

GENERAL GUIDELINES for SUSPENSIONS

1. Any person who desires their suspension to commence before the twenty (20) day period allowed for requesting a Board of Directors and Grievance Committee Hearing shall file a written statement with the Board of Directors and the Grievance Committee stating that he/she is guilty as charged and requesting the suspension begin immediately. In this event, the applicable suspension days will begin running on the post-marked date of the letter to A.G.M.A.
2. Any person who desires his/her suspension to commence immediately may sign the back of his/her D.Q.P. ticket. This is an admission of guilt.

Additional Penalties, Which May Be Levied:

Any person found guilty of a violation of the A.G.M.A. Rules may be subject to the following:

1. Expulsion: Expulsion from all Affiliated Shows, sales or exhibitions, expulsions from registering or transferring mules.
2. Forfeiture: Forfeiture of awards, trophies, ribbons, and prize money won in connection with the offense committed.
3. Fine: Fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$5,000.
4. Probation: Probation for any period of time up to one (1) year from the date of decision or, if suspension is levied, from the date the suspension is terminated. Probation shall be a time during which the conduct of the person is scrutinized carefully by the A.G.M.A. and should violation be filed against said person he/she is automatically suspended from all rights and privileges until the Hearing of the Board of Directors and the Grievance Committee.

Restrictions, Notification, Reciprocity:

1. Suspension must be taken during the A.G.M.A. show season.
2. A person suspended by USDA cannot present a mule for inspection or warm the mule up on the show grounds.
3. The A.G.M.A. office staff shall notify the sponsoring organization of every Affiliated Show of person on suspension. The A.G.M.A. may report disciplinary action taken to another equine association/breed registry if in their opinion some course is advisable for the protection of mutual interest.