

GVHS Animal Welfare Penalty and Fines List		
Rule	Description	Level of Offense
D.1.2	The use or application of, to or into any horse of any foreign or caustic substance, such as ginger, mustard, pepper, abrasives, etc, which alter or influence a horse's movement, tail carriage or behavior	Level 2
D.1.a	Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress.	Level 2
D1.b	Leaving a bit in a horse's mouth for extended periods of time so as to cause undue discomfort or distress.	Level 1
D.1.c	Tying a horse up, back or around in a stall or anywhere on the grounds at a GVHS event in the manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress	Level 1
D.1.d	Lunging or riding in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress.	Level 1
D.1.e	Tying or fastening any foreign object onto a horse, halter, bridle and/or saddle in order to de-sensitize the horse	Level 1
D.1.f	Use of training techniques or methods such as poling (altering an obstacle while the horse is negotiating the obstacle) or striking a horse's legs with objects	Level 2
D.1.g	Excessive use of spurs, spurring in front of the cinch/girth and/or excessive jerking of reins	Level 1
D.1.h	Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, aisleway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, before or during a competition, by any person. Except in emergency situations, any striking of the horse's head (on the poll and forward of the poll) with the whip shall be deemed excessive	Level 1
D.1.i	Excessive spinning (defined as no more than eight (8) consecutive turns in either direction)	Level 1
D.1.j	Schooling using rails over 4ft or schooling over ramped oxers in reverse order (i.e., from highest to lowest instead of lowest to highest)	Level 1
D.1.k	Use of prohibited equipment, including, but not limited to, saw tooth bits, hock hobbles, tack collars or tack hackamores	Level 2
D.1.l	Use of any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the tail.	Level 2
D.1.m	Exhibiting a horse which appears to be sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired.	Level 1
D.1.n	Intentional or negligent treatment which results in any bleeding, open wound and/or severe raw area. Intentional blood	Level 3

D.1.o	Treatment which results in any bleeding, open wound and/or raw area. Unintentional blood	Level 1
D.1.p	The use of any substance, including but not limited to, any type of colorant, dye, glue or hair to hide an injury created by intentional or negligent treatment, prohibited training techniques or prohibited equipment. For purposes of this rule, "injury" is defined as an open wound, raw area and/or scabbed area.	Level 2
D.1.q	Applying excessive pressure on or excessively jerking on a halter lead shank or lip cord or allowed safety chain	Level 1
D.1.r	Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, aisleway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.	Level 1
D.1.s	Any other treatment or conduct deemed inhumane by a show official	Level 1
D.1.7	The injecting of any foreign substance into a horse's tail, the cutting of tail ligaments or nerve blocking	Level 2
D.1.8	The use of any device or aides that alter the natural movement of the horse (such as chains, shackles, rubber bands)	Level 2
	Fines and Penalty	
	Penalty	Fines
Level 1	One Year Probation	\$0-\$250
Level 2	One Year Probation up to one year suspension	\$500-\$1000
Level 3	One to three year suspension	\$1000-\$3000
	More than one penalty in a year or while on probation	
Level 1	\$500 fine and an additional year probation	
Level 2	2x the fine and one year suspension	
Level 3	2x the fine and suspension for 2 or more years	