

April 2018 Meeting

Mozaun and Sarah McKibben

The AQHA Executive Committee took disciplinary action against Mozaun and Sarah McKibben as a result of four horses testing positive for guanabenz at the 2017 Lucas Oil AQHA World Championship Show. Guanabenz is a depressant of the cardiovascular system and is a forbidden drug per AQHA Rule VIO401.2. At AQHA world shows, each world champion is drug tested and additional horses are tested based on random drawings that are selected months before each event.

The samples in question were taken from the following horses immediately after the referenced classes:

- HIS ROYAL CAT #5504725, Jr. Ranch Riding L3 Preliminaries, November 4, 2017;
- WIMPY TEJANO #5585331, Jr. Ranch Riding L3 Preliminaries, November 4, 2017;
- WIMPYS SHINING JAC #5287292, Sr. Ranch Riding L3 Finals, November 6, 2017; and
- CHEX ARE CASHIN #4964885, Amateur Ranch Riding L3 Finals, November 7, 2017;

Per AQHA rules, Mozaun McKibben was a responsible party at the time in question for HIS ROYAL CAT (as trainer and exhibitor), WIMPY TEJANO (as owner, trainer and exhibitor), WIMPYS SHINING JAC (as trainer and exhibitor) and CHEX ARE CASHIN (as trainer). Sarah McKibben was a responsible party at the time in question for HIS ROYAL CAT (as owner), WIMPYS SHINING JAC (as owner) and CHEX ARE CASHIN (as owner and exhibitor).

As a result of the positive drug tests, the following disciplinary action was taken:

As to Mozaun McKibben:

1. \$10,000 fine;
2. AQHA membership privileges are suspended for 18 months beginning April 3, 2018, and ending October 2, 2019;
3. probation for five (5) years following the end of the 18 month suspension;
4. revocation of status as an AQHA Professional Horseman

As to Sarah McKibben:

1. \$3,000 fine;
2. suspension of AQHA membership privileges for 12 months beginning April 3, 2018, and ending April 2, 2019;
3. probation for five (5) years following the end of the 12 month suspension

As to the horses:

1. HIS ROYAL CAT was disqualified from the November 4, 2017, Jr. Ranch Riding L3 Preliminaries; as result of being disqualified from the Preliminaries, HIS ROYAL CAT was disqualified from the November 5, 2017, Jr. Ranch Riding L3 Finals;

2. WIMPY TEJANO was disqualified from the November 4, 2017, Jr. Ranch Riding L3 Preliminaries;
3. WIMPYS SHINING JAC was disqualified from the November 7, 2017, Sr. Ranch Riding L3 Finals; and
4. CHEX ARE CASHIN was disqualified from the November 7, 2017, Amateur Ranch Riding L3 Finals.

AQHA has adjusted its records to reflect the above disqualifications and is notifying those exhibitors whose horses moved up in the placings as a result of such disqualifications. Notification to associations who afford reciprocity to AQHA medication disciplinary actions has been taken.

Marshall Shearer

The AQHA Executive Committee took disciplinary action against Marshall Shearer as a result of his failure to properly care for horses in his care, custody and control at an AQHA show in Beverly, West Virginia, in violation of AQHA Rule VIO201.

As a result of such violation, the following disciplinary actions were taken:

1. \$500 fine.
2. AQHA membership privileges are suspended for 12 months, beginning April 5, 2018, and ending April 5, 2019.
3. Denied access or presence on show grounds of any AQHA-approved show during the period of his suspension.
4. Probation for three (3) years following the end of the 12-month suspension; should, during the period of probation, Mr. Shearer violate AQHA rules regarding (a) inhumane treatment, (b) unsportsmanlike conduct, or (c) prohibited surgical procedure or injection or administration of foreign substances or drugs, which could affect a horse's performance or alter its natural conformation or appearance, he may be immediately suspended for a period of time determined by the Executive Committee.

Matteo Sala

The AQHA Executive Committee took disciplinary action against Matteo Sala for riding a horse in a manner to cause undue discomfort or distress, a violation of AQHA Rule VIO204.4, and excessive jerking of reins, a violation of VIO204.8 at the DQHA Championship Quarter Horse Show in Aachen, Germany.

As a result of such violation, the following disciplinary actions were taken:

1. \$2,500 fine.
2. Probation for one year; should, during the period of probation, Mr. Sala violate AQHA rules regarding (a) inhumane treatment, (b) unsportsmanlike conduct, or (c) prohibited surgical procedure or injection or administration of foreign substances or drugs which could affect a horse's performance or alter its natural conformation or appearance, he may be immediately suspended for a period of time determined by the Executive Committee.
3. Removal from the list of AQHA-approved judges.

Suzanne Pickard

The AQHA Executive Committee took disciplinary action against Suzanne Pickard for exhibiting a horse with an open and raw mark on the horse's side, a violation of AQHA Rule VIO204.17 at the Area 1 Sensational Summer Circuit Quarter Horse Show in Ilderton, Ontario.

As a result of such violation, the following disciplinary actions were taken:

1. \$500 fine.
2. Probation for six (6) months; should, during the period of probation, Ms. Pickard violate AQHA rules regarding (a) inhumane treatment, (b) unsportsmanlike conduct, or (c) prohibited surgical procedure or injection or administration of foreign substances or drugs which could affect a horse's performance or alter its natural conformation or appearance, she may be immediately suspended for a period of time determined by the Executive Committee.