

Article 8: Drugs and Medications

801 General Information

All horses shown in any FOSH sanctioned competition shall be considered to be in a "no foreign substance" drugs and medication category.

- This means that no foreign substance may be injected or administered in any way to the horse if the substance acts, even tangentially, on any of the following: the nervous system; the cardiovascular system; the respiratory system; the digestive system; the urinary system; the reproductive system; the musculoskeletal system; the skin (desensitizing agents or hypersensitizing agents); the immune system (other than routine vaccinations); or the endocrine system.
- Anti-infection substances to include worming products may be administered 72 hours before competition.
- Any form of analgesic, anti-inflammatory or pain relieving substance must be last administered 72 hours before competition.
- Further, any substance no matter how harmless, that might be used to mask detection of prohibited substances in the blood, urine or other bodily secretions is strictly prohibited for use or administration in any form.

802 Forbidden Substances

- Forbidden substances include stimulants, depressants, tranquilizers, local or topical anesthetics, mood altering or behavior altering substances or drugs that might stimulate or suppress any form of performance. Included in the list of forbidden substances are over the counter preparations as well as homeopathic or herbal remedies that effect the same results as those obtained through more traditional medicine for the purpose of calming horses or stimulating them.
- Horses at FOSH sanctioned events may not compete if they have been given or exposed to any of the previously described foreign substances within 72 hours of the show. If they have been receiving such a substance for a therapeutic purpose, attested to by a veterinarian and under supervision, and the substance has been withdrawn 24 hours before competition, entries will be allowed. Shipping and clipping are not considered to be therapeutic purposes.
- Illness, including chronic conditions like allergies, and injury come under the therapeutic heading. Owners or agents should attach the statement of veterinary need to the entry form. The statement must include the date and time the last dose of the named drug was administered, the purpose for which it was administered, and the name and telephone number of the attending veterinarian.

803 Drug Testing

Show management reserves the right to have horses tested for the presence of prohibited substances if a judge requests that such testing be done, if the DQP requests that such testing be done, or if an exhibitor files a protest, accompanied by the appropriate fee, alleging that the horse is in violation of the No Foreign Substance rule.

- The testing shall be at the show management's expense in the case of a request by the judge or DQP, and in the case of a protest, at the expense of the person who files the protest.
- The show veterinarian or a veterinarian on call shall conduct the drug testing.
- If a prohibited foreign substance is detected, the owner/agent/responsible party assumes all responsibility for the costs of testing. The filing of a prior medication report shall be taken into consideration when drug results are returned.

Show Management may elect to have random drug testing performed at a show for which an additional fee per entry may be charged. Such testing and fees shall be indicated in the show bill.

804 Fees, Appeals of Drug Testing Results, and Penalties

- The FOSH Hearing Board will hear all appeals to foreign substance violations.
- The hearing will be arranged within 45 days of notification of a positive drug screen.
- All suspensions for failure of drug testing will be held in abeyance until the completion of the hearing.
- Individuals who fail a drug test, that is upheld, will be suspended for a period of one year for the first offense from all FOSH sanctioned events, will forfeit all prizes and awards at the show where the offense took place, and will forfeit all points accrued in the FOSH High Point Program.
- The decision of the Hearing Board is final.
- All other procedures with respect to appeals will be as set out in the Rules pertaining to Disciplinary Actions.