

# TWHBEA

## PENALTIES FOR BLOOD TEST VIOLATIONS

The Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration adopted the Veterinary Advisory Council's New Medication & Drug policy for all Celebration events in 2015 to protect and prolong the welfare and competitiveness of the great horses of the Tennessee Walking Horse breed. TWHBEA supports these inspection protocols and has enlisted their use for its National Futurity Show. These protocols were not new for 2016; all exhibitors were made well aware of said rules and requirements at the inception of the policy in 2015. TWHBEA has established the following penalty structure for those who have violated the protocols:

- First Offense: \$250 fine, forfeiture of any prize money earned, return trophies or ribbons awarded
- Second Offense: \$500 fine, plus 1<sup>st</sup> offense penalty, forfeiture of any and all prize money earned, return trophies or ribbons awarded
- Third Offense: \$1,000 fine, plus 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> offense penalties, forfeiture of any and all prize money earned, return trophies or ribbons awarded
- Fourth Offense: \$1,000 fine, plus 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> offense penalties – totaling \$2,750, forfeiture of all prize money earned, return of all trophies and ribbons and a full one-year membership suspension from the association. Suspension remains in effect for one calendar year or until payment of fines is completed, whichever is longer.

Those failing to pass the protocols have 30 days from the date of notification to request a retest of the blood sample for rebuttal. This full cost of a retest is borne by the party rebutting the original results alleging the violation. The rebutting party may choose a lab from an approved list that meets the VAC specific criteria.

Each offense places the member "not in good standing" with the Association and suspends their member privileges until the fines are paid and ribbons and trophies are returned. A member "not in good standing" is relegated to paying the full non-member price of each transaction for which there is an associated payment required to TWHBEA.

Approved Labs List – provided to violator with notification letter.

Ref: 2015 VAC Medication Drug Rules and Guidelines