

The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd

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Disciplinary Regulations & Table of Penalties

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INTRODUCTION

The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited desires to set standards relating to ethics, sportsmanship and behaviour to be observed by all Members of the Society.

All competitors, exhibitors, show officials, judges and members should be familiar with all sections of this document as approved by the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Limited. The penalties listed in this document shall apply to all events for Arabian and Arabian Bred horses. Specific Rules for individual shows and events may also be applied providing they do not contravene this document.

This document is to be read in conjunction with the Constitution of The Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd and the AHSA Medication & Testing Policy & Rules.

The Board of Directors
Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd



Peter Upton

In determining the appropriate penalties to be imposed the following factors shall be taken into consideration, together with any other relevant factors:

- Whether the action or omission resulted in an unfair advantage to the member, exhibit or exhibitor

- Whether the action or omission resulted in disadvantaging another member, exhibit or exhibitor
 - Whether the action or omission involved the mistreatment of horses
 - Whether the action involved fraud, violence, abuse or similar acts
 - Whether the action or omission was deemed to be deliberate
- a) The finding on analysis of a Prohibited Substance, as defined by reference to <https://inside.fei.org/fei/cleansport/horses> is presumed to be a deliberate attempt of the Person Responsible to affect the performance of the horse. The Society reserves the right to advise other like Societies of the result of Prohibited Substance testing.
 - b) An owner who has received notice under the rules of the AHSA Drug Policy Regulations may request that the second (B) sample held be tested at his/her expense. Such request must be made within seven (7) days of the notice and if not made, the right to request a second test shall lapse and the remaining samples will be destroyed. If the second test shall prove negative, the AHSA shall reimburse the owner the amount paid by the owner for the testing and veterinary fees paid. Should the second test prove positive or should no second test be requested then the owner shall be responsible for all laboratory and veterinary fees incurred in obtaining and testing the initial (A) sample.
 - c) The amount of the penalty imposed shall be determined by the Disciplinary Committee of the Society and imposed by the Board of Directors but shall be subject to appeal by the member to the Board of Directors upon application.
 - d) All fines shall be payable within twenty-eight (28) days of issuance by the Society. Should such fines not be paid within the agreed time period then the membership of the owner from AHSA and all Affiliates shall be suspended until such time as the fines have been paid to the Society.
 - e) Any awards which are required to be returned to the Society shall be done so in a manner that ensures that they are received by the Society in 'as new' condition within twenty-eight (28) days. Should such awards not be returned in the required condition within the agreed time frame then a fine shall be issued to the replacement value of the awards. Should such fines not be paid within twenty-eight (28) days then the membership of the owner from AHSA and all Affiliates shall be suspended until such time as the fines have been paid to the Society.
 - f) Suspension is a state imposed by the Society in which all rights, privileges and transactions are held in abeyance until the suspension period has lapsed and fines are paid in full. Suspension shall apply to the AHSA and all Affiliates. Where a member is also an AHSA judge, the judge will be suspended from the judges panel for the duration of the membership suspension.
 - g) If a horse, suspended from competition in AHSA and AHSA Affiliate events changes ownership, the change of ownership will not dissolve or shorten the term of the suspension. The Society reserves the right to publish the names of horses affected by a suspension on the Society website and in the Australian Arabian Horse News.
 - h) The Disciplinary Committee and/or the Board of Directors of the AHSA Ltd reserve the right to consider waiving or reducing Penalties listed should special circumstances warrant.
 - i) Complaints submitted by a person to the Board relating to a Member must be accompanied by the Lodgement of Alleged Dispute Form accompanied by the non-refundable lodgement fee of \$100.

Table of Penalties

Offence	1st	2nd	3rd
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<p>Prohibited drug</p> <p>(Drugs that should never be found in the body of the horse and are prohibited at all times). Refer to: https://inside.fei.org/fei/cleansport/horses and https://www.equestrian.org.au/medication-control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory and veterinary costs involved in collection and processing of Sample A • Laboratory cost involved in processing of Sample B if requested • Removal of awards • \$500-\$1000 Fine AND/OR 6-12 month suspension of horse and owner &/or trainer from competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory and veterinary costs involved in collection and processing of Sample A • Laboratory cost involved in processing of Sample B if requested • Removal of awards • \$1000-\$2000 Fine AND 12-24 month suspension of horse from competition and owner &/or trainer from membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory and veterinary costs involved in collection and processing of Sample A • Laboratory cost involved in processing of Sample B if requested • Removal of awards • \$2000-\$5000 Fine AND 24 month suspension of horse from competition • cancellation of membership of owner &/or trainer from membership for a specified time
<p>Restricted drug</p> <p>(Drugs that are regularly used to treat horses but must be cleared from the horse's system by the time of competition.) Refer to: https://inside.fei.org/fei/cleansport/horses and https://www.equestrian.org.au/medication-control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory and veterinary costs involved in collection and processing of Sample A • Laboratory cost involved in processing of Sample B if requested • Removal of awards • Warning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory and veterinary costs involved in collection and processing of Sample A • Laboratory cost involved in processing of Sample B if requested • Removal of awards • \$500-\$1000 Fine AND/OR 6-12 month suspension of horse and owner &/or trainer from competition and from the judges panel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory and veterinary costs involved in collection and processing of Sample A • Laboratory cost involved in processing of Sample B if requested • Removal of awards • \$1000-\$2000 Fine AND 12-24 month suspension of horse from competition and owner &/or trainer from membership
<p>Specified substances</p> <p>(Prohibited substances that are identified as Specified Substances should not be considered less important or less dangerous than other Prohibited Substances, Rather, they are substances which are more likely to have been ingested by horses for a purpose other than the enhancement of sport performance, for example through a contaminated food substance.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory and veterinary costs involved in collection and processing of Sample A • Laboratory cost involved in processing of Sample B if requested <p>Should substance be considered performance enhancing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning and Removal of awards <p>Should substance not be considered performance enhancing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning or Removal of Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory and veterinary costs involved in collection and processing of Sample A • Laboratory cost involved in processing of Sample B if requested • Removal of awards <p>Should substance be considered performance enhancing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500-\$1000 Fine AND/OR 6-12 month suspension of horse and owner &/or trainer from competition and from the judges panel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory and veterinary costs involved in collection and processing of Sample A • Laboratory cost involved in processing of Sample B if requested • Removal of awards <p>Should substance be considered performance enhancing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1000-\$2000 Fine AND/OR 12- 24 month suspension of horse from competition and owner &/or trainer from membership
<p>Offence</p>	<p>1st</p>	<p>2nd</p>	<p>3rd</p>
<p>Failure to comply with a request for testing for Prohibited substances or an unreasonable delay in complying with such request</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of awards • Disqualification from the entire event • \$500-\$1000 Fine AND/OR 6-12 month suspension of horse and owner &/or trainer from competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of awards • Disqualification from the entire event • \$1000-\$2000 Fine AND 12-24 month suspension of horse from competition and owner &/or trainer from membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of awards • \$2000-\$5000 Fine AND 24 month suspension of horse from competition • Disqualification from the entire event • Cancellation of membership of owner &/or trainer from membership for a specified time

Cruelty/Abuse No broken skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler/rider - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse • Warning <p>Note: handler/rider refers to a person whether inside or out of the judging area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler/rider - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse • \$500-\$750 Fine AND/OR 6-12 month suspension for rider/hander from competition and from the judges panel <p>Note: handler/rider refers to a person whether inside or out of the judging area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler/rider - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse • \$750-\$1000 Fine AND/OR 12-24 month suspension for rider/handler from competition and from the judges panel <p>Note: handler/rider refers to a person whether inside or out of the judging area</p>
Cruelty/Abuse Broken skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler/rider - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse • \$250-\$500 Fine AND/OR 6-12 month suspension for rider/hander from competition and from the judges panel <p>Note: handler/rider refers to a person whether inside or out of the judging area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler/rider - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse • \$1000 Fine AND 6-12 month suspension for rider/handler from membership and competition <p>Note: handler/rider refers to a person whether inside or out of the judging area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler/rider - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse • \$1000-\$2000 Fine • Cancellation of membership and suspension for rider/handler from competition for a specified time <p>Note: handler/rider refers to a person whether inside or out of the judging area</p>
Gingering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner/trainer - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse • \$250 Fine OR 6 month suspension for owner and/or trainer from competition and from the judges panel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner/trainer - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse • \$1000 Fine AND 12 month suspension for owner and/or trainer from membership and competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner/trainer - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse • \$1500 Fine • Cancellation of membership for owner and/or trainer and suspension for owner and/or trainer for a specified time
Offence	1st	2nd	3rd
General Competition Rule breach Stallion baiting/ stallion stirring	Warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse • \$500 Fine AND/OR 12 month suspension for handler from competition and from the judges panel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse • \$1000 Fine • Cancellation of membership for handler for a specified time

<p>General Competition Rule breach</p> <p>Abuse of an official or judge (verbal)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse if horse is involved • \$250-\$500 Fine AND/OR 6 month suspension for person from competition and from the judges panel <p>Note: a member may be held liable for the behaviour of non-member associates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse if horse is involved • \$1000 Fine AND/OR 6-12 month suspension for person from competition and from the judges panel <p>Note: a member may be held liable for the behaviour of non-member associates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse if horse is involved • \$1500 Fine • Cancellation of membership for person for a specified time <p>Note: a member may be held liable for the behaviour of non-member associates</p>
<p>General Competition Rule breach</p> <p>Abuse of an official or judge (physical)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse if horse is involved • \$500-\$1000 fine AND/OR 6-12 month suspension of person from membership <p>Note: a member may be held liable for the behaviour of non-member associates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse if horse is involved • \$1500-\$2000 fine AND 12-36 month suspension of person from membership <p>Note: a member may be held liable for the behaviour of non-member associates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse if horse is involved • \$2000-\$5000 Fine • Cancellation of membership for a specified time <p>Note: a member may be held liable for the behaviour of non-member associates</p>
<p>General Competition Rule breach</p> <p>Unsportsmanlike behaviour</p>	<p>Warning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse if horse is involved • \$500 Fine OR 6-12 month suspension for person from competition and from the judges panel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse if horse is involved • \$1000 Fine AND 12 month suspension for person from competition and from the judges panel
<p>Offence</p>	<p>1st</p>	<p>2nd</p>	<p>3rd</p>
<p>General Competition Rule breach</p> <p>Incorrect gear/equipment/tack at the same event</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction of incorrect equipment • Possible removal of awards in the relevant event if event has concluded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disqualification from the class • Removal of awards in the relevant event if event has concluded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disqualification from the entire event • Removal of awards in the relevant event if event has concluded
<p>General Competition Rule breach</p> <p>Bringing the Society into disrepute</p>	<p>Warning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse if horse is involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handler - elimination from all further classes • Removal of awards for the horse if horse is involved • \$1000-\$2000 Fine AND/OR 12-24 month suspension for person from competition and from the judges panel

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<p>Abuse of employee or Board member (verbal)</p> <p>– if at a competition refer to General Competition Breach Rule – abuse of an official or judge (verbal)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250-\$500 Fine AND/OR 6 month suspension for person from competition and from the judges panel <p>Note: a member may be held liable for the behaviour of non-member associates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1000 Fine AND/OR 6-12 month suspension for person from competition and from the judges panel <p>Note: a member may be held liable for the behaviour of non-member associates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1500 Fine • Cancellation of membership for person for a specified time <p>Note: a member may be held liable for the behaviour of non-member associates</p>
<p>Abuse of employee or Board member (physical)</p> <p>– if at a competition refer to General Competition Breach Rule – abuse of an official or judge (physical)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500-\$1000 fine AND 6-12 month suspension of person from membership <p>Note: a member may be held liable for the behaviour of non-member associates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1500-\$2000 fine AND 12-36 month suspension of person from membership <p>Note: a member may be held liable for the behaviour of non-member associates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2000-\$5000 Fine • Cancellation of membership for a specified time <p>Note: a member may be held liable for the behaviour of non-member associates</p>
<p>Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing the Society into disrepute • Adverse posts regarding any official of the Society or Affiliate or employee of the Society • Adverse posts which will potentially damage the reputation of the Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500-\$750 Fine AND/OR 6-12 month suspension of membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$750-\$1500 Fine • Cancellation of membership for a specified time
Offence	1st	2nd	3rd
<p>Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derogatory comments regarding other members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500-\$750 Fine AND/OR 6-12 month suspension of membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$750-\$1500 Fine • Cancellation of membership for a specified time
Breach of Judge Code of Conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning or downgrade to lower level of the judges panel (permanently or for a specified time) or suspension from the judges panel for a specified time or removal from the judges panel permanently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning or downgrade to lower level of the judges panel (permanently or for a specified time) or suspension from the judges panel for a specified time or removal from the judges panel permanently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downgrade to lower level of the judges panel (permanently or for a specified time) or suspension from the judges panel for a specified time or removal from the judges panel permanently

