

## 11.2 Prohibitions concerning exhibitors.

(a) General prohibitions. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section, no device, method, practice, or substance shall be used with respect to any horse at any horse show, exhibition, sale, or auction if such use causes or can reasonably be expected to cause such horse to be sore.

(b) Specific prohibitions for all horses. The use of the following devices, equipment, or practices on any horse at any horse show, exhibition, sale, or auction is prohibited:

(1) More than one action device on any one limb of a horse.

(2)(i) Boots, collars, or any other devices, with protrusions or swellings, or rigid, rough, or sharp edges, seams or any other abrasive or abusive surface that may contact a horse's leg; and  
(ii) Boots, collars, or any other devices that weigh more than 6 ounces, except for soft rubber or soft leather bell boots and quarter boots that are used as protective devices.

(3) Pads or other devices on horses up to 2 years old that elevate or change the angle of such horses' hooves in excess of 1 inch at the heel.

(4) Any weight on horses up to 2 years old, except a keg or similar conventional horseshoe, and any horseshoe on horses up to 2 years old that weighs more than 16 ounces.

(5) Artificial extension of the toe length, whether accomplished with pads, acrylics or any other material or combinations thereof, that exceeds 50 percent of the natural hoof length, as measured from the coronet band, at the center of the front pastern along the front of the hoof wall, to the distal portion of the hoof wall at the tip of the toe. The artificial extension shall be measured from the distal portion of the hoof wall at the tip of the toe at a 90 degree angle to the proximal (foot/hoof) surface of the shoe.

(6) Toe length that does not exceed the height of the heel by 1 inch or more. The length of the toe shall be measured from the coronet band, at the center of the front pastern along the front of the hoof wall to the ground. The heel shall be measured from the coronet band, at the most lateral portion of the rear pastern, at a 90 degree

angle to the ground, not including normal caulks at the rear of a horseshoe that do not exceed  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in length. That portion of caulk at the rear of a horseshoe in excess of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch shall be added to the height of the heel in determining the heel/toe ratio.

(7) Pads that are not made of leather, plastic, or a similar pliant material.

(8) Any object or material inserted between the pad and the hoof other than acceptable hoof packing, which includes pine tar, oakum, live rubber, sponge rubber, silicone, commercial hoof packing or other substances used to maintain adequate frog pressure or sole consistency. Acrylic and other hardening substances are prohibited as hoof packing.

(9) Single or double rocker-bars on the bottom surface of horseshoes which extend more than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches back from the point of the toe, or which would cause, or could reasonably be expected to cause, an unsteadiness of stance in the horse with muscle and tendon strain due to the horse's weight and balance being focused upon a resulting in muscle and tendon strain due to the horse's weight and balance being focused upon a small fulcrum point.<sup>1</sup>

(10) Metal hoof bands, such as used to anchor or strengthen pads and shoes, placed less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch below the coronet band.

(11) Metal hoof bands that can be easily and quickly loosened or tightened by hand, by means such as, but not limited to, a wing-nut or similar fastener.

(12) Any action device or any other device that strikes the coronet band of the foot of a horse except for soft rubber or soft leather bell boots that are used as protective devices.

(13) Shoeing a horse, trimming a horse's hoof, or paring the frog or sole in a manner that will cause such horse to suffer, or can reasonably be expected to cause such horse to suffer pain

<sup>1</sup> This prohibition is not intended to disallow corrective devices, such as Memphis bars which consist of a metal bar(s) crossing from the ground surface of one side of the horseshoe to the ground

surface of the other side of the horseshoe, and the purpose of which is to correct a lameness or pathological condition of the foot: Provided, That such metal bar(s) do not act as a single fulcrum point so as to affect the balance of the horse.

or distress, inflammation, or lameness when walking, trotting, or otherwise moving. Bruising of the hoof or any other method of pressuring shoeing is also prohibited.

(14) Lead or other weights attached to the outside of the hoof wall, the outside surface of the horseshoe, or any portion of the pad except the bottom surface within the horseshoe. Pads may not be hollowed out for the purpose of inserting or affixing weights, and weights may not extend below the bearing surface of the shoe. Hollow shoes or artificial extensions filled with mercury or similar substances are prohibited.

(c) Specific prohibitions for horses other than Tennessee Walking Horses and racking horses. The use of any of the following devices, equipment, or practices on any horse, other than Tennessee Walking Horses or racking horses, at any horse show, exhibition, sale, or auction, is prohibited:

(1) All beads, bangles, rollers, and similar devices, with the exception of rollers made of lignum vitae (hardwood), aluminum, or stainless steel, with individual rollers of uniform size, weight and configuration, provided each such device may not weigh more than 6 ounces, including the weight of the fastener.

(2) Chains weighing more than 6 ounces each, including the weight of the fastener.

(3) Chains with links that are not of uniform size, weight and configuration; and, chains that have twisted links or double links.

(4) Chains that have drop links on any horse that is being ridden, worked on a lead, or otherwise worked out or moved about.

(5) Chains or lignum vitae, stainless steel, or aluminum rollers which are not smooth and free of protrusions, projections, rust, corrosion, or rough or sharp edges.

(d) Specific prohibitions for Tennessee Walking Horses and racking horses. (1) All action devices, except for boots that meet

the requirements in paragraph (b) of this section, are prohibited on any Tennessee Walking Horse or racking horse at any horse show, exhibition, sale, or auction.

(2) All pads and wedges on Tennessee Walking Horses or racking horses at any horse show, exhibition, sale, or auction before January 1, 2018, are prohibited unless they meet the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section. All pads and wedges are prohibited on any Tennessee Walking Horse or racking horse at any horse show, exhibition, sale, or auction on or after January 1, 2018, unless such horse has been prescribed and is receiving therapeutic, veterinary treatment using pads or wedges. The use of any such pads or wedges on a horse receiving therapeutic treatment must be prescribed by and/or under the supervision of a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine, and must:

(i) Be necessary for the treatment of a specific disease or injury that has not responded to other appropriate treatments in accordance with established veterinary medical practice and procedures,

(ii) Be specifically designed and prescribed (for example, as to the height, weight, and material of a therapeutic pad) for the treatment of the horse's disease or injury, and

(iii) Be discontinued at the conclusion of the treatment period ordered by the prescribing or supervising veterinarian.

(3) All substances are prohibited on the extremities above the hoof of any Tennessee Walking Horse or racking horse while being shown, exhibited, or offered for sale, or otherwise present on the grounds at any horse show, exhibition, sale, or auction.

(e) Competition restrictions—2 Year-Old Horses. Horse show or horse exhibition workouts or performances of 2-year-old Tennessee Walking Horses and racking horses and working exhibitions of 2-year-old Tennessee Walking Horses and racking horses (horses eligible to be shown or exhibited in 2-year-old classes) at horse sales or horse auctions that exceed a total of 10 minutes continuous workout or performance without a minimum 5-minute rest period between the first such 10-minute period and the

second such 10-minute period, and, more than two such 10-minute periods per performance, class, or workout are prohibited.

(f) Information requirements—horse related. Failing to provide information or providing any false or misleading information required by the Act or regulations or requested by Department representatives, by any person that enters, owns, trains, shows, exhibits, or sells or has custody of, or direction or control over any horse shown, exhibited, sold, or auctioned or entered for the purpose of being shown, exhibited, sold, or auctioned at any horse show, exhibition, sale, or auction is prohibited. Such information shall include, but is not limited to: Information concerning the name, any applicable registration name and number, markings, sex, age, and legal ownership of the horse; the name and address of the horse's training and/or stabling facilities; the name and address of the owner, trainer, rider, any other exhibitor, or other legal entity bearing responsibility for the horse; the class in which the horse is entered or shown; the exhibitor identification number; and, any other information reasonably related to the identification, ownership, control, direction, or supervision of any such horse.