AQHA MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATION SYSTEM (MMVS)

1. The AQHA Multiple Medication Violations System (MMVS) sets forth penalties for trainers, owners and horses subject of positive drug tests, and, in particular, is designed to assess penalties against trainers, owners and horses subject of *multiple* positive drug tests. **This system is for AQHA's use only and is not intended to be a substitute for the current penalty system used by racing jurisdictions.**

2. For purposes of the MMVS, the term "Lab" shall mean as defined by the RCI in the Uniform Drug Testing Standards and a facility designated by a commission or jurisdiction for testing samples.

3. For purposes of the MMVS, all drug testing conducted by a Lab and officially reported by a racetrack or a racing jurisdiction and recognized by that racing jurisdiction shall be recognized ("Test").

4. The term "violation" under the MMVS shall mean a positive Test for:
   a. an overage for a controlled therapeutic medication as defined and listed by ARCI;
   b. a Class 1 or 2 substance as defined by ARCI that is not on the ARCI controlled therapeutic list; or
   c. a Class 3, 4 or 5 non-controlled substance as defined by ARCI that is not on the ARCI controlled therapeutic list

5. Points and penalties will be immediately assessed upon:
   a. the trainer's acceptance of the initial positive Test;
   b. passing of the deadline to request a split sample Test; or
   c. in the case of a split test, upon official report of a positive split Test.

6. Point values for positive Tests for medications/substances are set forth in **Table A**. See **Table F** for point values for Controlled Therapeutic Medications recognized by ARCI.

7. With respect to horses and trainers, the accumulation of points on a horse's and trainer's record shall result in the penalties set forth in **Table B**.

8. With respect to owners, the accumulation of the number of positive Tests on the owner's record shall result in the penalties set forth in **Table E**.

9. If a positive test involves a Class 1 or 2 substance, the recommended penalties in **Table C** shall be assessed.

10. If a positive test involves a Class 3, 4 or 5 non-controlled substance not on the ARCI controlled therapeutic list and has an "A" Penalty Classification as defined by ARCI, the recommended penalties in **Table C** shall be assessed.

11. For purposes of the MMVS only and upon written request petition to AQHA to expunge, points shall be expunged from horses' and trainers' records in accordance with **Table D**. For purposes of the MMVS only and upon written petition to AQHA to expunge, positive Tests shall be expunged from the owner's record 2 years from date of the positive test. Written petitions to expunge may be granted at AQHA's discretion but not before the specified penalty time has been served. Additionally, points and positive tests shall be expunged from a horse's, trainer's and owner's record should the trainer be found not guilty of the positive Test.

12. A database will be maintained on the AQHA Racing web site – aqharacing.com.

13. Sale companies will be encouraged to publish points in the catalog or past performance supplements for horses entered in the sale and in race training or of racing age.

14. The AQHA Executive Committee has the authority to increase penalties as it deems necessary for the safety and welfare of the horse and in the best interests of the industry.

TABLE A

*(6. Point values for positive Tests for medications/substances are set forth in **Table A**. See **Table F** for point values for Controlled Therapeutic Medications recognized by ARCI.)*

Class	**Points**
Class 1 or 2 not on the ARCI controlled therapeutic list	6
Class 3 Controlled Therapeutic	2
Class 4 or 5 Controlled Therapeutic	1
Class 3, 4 or 5 non-controlled Substance not on the ARCI controlled therapeutic list	6 if Penalty Class A*; 4 if Penalty Class B 2 if Penalty Class C; 1 if Penalty Class D

***** Penalty Classifications are determined by ARCI.

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TABLE B

*(7. With respect to horses and trainers, the accumulation of points on a horse's and trainer's record shall result in the penalties set forth in **Table B**.)*

Points	Suspension in Days*	
	For Horse (AQHA registration suspension)	**For Trainer (AQHA membership suspension)**
3-5.5**	30	30
6-8.5	60	60
9-10.5	180	180
11 or more	1 year	1 year

* Refer to **Table C** below if Violation involves a Class 1 or 2 Violation. If Violation involves Class 1 or 2, assess recommended suspension in **Table C**.

** If Violation involves a Class 3, 4 or 5 non-controlled Substance not on the ARCI controlled therapeutic list and has a "B" Penalty Classification as determined by ARCI (4 points) and is offender's first offense, 30 day suspension shall be waived for such first offense. Points, however, will be placed on record.

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TABLE C

*(9. If a positive test involves a Class 1 or 2, the recommended penalties in **Table C** shall be assessed.)*

Violation	Penalty	
	For Horse	**For Trainer**
One Class 1 or 2 or One Class 3, 4 or 5 non-controlled substance having an "A" Penalty Classification	Minimum 90 day suspension of registration + stack additional suspension days per Table B (consecutive not concurrent). In order to have a horse's registration papers reinstated: A clean drug test must be provided by racetrack or racing jurisdiction or the owner may provide a DNA verified clean test conducted by the Maddy Lab at UC Davis; and prior returning to racing must undergo aVet inspection conducted under supervision of racing jurisdiction. If race w/in 60 days after end of suspension, must be tested post race(s) under supervision of racing jurisdiction at owner's expense.	Minimum 5 year suspension
Two violations involving: Class 1 or 2 and/or Class 3, 4 or 5 non-controlled substance having an "A" Penalty Classification	3 year suspension of registration	Indefinite suspension
Three or more violations involving: Class 1 or 2 and/or Class 3, 4 or 5 non-controlled substance having an "A" Penalty Classification	Indefinite suspension of registration	N/A (already suspended indefinitely)

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TABLE D

*(10. For purposes of the MMVS only and upon written request petition to AQHA to expunge, points shall be expunged from horses' and trainers' records in accordance with **Table D**. For purposes of the MMVS only and upon written petition to AQHA to expunge, positive Tests shall be expunged from the owner's record 2 years from date of the positive test. Written petitions to expunge may be granted at AQHA's discretion but not before the specified penalty time has been served. Additionally, points and positive tests shall be expunged from a horse's, trainer's and owner's record should the trainer be found not guilty of the positive Test.*

Drug Classification	**Time from Positive Test until Points Expunged from Record**	
	For Horse	**For Trainer**
Class 1 or 2 not on the ARCI controlled therapeutic list	2 years	Permanent
Class 3 Controlled Therapeutic	1 year	3 years
Class 4 or 5 Controlled Therapeutic	1 year	2 Years
Class 3, 4 or 5 non-controlled Substance not on the ARCI controlled therapeutic list	2 years if Penalty Class A*; 1 year if Penalty Class B, C or D	Permanent if Penalty Class A; 2 years if Penalty Class B, C or D

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TABLE E (Owner Penalties)

*(8. With respect to owners, the accumulation of the number of positive Tests on the owner's record shall result in the penalties set forth in **Table E**.)*

Violation*	**Penalty**
One Class 1 or 2 not on the ARCI controlled therapeutic list or One Class 3, 4 or 5 non-controlled substance having an A Penalty Classification**	Horse suspended per **Table C**
Two violations involving: Class 1 or 2 not on the ARCI controlled therapeutic list and/or Class 3, 4 or 5 non-controlled substance having an A Penalty Classification	Horse suspended per **Table C**
Three violations involving: Class 1 or 2 not on the ARCI controlled therapeutic list and/or Three Class 3, 4 or 5 non-controlled substance having an A Penalty Classification	Owner suspended indefinitely
Three violations involving any Class	Owner suspended 60 days
Four violations involving any Class	Owner suspended 180 days
Five violations involving any Class	Owner suspended 1 year
Six + violations involving any Class	Owner suspended indefinitely

* Violations based on 2 year period. Violations are expunged from owner's record 2 years from date of positive test.

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TABLE F

*(6. Point values for positive Tests for medications/substances are set forth in **Table A**. See **Table F** for point values for Controlled Therapeutic Medications recognized by ARCI.)*

Controlled Therapeutic Adopted by ARCI	Point Value	Controlled Therapeutic Adopted by ARCI	Point Value
Acepromazine	2	Glycopyrrolate	2
Betamethasone	1	Ketoprofen	1
Butorphanol	2	Lidocaine	2
Clenbuterol	2	Mepivacaine	2
Dantrolene	1	Methocarbamol	1
Detomidine	2	Methylprednisolone	1
Dexamethasone	1	Omeprazole	½
Diclofenac	1	Phenylbutazone	1
DMSO	1	Prednisolone	1
Firocoxib	1	Procaine penicillin	2
Flunixin	1	Triamcinolone acetonide	1
Furosemide	1	Xylazine	2

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