

PENALTIES and SUSPENSION

The A.G.M.A. shall have final jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to restrictions levied for any violations of the Rules, or any prejudicial act, and may order suspensions and penalties including, but not limited to the following:

General Guidelines for Penalties:

1. Any person found guilty of a violation of the A.G.M.A. Rules may be subject to suspension for any period from showing or having others show, exhibit or train for them. Suspension shall be assessed to the trainer, owner, and exhibitor.
2. A suspended person is forbidden for the time specified in the sentence to hold or exercise office in the A.G.M.A. or any Affiliated Show, and may be excluded from all show grounds during Affiliated Shows and from participating in any A.G.M.A. activity including voting and attending the annual meeting.
3. Any person suspended by the USDA is automatically suspended by the A.G.M.A. for the period of the USDA suspension. The A.G.M.A. may levy any other such penalty against the person as deemed appropriate.
4. Any volunteer or any employed person who assist, rides, exhibits, or grooms for the benefit, credit, reputation, or satisfaction of the person disciplined may be suspended for any period.
5. Any elected officer or Board of Director while serving a suspension issued by the A.G.M.A. is also suspended from his/her duties as an officer or director for the same period of time.
6. Any member who violates the above rules, shall be suspended for the remainder of that member's natural life from membership in A.G.M.A. and for a like period is prohibited from participating in any A.G.M.A. show, meeting, function, or any other activity.
7. Any non-member violating in this provision shall be prohibited for the remainder of their natural life from the membership in A.G.M.A. or participating in any show, meeting, function, or any other activity.

Penalties Resulting in Immediate Disqualifications and/or Return of Premiums Include, but Are Not Limited to:

1. Misrepresentations of a mule's identity, name, age, eligibility for the class, registered or recorded name, registration number, owner of record, and other information on any entry blank, or substitution in the show ring of an entry other than the one named for the class in question which shall result in the Exhibitor's forfeiture of any ribbon, trophy, cash prize and other award won by such misrepresented or substituted animal, and shall render the Exhibitor liable for further penalty.
2. Voluntarily removing a mule from the ring without the permission of a Judge.

The Exhibitor and all animals under his/her care and training may be disqualified from all future classes at that show by the Show Committee and caused to forfeit all prizes and entry fees for the entire show.