



# Alabama Open Horseman Association

## **STIMULANT, DEPRESSANT OR TRANQUILIZER TESTING NOTIFICATION AND CONSENT**

The A.O.H.A. reserves the right to conduct drug testing of horses exhibited in any and all classes in accordance with the guidelines established by the Governing Board of the A.O.H.A. Such testing is provided and intended to serve as a deterrent to the use of illegal and/or banned substances to affect the performance of exhibited horses. The purpose is to ensure a level platform whereby the horses and exhibitors are judged fairly and equitably against one another. The selection of a horse for testing DOES NOT imply suspicion or guilt and should not be perceived in such a manner.

### **DRUG TESTING SELECTION PROCEDURE**

1. The A.O.H.A. will conduct drug testing at its annual State Championship Show in Montgomery, Alabama.
2. The A.O.H.A. reserves the right to conduct drug testing randomly on any class on the State Show Program. Classes to be tested will be chosen at random by the Directors of the A.O.H.A.
  - *The A.O.H.A. reserves the right to perform drug testing on a basis of suspicion of drug use in any scheduled class.*
3. Horses to be tested for banned or prohibited substances will be selected at random from the class that has been chosen for random testing.
  - *Horses that have been randomly chosen for testing will be announced after the class has been completed and the Judges have announced the finish order.*
  - *Rule 441 (amended) of the A.Q.H.A. concerning use of therapeutic medication has been adopted by the A.O.H.A. and is incorporated into this policy of the A.O.H.A.*
4. All halter horses designated for drug testing must report at the end of the assigned class and within five minutes of leaving the show ring, unless arrangements are made with the AOHA Chairman or Vice-Chairman. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of awards, placing and points. Performance and timed event horses to be drug tested shall report within five minutes of notification and failure to do so will result in forfeiture of awards, placing and points.

### **DISCIPLINE POLICY FOR POSITIVE TEST RESULTS**

Any horse selectively tested for drug or substance violation and found to have tested positive, which would indicate

the use of banned or prohibited drugs or substances will be subject to the following disciplinary measures, and at the option of the Directors of the A.O.H.A. any or all of the following disciplinary measures may be imposed on horses that test positive for the use of drugs or banned substances.

1. All A.O.H.A. prizes, awards, or points will be forfeited and not allowed, in addition to the immediate return of any prizes or trophies that have been awarded to horse or exhibitor.
2. Horses which test positive may be prohibited from A.O.H.A. competition, along with the Owner, Exhibitor, and Trainer or any such horse for a period of one (1) year.
3. After any period of suspension has expired or been completed, the positive tested horse will be subject to mandatory testing the first year it is allowed to exhibit in A.O.H.A. competition.
4. A fine of up to \$500.00 may be imposed and assessed on the Owner of any positive tested horse.

I understand and agree that if any horse entered by me in the Alabama Open Horseman Association's State Championship Horse Show should test positive for any forbidden substance, such positive test shall result in the aforementioned action against the horse owner, exhibitor and/or trainer.

The refusal of any owner or exhibitor to allow collection of the specimen as requested by show management for determination of the presence of a foreign drug or substance shall constitute grounds for immediate disqualification of the horse from further participation at the Show, the suspension and prohibition from participation in AOHA events for the following season and reporting as provided in sections (1), (2), (3), and (4), above.

It is presumed that the owner, the party entering the horse in the competition and the exhibitor have knowledge of the administration of and/or use of any forbidden substance, depressant, tranquilizer and of any action, or substance administered internally or externally which may interfere with the testing procedure, or mask or screen the presence of such drug.

*FURTHERMORE, I understand under Alabama law an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to or death of participant in equine activities, pursuant to the equine activities' liability protection act and that the Alabama Open Horseman Association shall not be held responsible for accidents, injuries or losses that may occur to any person, animal, property or vehicle present at any time.*

*I, the undersigned, have read and understand the rules pertaining to the AOHA State Championship Horse Show as found in the directory and on the exhibitor information page do agree that my family, students, and I and all those for whom I am responsible agree to abide by said AOHA and Garrett Coliseum rules.*

*I further understand that violation of these rules could result in penalties ranging from disqualification, removal from show grounds, fines, probation, forfeiture of awards and points and any other such penalties imposed by the AOHA by its officers and directors.*

*I hereby release Alabama Open Horseman Association, herein known as AOHA, and Garrett Coliseum Redevelopment Association from any and all liability, claims and causes of action arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in any AOHA activities. I personally assume all risks in connection with these activities and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless AOHA, its officers or directors from all liability, claims, and causes of action which I may have arising from my participation.*

*This agreement will serve as a release and indemnity agreement for me, all members of my family, including any minors, and personal representative.*

*I have read and understand these terms are contractual and I have signed this document of my own free will. Parents or legal guardians must sign for persons who are minors.*

PRINT - HORSE NAME

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PRINT - EXHIBITOR

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OWNER SIGNATURE

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EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE

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SIGNATURE (OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR A MINOR)

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DATE

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