



ATTENTION

SC-070. Exhibitor Conduct

A. **REQUESTING JUDGE'S OPINION.** An exhibitor may make a request through the ring steward or other show official for a judge's opinion concerning an exhibitor's horse which can be stated in the presence of a ring steward or other show official at any time; however, at no time will fraternization between the exhibitor and the judge be permitted during the show.

B. **PROHIBITED CONDUCT.** See also Unsportsmanlike Conduct, Rule GR-065.H. and GR-066.A. When an exhibitor, owner or trainer is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, such person is subject to disciplinary action by the APHA, including but not limited to, fines or suspension. See Rules GR-060.C., GR-070.A. and GR-070.D. In addition, approaching the judge without following the procedure listed in SC-070. A. above may be considered in violation of GR-065. H. or GR-066.

1. To promote competition in APHA-approved events, in order that APHA's records will, at all times, reflect the actual quality of equine performance, any form of conduct that inhibits competition is expressly prohibited. This offense includes not only the person suggesting the prohibited conduct, but all who participate in the scheme or plan. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Paying another's entry fee, directly or indirectly; or,
- b. Encouraging a potential competitor to refrain from entering the class.

2. Violation of this rule shall disqualify from participation in the event the horse entered by the person paying the fee and the horse entered by the recipient, and shall be referred by the show management to APHA for disciplinary action.

3. To assist APHA in the promotion of true competition, any person approached by another to cooperate in a scheme or plan to inhibit competition, shall immediately report the matter to show management and then to APHA in writing within 10 days.

4. A contestant assisted by use of an electronic or two-way communication device by another person outside the show arena or show ring shall be automatically disqualified unless assistance is necessitated for safety of competing horse or horses to be determined by the judge and/or the Executive Committee. (See Rule SC-160. F. for exception.)