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AQHA Drug Testing Guidelines

1. Be certain to test classes approved by AQHA. Many shows will hold some classes that are not AQHA approved. If there is any question as to whether or not the class is approved or non-approved, please check with show management.
2. FUTURITY, WALK-TROT, LEADLINE OR SMALL FRY classes are NOT AQHA approved and should not be tested.
3. When selecting classes to be tested, download a show bill prior to attending the show and predetermine the classes and placings you plan to test prior to arriving at the show. (Should we make this a requirement?) AQHA may request that you test certain classes at a particular time of day.
4. **Do not test** Walk-Trot, Rookie or Level 1 in Amateur and Youth classes. **Do not test** scratched horses or classes for Equestrians with Disabilities. (Open Level 1–(Green) CAN be tested).
5. It is important that you test ONLY on the day(s) requested by AQHA.
6. Always designate halter class samples to be tested for anabolic steroids by marking the appropriate box on the sample tag.
7. Attempt to test **six horses per day**, collecting blood and urine from each for a total of **12** samples. Please make a reasonable effort to get a urine sample from each horse. In cases where this is not possible, more blood samples should be collected in an effort to have **12** samples, **and only 12 samples per day**, unless a urine sample is the 12th sample of the day and blood has not been collected from that horse, please complete the blood collection and submit 13 samples.
8. Complete an AQHA Acknowledgement form on each horse, being certain to get the appropriate signatures. If the owner is present, his or her decision as to who should complete the form shall be final. **Please provide the yellow copy to the owner/trainer or agent who signs the form.**
9. While it is very rare, you could occasionally encounter an owner/trainer who refuses to cooperate with your request. Do not cause undue attention by being confrontational, intimidating, or threatening. Quietly explain the rule VIO253.3 and VIO253.4 which is flagged and can be found in the AQHA Official Handbook (provided in the show packet). If they still refuse to be tested, document the incident and include such documentation with your submission of forms, etc., to this office. Please include the class and placing as well as the horse's name, trainer and/or owner's name, a complete account of the incident and ask any

others, especially show officials who are aware of the situation for a similar report. Be certain to make show management aware of the situation.

10. Some exhibitors will insist they are competing in multiple classes and cannot go to the testing stall when their horse is chosen to be tested. Advise the exhibitor that you understand and that you will wait with them until they have a break from competition to test the horse. A reasonable break would be three consecutive classes where the exhibitor is not competing. It is best to obtain a class list from the show office to help determine when a horse can be submitted for testing.
11. Please refrain from fraternizing with competitors at any shows you are testing before, during or after show hours.
12. Please refer to page 16, section H 3 of USEF: Testing Guidelines and remember it is important not to interrupt competition, nor should you interrupt award presentations.
13. If show management refused to provide stalls to you for testing purposes, please contact AQHA immediately. For questions or emergencies during office hours, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm CST, Monday – Friday call (806) 376 4888 and ask for the show department. After hours, weekends and holidays, call (806) 371-6334.