

**TITLE 325. OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION
CHAPTER 45. MEDICATION AND EQUINE TESTING PROCEDURES**

325:45-1-24. Drug classification and penalties

Upon a finding of a violation of any medication or prohibited substances rule in this Chapter, the Stewards shall consider the classification level of the violation as currently established by the UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES OF FOREIGN SUBSTANCES (Version 12.0) as promulgated by the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc. and may impose penalties and disciplinary measures consistent with the recommendations contained therein, except not to conflict with the mandates of 325:45-1-9 and 325:45-1-22. Provided, however, that in the event a majority of the Stewards determine that mitigating circumstances require imposition of a ~~lesser~~ different penalty than the penalty suggested by the guidelines, ~~they~~ the Stewards may impose ~~the lesser~~ a different penalty. In the event a majority of the Stewards wish to impose ~~a greater penalty~~ or a penalty in excess of the authority granted them by 325:1-1-7, ~~then, and in such event, they~~ the Stewards may impose a penalty up to the maximum penalty authorized by state law and refer the matter to the Commission with specific recommendations for further action.