

# EQUINE VETERINARY PRACTICES, HEALTH AND MEDICATION - CHAPTER 11

## *ARCI-011-020 Medications and Prohibited Substances*

### (12) Multiple Medication Violations (MMV)

- (a) A trainer who receives a penalty for a medication violation based upon a horse testing positive for a Class 1-5 medication with Penalty Class A-D, as provided in the ARCI Uniform Classification for Foreign Substances, shall be assigned points based upon the medication's ARCI Penalty Guideline as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Points If Controlled Therapeutic Substance</b>	<b>Points If Non-Controlled Substance</b>
<b>Class A<sup>1</sup></b>	N/A	6
<b>Class B</b>	2	4
<b>Class C</b>	1	2
<b>Class D</b>	½	1

(b) The points assigned to a medication violation shall be included in the Stewards' or Commission Ruling. Such Ruling shall determine, in the case of multiple positive tests as described in paragraph (d), whether they shall thereafter constitute a single violation. The Stewards' or Commission Ruling shall be posted on the official website of the Commission and the official website of the Association of Racing Commissioners International. If an appeal is pending, that fact shall be noted in such Ruling. No points shall be applied until a final adjudication of the enforcement of any such violation.

(c) A trainer's cumulative points for violations in all racing jurisdictions shall be maintained and certified by the Association of Racing Commissioners International. Once all appeals are waived or exhausted, the points shall immediately become part of the trainer's official ARCI record and shall then subject the trainer to the mandatory enhanced penalties by the Stewards or Commission as provided in this regulation.

(d) Multiple positive tests for the same medication incurred by a trainer prior to delivery of official notice by the commission may be treated as a single violation.

(e) The official ARCI record shall constitute prima facie evidence of a trainer's past record of violations and cumulative points. Nothing in this administrative regulation shall be construed to confer upon a licensed trainer the right to appeal a violation for

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<sup>1</sup> Except for Class 1 and 2 environmental contaminants, *e.g.*, cocaine which shall be determined by the stewards based upon the facts of the case.

which all remedies have been exhausted or for which the appeal time has expired as provided by applicable law.

(f) The Stewards or Commission shall include all points for violations in all racing jurisdictions as contained in the trainer's official ARCI record when determining whether the mandatory enhancements provided in this regulation shall be imposed.

(g) In addition to the penalty for the underlying offense, the following enhancements shall be imposed upon a licensed trainer based upon the cumulative points contained in his/her official ARCI record:

<b>Points</b>	<b>Suspension in days</b>
3-5.5	30
6-8.5	60
9-10.5	180
11 or more	360

MMV's are not a substitute for the current penalty system and are intended to be an additional uniform penalty when the licensee:

- (i) Has more than one violation for the relevant time period, and
- (ii) Exceeds the permissible number of points.

(h) The suspension periods as provided above, shall run consecutive to any suspension imposed for the underlying offense.

(i) The Stewards' or Commission Ruling shall distinguish between the penalty for the underlying offense and the enhancement based upon the trainer's cumulative points.

(j) Any trainer who has received a medication violation may petition the ARCI to expunge the points received for the violation for the purpose of the MMV system only. The points shall be expunged as follows:

<b>Penalty Classification</b>	<b>Time to Expungement</b>
A	Permanent
B	3 years
C	2 years
D	1 year