

VIOLATIONS

The Operating Plan as published by A.G.M.A., as accepted by the A.G.M.A., is hereby made a part of the A.G.M.A. Rule Book, the same as if printed in its entirety in this space. Subsequent periodic acceptance by A.G.M.A. of the Operating Plan for period covered by the plan is a prerequisite to inclusion of the Operating Plan in the A.G.M.A. Rule Book.

Abnormal Reaction to Palpation, both feet: Mandatory two (2) week suspension for Trainer, and exhibitor. Not a sore mule. Reaction is not repetitive in same spot.

One-foot Abnormal Reaction to Palpation: Will not be allowed to show that night. A trainer receiving four (4) violations will receive a two-week suspension.

Presenting for inspection, exhibiting, or being in control of any sore, sensitive, or unsound mule.

Presenting for inspection, exhibiting, or being in control of any bad image mule: Penalty for first offense is a three (3) week suspension. Second violation within same calendar year will require a mandatory appearance before the Grievance Committee.

Presenting for inspection, exhibiting, or being in control of a mule that has been illegally shod.

Presenting for inspection, exhibiting, or being in control of a mule with a foreign substance on its pastern area or an illegal substance on its hooves to accomplish artificial hoof extensions.

Showing, exhibiting or attempting to show or exhibit a mule while said mule is under suspension.

Failing to present a mule for inspection by the D.Q.P. before showing or exhibiting.

Failing to present for re-inspection immediately following the class, all first place winners or any other mule requested by Show Committee, the D.Q.P. or USDA.

Being in possession (riding, leading, and standing) of a mule wearing action devices.

Penalization by another Equine Industry Organization, or Court of Law for violation of H.P.A. Rules.

Acting, enticing or permitting any other to act in a manner contrary to the Rules of the A.G.M.A., or in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interest of the A.G.M.A.

Committing any act or making any remark considered offensive and/or having been made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the judging.

Failing, as an Exhibitor or his/her representative, to sign the entry blank of a show in which he/she competed.

Physically assaulting a person and/or treating a mule or donkey cruelly. Failing to obey any penalty imposed by the A.G.M.A.

Influencing or attempting to influence by any means or manner any D.Q.P. in determining the eligibility of any mule entering any class at any affiliated show.

Influencing or attempting to influence by any means or manner any Judge in determining which mule shall win in any class at any affiliated show.

Failure to pay any debt(s) to the A.G.M.A.

Weapons: Carrying or possessing, on the premises, show grounds (which includes but is not limited to the entire area, including out buildings, warm up areas, exercise areas, and parking lots), office, or other meeting place of any A.G.M.A. activity, whether openly or concealed, with the intent to go armed, or inflict injury, any weapon capable of, or adapted for, the infliction of serious bodily injury or death by either shooting, hitting, cutting, swinging, or stabbing. Weapon shall include, but not be limited to, any firearm

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(handgun, pistol, rifle or shotgun), explosive, explosive weapon (which includes explosive incendiary, poisonous gas or irritating gas or agent), bowie knife, hawk bill knife, ice pick, dagger, leaded cane, switch-blade, knife, blackjack, knuckles, or any other instrument of like kind. Responsible parties for the above violations will receive immediate, lifetime suspension from A.G.M.A.

Any Exhibitor for violations of such things as refusing a ribbon at any Affiliated/Sanctioned Show may be suspended for 30 days.

Responsible parties for the following violations a suspension of not more than one (1) year.

1. Refusal to provide the necessary information to D.Q.P.
2. Failure to have a mule re-inspected after notification by Show Chairman, D.Q.P., or USDA.
3. Verbal abuse to anyone representing Show Management, D.Q.P., Program Director, Employees or Director, and/or USDA while functioning in any official capacity at, or pertaining to, any mule show, sale, etc.
4. Physical abuse to anyone representing Show Management, D.Q.P., D.Q.P. Program Director, Employees or Directors, or USDA while functioning in any official capacity at, or pertaining to, any horse show, sale, etc. This will require a mandatory appearance before A.G.M.A. Board Members, Committee Members, and employees will be subject to the same disciplinary action as all other members who violate this rule.
5. Providing false information. Providing false information of any nature or kind to any show official or D.Q.P. will require mandatory appearance before Grievance Committee. Any report filed by Show Committee, or any Judge(s), showing that a mule was excused or dismissed from the ring for violation for which weeks are assigned as provided herein, will be penalized in the same manner as violations reported by D.Q.P.

Sore Tickets: At a show where there are two (2) or more D.Q.P.'s, two must agree and both sign the ticket. At a show there is only one D.Q.P., that D.Q.P. writes the ticket.

*These rules and penalties may change in 2007 by USDA-APHIS. At that time these rules and penalties will change in the A.G.M.A. Rule Book.

THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES ARE PRESCRIBED BY THE 2001-2003 OPERATING PLAN AS PUBLISHED BY USDA-APHIS.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth & Subsequent
Soring Violations				
Pressure Shoeing	12 months	2 years	5 years	Life
Bilateral Sore	8 months	2 years	5 years	Life
Unilateral Sore	2 weeks	2 months	1 year	2 years
Scar Rule	2 weeks	2 months	1 year	2 years
First year of Plan	DQ Class	2 weeks	2 months	1 year
Subsequent	2 weeks	2 months	1 year	2 years

SUSPENSION VIOLATIONS: six (6) months for each occurrence

OTHER HPA VIOLATIONS: Foreign Substance

Pre Show-DQ Class (Non-correctable) Post Show: two (2) weeks for each Equipment Violations

Pre Show-DQ Class (Non-correctable) Post Show: two (2) weeks for each occurrence

UNRULY/FRACTIOUS MULE: DQ Class (Non-correctable)

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During the first year of this Plan (2001 mule-show season), a first violation of the Scar Rule will require that the mule be disqualified from the class in which it was entered. The custodian will then be provided with educational material on the Scar Rule. Subsequent violations within the first year of the Plan shall require that the penalties be imposed in accordance with the above chart as listed in the category "First year of Plan." In all subsequent years and mule show seasons, penalties for Scar Rule violations shall be imposed in accordance with the above chart under the listing "Subsequent years." In all cases, when any violations identified after a mule has shown in its class (post show), the winnings shall be forfeited and the class shall be retied. H.I.O.s shall require that show management agree to enforce this stipulation when affiliating with an H.I.O. which is a signatory to this Plan. Penalties assessed during the term of this Plan shall not automatically become void upon the termination of this Plan.

Section VII. G Probation Period. This term means the period of time after a suspension is served in which a subsequent violation becomes cumulative according to the above table. Under this Operating Plan, H.I.O.s will allow violators a probationary period of at least one (1) year for all HPA violations as set forth in Section VII. G above. Such probationary period shall commence once a suspension has been fully served and any subsequent HPA offense received after the end of the probationary period shall be considered a first offense for the offender.