

IBHA Abuse & Drug Policy

The presence of a prohibited drug, medication, or abuse as defined in Rule SR-13 of the International Buckskin Horse Association (IBHA) Official Handbook in a horse participating in IBHA World Show and/or IBHA sanctioned events shall be grounds for IBHA to take the following action:

1. The exhibitor, owner, and/or absolute responsible person, as defined by IBHA rules, responsible for a horse's condition shall forfeit any and all awards, prizes and/or earnings earned at that show;
2. The exhibitor, owner and/or absolute responsible person as well as the horse will be prohibited from showing in futurity or stakes classes at the World Show following the next calendar year;
3. In addition, the exhibitor, owner and/or absolute responsible party in violation of these rules, at the discretion of IBHA will be subject to the following fines and sanctions:

Offense	Penalty	Fine
1 st	Suspension from IBHA approved events for 6 months and the next World Show	Up to \$3000
2 nd	Suspension from IBHA approved events for 1 year and the next World show	Up to \$3000
3 rd	Expulsion from IBHA approved events.	Up to \$3000

Reciprocity will be in effect as per the Associations as defined per IBHA Rule GR 10 Section B. Upon the finding of a violation of IBHA Rule SR13 the exhibitor, owner and/or absolute responsible [arty will be notified by IBHA of the findings. IBHA may offer a proposed settlement to the exhibitor, owner and/or absolute responsible party that if acceptable to these entities could be implemented and would preclude the need for a hearing or any further action.

If the exhibitor, owner and/or absolute responsible party does not agree with the finding of a violation of IBHA Rule SR13, they can request a hearing which will be held before the appropriate panel of IBHA. To implement the hearing process, the party or parties will need to complete a hearing request form available from IBHA, accompanied by a non refundable fee of \$750, it as a result of the hearing, the exhibitor, owner and/or responsible party is found guilty of the alleged violation, the responsible individual(s) will be jointly and severally liable for all expenses relative to convey the hearing which may include but not limited to attorney fees, court reporter costs, witness expense and hearing committee expenses.

If the exhibitor, owner, and/or absolute responsible party wish to appeal the decision of the hearing panel of IBHA, said party can request a hearing which will be held before the IBHA Executive Committee. To initiate a second hearing, the party or parties will need to complete a hearing request form available from IBHA accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$1500, if at the second hearing, the exhibitor, owner, and/or absolute responsible party is found guilty of alleged violation, the responsible individual(d) will be jointly and severally liable for all expenses relative to convey the hearing which may include but not be limited to attorney fees, court reporter costs, witness expenses and hearing committee expenses.