



NRHA Medications FAQ

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If my horse needs medication, what should I do?

- Tell your **veterinarian** you show in **NRHA-approved events**.
- Share the [NRHA Handbook](#) and [Animal Welfare & Medications Policy](#) with your veterinarian.
- Review the [NRHA Medications Database](#) and search for the medication you need to administer.
- Follow the rules and policy for compliance.
- Submit a completed and timely [medications report form](#) (if required).

When do I file a [Medications Report Form](#)?

- If your horse is administered a **conditionally permitted medication**.
- Must be turned in **before entering the show pen**.
- The form must be **filled out completely**, including all signatures.

If a medication is “allowed,” may I use any amount at any time?

No. Some medications have **limits, withdrawal times, or special conditions**.

- Always check the [NRHA Medications Database](#) and [policy](#) to ensure compliance.

Can I use more than one NSAID?

- No — only **one NSAID** is allowed.
 - *Exception: **Diclofenac (Surpass)** may be used with another NSAID if all conditions for administration are met.*
- Two or more = **“stacking” → violation**.



How do I check if a drug is allowed?

Look it up in the [NRHA Medications Database](#) or the [policy](#).

Does filing a Medications Report Form keep me in compliance with NRHA rules?

- **Not necessarily.**
 - If you don't file when required, or fill out the form correctly, you'll get a penalty even if use was allowed.
 - Many medications have special conditions, withdrawal times, and thresholds that also must be met.
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Who is responsible for violations?

- The **rider (exhibitor)** is always responsible.
 - You must know what your horse has received by any means of transmission.
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How does testing work?

- **Blood** (plasma) **only** is tested.
 - Process is **quick**, only lasting a few minutes.
 - There will be a designated testing area which a member of the testing team will escort you to.
 - You will have to answer basic questions and sign some paperwork.
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How are horses selected for testing?

- Horses are chosen **randomly** using a computer-generated number selection based on total entries. The number generator never knows rider identities.



- The process is witnessed and recorded to ensure the integrity of the process.
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🚫 What if I refuse testing?

- It counts as **unsportsmanlike conduct** and the horse and rider will be prohibited from competing for the duration of the event without refund of any fees related to competition.
 - The rider will be subject to disciplinary action.
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📧 What if my horse tests positive?

- You (and the owner) get a letter by **email** notifying you of the laboratory results and your options on how to address the violation.
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👂 What can I do if I get a violation?

You can:

1. Accept the penalties.
2. Test Sample B (at your cost).
3. Request a hearing before the NRHA Hearing Body.

💰 How much does it cost to test the Sample B?

- On average, the total costs around \$800.
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📢 Will my name be published?

- Only if it is a part of the applicable penalty.
 - No youth names are ever published.
 - Posted in the **ReinerSuite Library** for designated amount of time.
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What if I get another violation?

- If you're on **probation** and get another violation → penalties increase per the policy.

Remember:

- Always file a completed [Medications Report Form](#) when required and submit it before the horse competes.
- Double-check substances in the **NRHA database** and review the Policy.
- The **rider is responsible** for everything the horse receives.



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