



## 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 them.
  - Check out 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).
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### 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.
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### If a medication is “allowed,” can I still get a penalty?

Yes. Some medications have **limits, withdrawal times, or special conditions**.

- Always check the [NRHA Medications Database](#) and [Policy](#) to ensure compliance.
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### Can I use more than one NSAID?

- No — only **one NSAID** is allowed.
    - *Exception: **Diclofenac (Surpass)** or **Salicylic Acid** may be used with another NSAID if all conditions for administration are met.*
  - Two or more = **“stacking” → violation**.
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## How do I check if a drug is allowed?

- Look it up in the [NRHA Medications Database](#)
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## Does filing a [Medications Report Form](#) protect me from penalties?

- **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 have to 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.

## How are horses selected for testing?

- Horses are chosen **randomly** using a computer-generated number selection based on total entries.
- No identifiable information such as names or draw is used.
- 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 length.

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### ⌚ What if I get another violation?



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