

## **GRIEVANCES/PROTESTS**

1. The Grievance Committee is made up of the A.G.M.A. Grievance Committee Chair, the A.G.M.A. Gaited Committee Chair, and the A.G.M.A. Rules Committee Chair. The Grievance Committee shall have sole authority to investigate possible or alleged violations of any bylaw, rule or regulation of the Association. This Grievance Committee will gather all needed information, the \$100.00 protest fee, and substantiate the need for further investigation, and then will transfer the documentation to the Board of Directors with no names mentioned.
2. The person filing the protest must be an A.G.M.A. member in good standing.
3. If a member of the Grievance Committee is involved in any protest, she/he should be removed from the voting procedure and an alternate member should be appointed to serve temporarily on the Gaited Grievance Committee.
4. Violations concerning the following will NOT be addressed by the Grievance Committee.
  - a. Judge issues which are handled through the Judges Committee.
  - b. Show Ring layout.
  - c. Timer problems.
  - d. Disagreements about disqualifications. In shows in which a D.Q.P. inspects mules, the D.Q.P.'s or veterinarian decision is final and not subject to protest or grievance.
5. The protest must be filed in writing citing the specific rule infraction, signed by the protesting member(s) and delivered to any member of the Grievance Committee within 48 hours of the time of the cause of the protest.
6. The protest must be accompanied by a \$100.00 fee by cash or check, which shall be forfeited, to A.G.M.A. if the protest is not sustained.

**Suspended Individuals:** Any person receiving disciplinary suspension from the A.G.M.A. or any other equine association will be refused entry into A.G.M.A. gaited mule classes for the period of their suspension.