

NWHA Provides Level Playing Field for Members

The 2008 NWHA National Championship Horse Show will provide members with a level playing field by providing a comprehensive DQP inspection program

- Horses will be inspected by the Designated Qualified Person for full compliance with the Horse Protection Act and NWHA's zero tolerance scar rule policy.

NWHA's Zero Tolerance Policy

The National Walking Horse Association has a zero tolerance policy with respect to soring practices. The practical application of this policy is to treat callus formation and/or significant hair loss in the pastern area of both front limbs as evidence of soring on horses born on or after January 1, 1998. Those horses born prior to January 1, 1998 will be subject to the scar rule provisions as written in the Horse Protection act of 1970. Any horse exhibiting signs of unilateral or bilateral soreness on the front or hind limbs shall be ticketed by the Designated Qualified Person(s) in accordance with the Horse Protection Act of 1970.

- Horses' shoes will be inspected for compliance with NWHA's rules. Shoes may be pulled and weighed to ascertain that shoes are formed only from conventional steel.
- Horses will be observed for temporary visual impairment and may be required to submit a blood sample for drug testing.

NWHA was established to protect the Walking Horse from abuse and we will continue to do this by having sound flat shod Walking Horse Shows by enforcing the Horse Protection Act.