



GOULBURN VALLEY REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION INC.

DRUG PROCEDURE

In accordance with National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) rulings to provide a safe and fair environment to benefit the welfare of show horses.

Event : *name and date of show*

Events tested : *classes to be decided by GVRHA Management Committee*

Subjects tested

- First place
- 1 random (selected as described below)
- In the event of concurrent then both first place tested and 1 random (ie 3 tests) the number of concurrent classes is to be decided by GVRHA Management Committee
- Co-champions – it will be the vet's discretion as to which champion to test
- If the random and the winner is the same horse then only 1 test required

Random test subject description:

- Random draw numbers are selected by the onsite Qualified Veterinarian approved by GVRHA, who after being told the total number of entries in the class, will write down on a notepad discretely the **random** entry number they wish to test.
- This entry number will be kept on the vet's person at all times and not disclosed
- Once the subject entry has finished their run, bit checked and all cleared from all judges, the vet will **disclose to the competitor** the number in their pocket.
- The competitor must follow the vet and all instructions the vet requires of the competitor
- Random horse – this is the horse that physically enters the arena to show in that class, regardless if late entries or scratchings. Entry number is determined by the run sheet the Gate Marshall has and updates as each horse enters the arena, example if the number 12 is chosen, the 12th horse in the pen to show will be sampled. Random champions are also selected for testing. Again the determination of what champions will be tested is made before the draw is posted
- Only the GVRHA Testing Veterinarian are aware of what draw numbers or champions were selected for testing

Official handler:

The 2014-15 Medications Task Force recommended, and the NRHA Board of Directors then approved, that the rider should be the person responsible for any violations. Notices of a positive test are also sent to the owner. In the case of a Rider having multiple entries in a class, the Owner will accompany the horse for testing. If the Owner is not present the Rider may appoint a designated handler.

Officials on Site:

- To accompany vet and rider, one of the following persons must be present – the Show Manager or GVRHA President.
- If none are available a member of the Management Committee can stand in

- The Officials capacity is for witness purposes only. They are not to handle the horse or samples in any way
- In the case of a Youth Competitor, a Parent or Guardian will be required to accompany the horse and rider during testing procedure.

First place winners:

- Winners will be escorted by the vet and 1 official per horse and the rider combination.

NRHA Futurity Show conditions explain the testing procedure clearly and easily.

If your horse was selected for testing, you will be met by testing officials when you exit the show pen (if random draw) or immediately after the awards ceremony (if champion is selected). You have the option of going back to your stalling area to untack your horse and put a halter on your horse before you proceed for testing. If you go back to your stalling area, the horse cannot be put back into its stall. The Testing Officials will accompany you to your stalling area and then to the testing area. The horse will be placed in a stall and given 30 minutes to urinate.

After the horse urinates or 30 minutes have passed, a blood sample will be taken from the horse's jugular vein. The Testing Official will walk you through the official paperwork for the test and show the sample after it has been sealed. You will then be allowed to leave the testing area. Sample results can take several weeks to be sent back to GVRHA.

Please refer to NRHA website for Welfare policies <https://nrha.com/welfare>

GVRHA will observe discretion in relation to the first test.

If the second test is returned positive the results will be confirmed with NRHA Oceania Council Disciplinary Committee in relation to fines / suspensions.

GVRHA will provide official NRHA Medication Report Forms for the rider to disclose any current medications administered to horses by a veterinarian. The disclosure statement may not cover horses that are above accepted levels in their systems.

It is the rider's obligation to check requirements.

It is also the rider's obligations to ensure the wellbeing of the horse.