

B. APPEALS, INVESTIGATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

The SHOW Executive Committee, for all DQP ticketed matters, shall be responsible for conducting appeals, pursuant to the below. The SHOW Executive Committee shall have such other duties and responsibilities as may be set forth in these rules, and as prescribed by SHOW.

SHOW shall be responsible for investigating and ruling on all non-DQP ticketed matters pursuant to Section VII B 6 below.

Violations of rules or regulations of SHOW not expressly delegated to Show Management shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the SHOW Executive Committee as hereinafter provided.

1. Initiation of DQP Ticket Appeal Process

If an owner, exhibitor, trainer or other person subject to a ticket or penalty in Section VI above desires to appeal his or her ticket, fine or penalty said appeal must be filed within ten (10) calendar days of the date of service of the original notice. Any appeal request must be in writing accompanied by a non-refundable check for \$500 and a written statement as to why the matter is being appealed, along with any additional evidence. In addition, the person filing an appeal must set forth the reasons, and may provide such additional evidence as deemed appropriate at the time of the filing of the appeal that such person believes it would absolve them from any liability. Once properly appealed the SHOW Executive Committee shall make a decision on the appeal in accordance with the procedures set forth herein, within twenty (20) calendar days. If the SHOW Executive Committee determines that, an appeal is without merit or made substantially for postponing any suspension, the Executive Committee may assess further penalties of up to three (3) months suspension and up to a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine.

Nothing contained herein shall preclude the staff from disseminating and discussing the Complaint, ticket or violation with any law enforcement officer, APHIS official, attorney consulted by the staff or any individual engaged or employed by any of the foregoing.

Appeal Procedures.

(1) Once an appeal is received by the SHOW office, any and all inspection video will be forwarded to the SHOW Head DQP. The Head DQP will then send his opinion of the inspection, in writing, to SHOW.

(2) SHOW will forward the inspection video, the Head DQP's opinion, and any evidence received by the Complainant to the Executive Committee.

(3) The Executive Committee shall, by majority vote, either find the Complaint, ticket or violation unfounded and dismiss it, or it shall find the Complaint, ticket or violation founded and determine an appropriate penalty within the guidelines of the SHOW Rule Book. Upon reaching a decision, the SHOW office will contact the Complainant and communicate the finding to be followed by a written finding within seven (7) calendar days thereafter. The finding of the Executive Committee shall be final.