



Dear ERCHA member,

This e-mail is to inform you that starting from **Snafflebit Futurity and Autumn Show 2023 and in the future in all the ERCHA/NRCHA events** the anti-doping policy will be done following NRCHA rules.

Some exhibitor's horses in this competition will have a blood sample drawn, and urine when possible, by a licensed veterinarian for testing for illegal substances, or legal substances outside approved limited as definite in the rules of the National Reined Cow Horse Association. The result of the draw for the anti-doping will be placed in a closed envelope and given to the veterinarian.

SANCTIONS for legal substances outside the approved limits are following NRCHA RULES 14.2.4 (1A-1-2-3).

EXCEPT

ERCHA MEDICATION POLICY ADDITION: All forms of tranquillising agents and psychotropic drugs including Romifidine, or any generic/compounded version thereof, are considered illegal substances (0% TOLERANCE). Any horse, found with illegal substances or legal medication outside the definite limits, will be disqualified.

SANCTIONS for illegal substances are determinate by ERCHA:

1. In a first offence, the rider and the horse will be fined with 6 months suspension period, where both the individual and the horse will not able to show.
2. For the second offence, the rider and the horse will be fined with 12 months suspension period, where both the individual and the horse will not able to show.
3. For the third offence, the ERCHA BOARD will determine the length of suspension for the rider and the horse.

Tests will be submitted by a licensed veterinary to the ERCHA designated independent lab testing facility. Horses who tested positive for illegal substances or legal substances outside the approved limits will be disqualified from the competition, resulting in forfeiture of all cash and prize winnings. Disqualified horses/exhibitors will not receive any reimbursements for competition expenses including but not limited to entries, stalls, feed, bedding, hotels and transportation.

Prize money and awards for horses drawn for anti-doping will be payed after results are received.

Best regards

ERCHA Board