

**PERMITTED:**

Gag/Slip Bit used with 3/8" Rope or Leather Over Poll



**PERMITTED:**

German Martingale



**NOT PERMITTED:**

Headstalls with Metal (no matter how wrapped) or Twisted Rawhide Over Poll



**NOT PERMITTED:**

Curb Bit used with a Running Martingale without Rein Stops



**NOT PERMITTED:**

Bumper Bits



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**PERMITTED:**  
Attachment for Draw Reins



**NOT PERMITTED:**  
Attachment for Draw Reins



**ALL PERMITTED  
EQUIPMENT  
MUST BE  
PROPERLY  
ADJUSTED!**

**PERMITTED:**  
Curb Straps



**NOT PERMITTED:**  
Curb Straps



**NOT PERMITTED:**  
Riding without  
Curb Straps



**NOT PERMITTED:**  
Metal Bosals (no matter how wrapped)



**NOT PERMITTED:**  
Chambon



**NOT PERMITTED:**  
Metal Cavesson and Tie Downs (no  
matter how wrapped or covered)



## AQHA Show Fines and Penalties Regarding Abuse and Unsportsmanlike Conduct VIO204 & VIO220

	<b>Level 1 Mild</b>	<b>Level 2 Moderate</b>	<b>Level 3 Severe</b>
<b>1st Offense</b>	Warning - No Penalty Steward can give a yellow warning card if necessary; Name placed in database	\$1,000 3-6 months probation Name placed in database	\$2,000 6-12 months probation Name placed in database
<b>2nd Offense</b>	\$1,000 3-6 months probation	\$2,000 6 months - 1-year probation	\$4,000 6 months-1 year suspension of AQHA show privileges
<b>3rd Offense</b>	\$2,000 6 months-1 year probation	\$4,000 6 months - 1-year suspend AQHA show privileges	Fine & suspension commensurate with abuse as determined by AQHA Grievance Committee

*\*The color in the box is the card they will receive:*

*WHITE = First Warning; YELLOW = Warning Card; RED = Show Grounds Removal Card*

### AQHA Chart of Offenses for Animal Welfare

Offense as Defined in Rule VIO204

	Level 1* Mild	Level 2 Moderate	Level 3 Severe
<i>* 1st Offense: White Warning - No Penalty; Steward can give a yellow warning card if necessary; Name placed in database</i>			
Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress		X	X
Leaving a bit in a horse's mouth for extended period of time to cause undue discomfort or distress	X	X	X
Tying a horse up or around in a stall or anywhere at an AQHA event in the manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress		X	X
Lounging or riding a horse in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress to the horse	X	X	X
Tying or fastening any foreign object onto a horse, halter, bridle and/or saddle in order to de-sensitize the horse		X	X
Use of training technique or methods such as poling or striking a horse's legs with objects		X	X
Excessive spurring or whipping	X	X	X
Excessive jerking of reins	X	X	X
Excessive fencing	X	X	X
Excessive spinning (defined as no more than eight (8) consecutive turns in either direction)	X	X	X
Schooling over ramped oxers in reverse order (i.e. from highest to lowest instead of lowest to highest)	X	X	X
Schooling using rails higher than four (4) feet	X		
Use of prohibited equipment, including, but not limited to: saw tooth bits; hock hobbles; tack collars; or tack hackamores; whips used for showmanship; war bridles or like devices; riding in a curb bit without a curb strap; wire or solid metal curb straps no matter how padded; wire cavesson; wire or cable tie-downs; bumper bits; metal bosals (no matter how padded); chambons; headstalls made of metal (no matter how wrapped or padded), twisted rawhide, or rope may not be used on horse's head (3/8 inch rope may be used with a slip/gag bit); running martingales used with curb bits used without rein stops; draw reins attached between or around the front legs will not be allowed at AQHA approved events		X	X
Use of any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the horse's tail			X
Exhibiting a horse which appears to be sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired	X	X	X
Negligent treatment which results in bleeding	X	X	X
Intentional treatment which results in bleeding			X
Applying excessive pressure on or excessively jerking of a halter lead shank or an allowed lip chain		X	X
Any other treatment or conduct deemed by a show official to be inhumane or abusive	X	X	X