be given in the Premium List. Testing may be conducted on a random basis. In such shows, each exhibitor agrees to be bound by the NO DRUG rules and the penalties outlined in the Official NAPHA RULES & REGULATIONS OF HORSE SHOWING.

**To be declared “drug free” testing must be arranged for by the show management.** Management of shows held in states which have state drugging laws and testing procedures must submit copies of their filing with the state as well as a copy of a letter **specifically requesting** that drug testers be present. These must accompany the request for approval.

For shows held in states without such programs, show management is advised to contact their official show veterinarian to arrange for and handle the testing. **To ensure extra points for a “Drug Free Show,” copies of the results of all tests must be sent to NAPHA within 60 days following the show. At least five (5) horses must be tested at each show.**

Drug testing kits may be ordered from NAPHA or provided by your local veterinarian.

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