

SHOW OPTS OUT OF OPERATING PLAN AND INSTITUTES NEW PENALTY STRUCTURE

Dr. Doyle Meadows, CEO of SHOW, has announced that SHOW has opted out of the 2007-2009 Operating Plan. “After weeks of meetings, discussions and input from outside groups, SHOW has made the decision to opt out of the Operating Plan and institute a new penalty structure,” said Meadows.

“We are very serious about the enforcement of the Horse Protection Act and ensuring only compliant horses enter the show ring,” said Charles McDonald, Chairman of the Board for SHOW. The decision to opt out of the Operating Plan allows SHOW the opportunity to implement a new penalty structure.

“We are confident that the new penalty structure is more stringent than the current one afforded by the Operating Plan and will better enforce the Horse Protection Act. Many of the penalties go above and beyond what is required under the Operating Plan,” continued Meadows.

The new penalty structure also eliminates the “ticket takers” that have previously been allowed to accept penalties under the Operating Plan. Under the SHOW penalty structure, only trainers that have showed in at least five classes during a calendar year or have been recognized and approved by SHOW HIO officials as a qualified trainer are allowed to enter horses. The five classes must be at horse shows affiliated with the SHOW HIO.

The new penalty structure has been adopted and added as an addendum to the current SHOW rule book in lieu of the penalties previously enforced under the Operating Plan.

PENALTY STRUCTURE FOR HPA SORING VIOLATIONS FOR SHOW				
	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense	Fourth & Subsequent Offense
Pressure Shoeing	\$1000 Fine and Lifetime Suspension			
Bilateral Sore	\$500 Fine and One (1) Year Suspension			
Unilateral Sore	No Show and \$50 Fine	No Show and \$50 Fine	No Show and \$50 Fine	Two (2) week Suspension and \$50 Fine
Scar Rule – Pre Show	No Show and \$50 Fine	No Show and \$50 Fine	No Show and \$50 Fine	Two(2) week Suspension and \$50 Fine
Scar Rule – Post Show	Disqualification from Class and \$50 Fine, Class Retied			
Swapping Horses between Inspection and Showing	\$1000 Fine and One (1) Year Suspension			

Bad Image Horse Pre-Show	\$100 Fine and Two (2) Week Suspension	\$100 Fine and Two (2) Month Suspension	\$100 Fine and Six (6) Month Suspension	
Illegal Shoeing	No Show and \$100 Fine			
SUSPENSION VIOLATIONS				
Six (6) Months for each occurrence				
Other HPA Violations				
Foreign Substance – Pre-Show	No Show and \$50 Fine or Corrected and Re-inspected			
Foreign Substance – Post Show	Two(2) week Suspension for Each Occurrence			
Equipment Violations – Pre-Show	Correctable (Horse can show if it can be corrected to satisfactory conditions under supervision in inspection area.)			
Equipment Violations – Post Show	Two(2) week Suspension for Each Occurrence			
Unruly/Fracious Horse				
No Show – Back to Barn				