

To: US National Exhibitors and all National Show Exhibitors

It has become an increasing problem at National Horse Shows that individuals are conducting retail type sales activities and various Equine therapy services without having the proper authorization from Show management.

In an effort of fairness to AHA's National Show Commercial Vendors, Veterinarians and Farriers it will be necessary to better define, clarify and expand the policies regarding retail sales and professional services offered on the show grounds of National Shows in future years. It likewise will be necessary from a liability standpoint that proper documentation takes place to release the Arabian Horse Association from any liability that might exist from these endeavors.

For this year's US Nationals, the advertising and sales of retail products on any AHA National Show Facebook Forum without being a confirmed commercial vendor is not permitted. Violation of this policy will result in the post being removed. Additionally, the use of stabling areas as retail sales locations will not be allowed. Used tack, used show clothing, and sales horses will be permitted.

As a reminder to exhibitors and Equine Providers, the following General Rules (in red text) have been and are currently in place:

GR 22 FARRIER PERMIT & REGISTRATION

An official Show Farrier will be available on the grounds. No other farrier will be permitted to work on the grounds without registering with the Show Office. Exhibitors wishing to use their private farrier must have the farrier apply at the Show Office and pay a registration fee before they can work on the show grounds (Refer to Fee Chart in the Omnibus).

GR 42 SOLICITATION/SHOPPING EXPO/COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

All flyers, signs, posters, commercial notices, etc., may be posted in designated areas only. All others will be removed immediately. Check with the show office or the commercial exhibit office for designated locations. Solicitations will not be allowed on the grounds unless a commercial exhibit booth/space is purchased. No company or business will be permitted to exhibit or hold any sponsored activities without the express written permission of AHA. Solicitation of funds for any political, educational, charitable or other corporation, association, group, individual or cause of any kind is strictly prohibited, without prior written consent from AHA. Exhibitors must have prior written consent from AHA and the proper state authority to conduct a raffle or drawing of any kind. Commercial Exhibit space must be purchased using the "Application for Exhibit Space", which may be obtained from AHA. All Food Concessionaires are contracted by the individual facilities, and Commercial Exhibitors are not allowed to sell food or drinks.

GR 48 VETERINARIAN PERMIT & REGISTRATION

The official veterinarian shall be an AAEP member. He/ she shall not rule on soundness in classes he/she or a family member may have a horse or pony entered or measure any horses or ponies where a conflict of interest may arise due to personal or family interest in the equine. The official veterinarian may be a competitor and will cover the requirements of USEF. No other veterinarian will be permitted to work on the grounds without registering with the Show Office. Exhibitors wishing to use their private veterinarians must have the veterinarian apply at the Show Office and pay a registration fee before they can work on the grounds. Private Veterinarian applications will be available at the Show Office and must be completed and submitted to the Show Office for written approval. Private veterinarians must be members, in good standing, of the AAEP, licensed in the State or province in which the show is held (proof of license to be submitted with application) and will be required to follow and abide by the AHA, USEF, Equestrian Canada, and AAEP rules and practices.

For 2023 and forward, something along the lines of the following is being considered in addition to the above General Rules already in place for all National Horse Shows:

The advertising and sales of retail products and or equine services without a permit and payment of an appropriate fee shall not be allowed in the stabling area or anywhere on the show grounds. Violation of such policy, will result in the following:

1. First warning - the offender and or stall owner of record being asked to cease such sales or pay the fee to obtain the appropriate permit for the activity violated.
2. Second warning - the offender and or stall owner of record being required to pay double the fee to obtain the appropriate permit required for the activity violated.
3. Third warning – the offender and or stall owner of record being removed from the show grounds for the remainder of the Horse Show.

The sale of a few pieces of used tack, show clothing and Sale Horses is allowed without a fee and or permit and is not the intent of these policies.

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Equine Service Providers - Non-Veterinarian and Non-Farrier

Independent (not directly associated with the official Show Veterinarian) Chiropractors, Equine Massage Therapists, Magna Wave/P3/Shock Wave service providers, or similar

equine therapy endeavors do require the submission of a fee to obtain a permit to provide these services. Violation of such policy, will result in the following:

1. First warning - the offender and or stall owner of record being asked to cease such sales or pay the fee to obtain the appropriate permit for the activity violated.
2. Second warning - the offender and or stall owner of record being required to pay double the fee to obtain the appropriate permit required for the activity violated.
3. Third warning – the offender and or stall owner of record being removed from the show grounds for the remainder of the Horse Show.