

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Nov 13 - Thu, Nov 19

PART ONE

The following action has been taken by the United States Trotting Association. This information is in an abbreviated form.

***** NO RECORDS FOUND *****

PART TWO - MAJOR PENALTIES

The following actions published herein and imposed pursuant to the rules and regulations of the racing commissions of the various states and provinces are given full faith and credit and strictly enforced by the United States Trotting Association consistent with the provisions of USTA Rule 22, Sections 7 and 8 relative to RECIPROCITY OF PENALTIES. The fact that there is no separate action taken by the USTA in the form of a "ruling of reciprocity" shall not be construed as a failure to recognize and/or reciprocate with these published penalties. Please note that the following action is in an abbreviated form and that the USTA is not responsible for the accuracy or timeliness of reported penalties. Further information may be available by contacting the racing commission where the ruling was issued to determine the accuracy of the information.

BECKWITH, MELISSA

PRc on 10/26/2020

WILTON, NY

FINED: \$500

FULL - 15 DAYS, 11/18/2020 THRU 12/2/2020

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1970

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

205 CMR 3.29. On 11/09/2020, Industrial Labs reported a post race positive test for Testosterone, a Class 3 drug from the horses OREO DREAM XTREME from Race 1, at PRC, and the horse IFIWASABETTINGMAN from Race 2, at PRC on 10/26/2020. Trainer Melissa Beckwith waived her right to both a split sample and a hearing. As a result both horses are disqualified and all purse monies from both horses, (\$11,750.00) are ordered return. In addition Trainer Melissa Beckwith is fined \$500.00 for the violation. All fines and purse monies are due within 48 hours of imposition.

BUSH, STEVEN B

Mea on 10/29/2020

BRIDGEVILLE, PA

FINED: \$500

YOB 1967

DISTURBING THE PEACE

PA Code Title 7-205.501(7,10,14). Mr. Bush failed to conduct himself in a professional manner by engaging in an altercation with another licensee in the barn area at The Meadows on October 29, 2020. The fine is \$500, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Further conduct violations may result in greater penalties. Mr. Bush has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

BUTENSCHOEN, JOHN R

Fhld on 9/11/2020

WIND GAP, PA

FINED: \$500

FULL - 15 DAYS, 11/8/2020 THRU 11/22/2020

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1963

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

John Butenschoen was the programmed trainer of the horse "KYRIE DEO" when he raced in the fifth race at Freehold Raceway on September 11, 2020. Following this race "KYRIE DEO" was required to submit blood samples for analysis. A report from Truesdail laboratories identified the presence of the drug Flunixin above the allowable limits. This is in direct violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.8(f). As a result, Mr. Butenschoen is hereby issued a full suspension of his New Jersey Racing Commission license for a period of fifteen (15) days, and fined the sum of five-hundred (\$500.00) dollars. Said suspension shall begin on November 8, 2020 and run through November 22, 2020 inclusive. During the period of suspension, Mr. Butenschoen is denied access to all grounds that are under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Racing Commission for any and all purposes. Consistent with N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.7 the horse "KYRIE DEO" is disqualified from sharing in all purse monies earned on September 11, 2020.

COCCIOLONE, CARL R
Mea on 10/26/2020

MONESSEN, PA **YOB 1956**
FINED: \$1,000
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

PA Code Title 7-401.2(1),401.41,401.42,401.45,401.46. Mr. Cocciolone was the trainer of record for UPFRONT STONE in the 13th Race at The Meadows on October 26, 2020. Post race analysis of sample 357016 showed the presence of ALTRENOGEST (Class 4C). Mr. Cocciolone waived his right to a split sample. UPFRONT STONE finished 1st and is disqualified and placed 9th. Mr. Cocciolone is hereby fined \$1,000 and ordered to return all purse monies earned from the above race. The fine and purse return is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Cocciolone has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

DECKER, MARC
PcD on 10/18/2020

VERNON, NY **YOB 1989**
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF
11/16/2020

FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR A HEARING

PA Title 7-205.501(1) Mr. Decker was notified he had to have a hearing with the judges at Pocono Downs concerning an incident that took place in in the detention area on 10/18/20. He has failed to contact the judges and has not appeared for a hearing. As of 11/16/2020 he is suspended indefinitely until he appears for a hearing.

DUPONT, JACQUES
PcD on 2/9/2020

REPENTIGNY, QC **YOB 1963**
FINED: \$50
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF
11/16/2020

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Code 7-203.11(e) Mr. Dupont has failed to complete his licensing requirements in Pennsylvania for 2020. He is fined \$50.0 and suspended indefinitely starting on 11/16/20.

HARRIS, MARK ALLYN
PRC on 10/26/2020

BANGOR, ME **YOB 1963**
FINED: \$500
FULL - 15 DAYS, 11/22/2020 THRU 12/6/2020
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

On 11/09/2020, Industrial Labs reported a post race positive test result for Carboxycannabidiol, a metabolite of Cannabidiol, a Class 2B drug, from the horse ROCKSURSOCKSOFF from Race2 at PRC on 10/26/2020. Trainer Mark Harris waived his right to a split sample in addition to waiving his right to a hearing. As a result Mr. Harris is hereby suspended for 15 days beginning 11/22/2020 through and including 12/06/2020. In addition Mr. Harris is fined \$500.00 for the violation. The horse is disqualified and all purse monies (\$840.00) are ordered returned. All fines and purse monies are due within 48 hours of imposition.

LAFRENIERE, ELISHA A
PRC on 11/12/2020

WINCHENDON, MA **YOB 1979**
FINED: \$150

IMPROPER CONDUCT OR LANGUAGE TO AN OFFICIAL

USTA 17.14 (f). On 11/12/2020 at PRC, Trainer Elisha Lafreniere did use offensive and profane language towards a Racing Official. As a result Trainer Elisha Lafreniere is hereby fined \$150.00. Subsequent violations may result in increased penalties. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition.

LEVINE, PATRICIA L
PcD on 2/8/2020

WILTON, NY **YOB 1966**
FINED: \$50
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF
11/16/2020

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Ms. Levine has failed to complete her licensing requirements in Pennsylvania for 2020. She is fined \$50.00 and suspended indefinitely starting on 11/16/20.

LINNERT, MICHELLE R
Mea on 10/29/2020

CANONSBURG, PA **YOB 1987**
FINED: \$500

DISTURBING THE PEACE

PA Code Title 7-205.501(6,7,10,14). Ms. Linnert failed to act in a professional manner by engaging in an altercation with another licensee in the barn area at The Meadows on October 29, 2020. The fine is \$500, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Further conduct violations may result in greater penalties. Ms. Linnert has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

NASON, NICOLE M

NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA **YOB 1990**

PRC on 9/21/2020

FINED: \$500
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

205 CMR 3.29 On October 6,2020, Industrial labs reported a post race positive test for Dexamethasone, a Class 4C from the horse NAUGHTY MARAVU N from Race 1, at PRC on 09/21/2020. Trainer Nicole Nason exercised her right to split sample and the result returned confirmed from Texas A&M Diagnostic Laboratory on 11/11/2020. After waiving her right to a hearing trainer Nicole Nason is hereby fined \$500.00 for the violation and all purse monies (\$5,250.00) are ordered returned. All fines and purse monies are due within 48 hours of imposition.

RICKERT, ANDY W
Mea on 8/27/2020

FREDONIA, PA **YOB 1975**
FINED: \$500
FULL - 15 DAYS, 11/28/2020 THRU 12/12/2020
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 5

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

PA Code Title 7-401.2(1),401.41,401.42,401.45,401.46,205.33(2). Mr. Rickert was the trainer of record for MUSCLES ON FIRE in the 5th Qualifying Race at The Meadows on August 27, 2020. Post race analysis of sample 353950 showed the presence of CLENBUTEROL (Class 3B), which was confirmed by split sample. MUSCLES ON FIRE finished 2nd and is placed 5th. Mr. Rickert is hereby issued a \$500 fine and a 15 day full suspension of his license as of November 28, 2020 through and including December 12, 2020. MUSCLES ON FIRE is placed on the Steward`s List for 30 days as of November 28th and must re-qualify. Any trainer transfers of horses in his care must be approved by the Judges at The Meadows. During the term of suspension, Mr. Rickert is ruled off all grounds under the jurisdiction of the Commission. As this was a qualifying race, there is no purse to return. Mr. Rickert has 10 days to appeal this decision to the PSHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

SHEHAN, MARNA
Mea on 11/12/2020

HOPKINSVILLE, KY **YOB 1985**
FINED: \$50
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF
11/12/2020

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Code Title 7-203.11(e),203.23(b). Ms. Shehan failed to complete her licensing requirements in Pennsylvania in a timely manner. She is hereby fined \$50, and issued an indefinite suspension in Pennsylvania beginning November 12, 2020 until such time she pays her fine and completes her licensing requirements. During the term of suspension, Ms. Shehan is banned from all racing activities otherwise permitted if properly licensed by the Commission.

SIMONS, SHAWN M

NAZARETH, PA

YOB 1993

PSHRC on 10/17/2020

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF
11/16/2020

FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)

PA Title 7-205.502 Mr. Simons has failed to pay his fines for rulings #20069PD and 20070PD. He is suspended indefinitely starting on 11/16/20 and will remain suspended until he pays his fines.

SOWERS, PHILIP BO
Scar on 11/7/2020

MONTICELLO, NY
FINED: \$2,000
TRAINING - 30 DAYS, 11/19/2020 THRU
12/18/2020

YOB 1971

CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE BEST INTEREST OF HORSE RACING
CHAPTER 3 SECTION 5 #3 A-C AND CHAPTER 17 SECTION 5 #3(CONDUCT
DETRIMENTAL TO THE BEST INTEREST OF RACING) Actions which created a situation
where the Pari-Mutuel betting pools were compromised and misrepresented.

TIGNOR, ELWOOD A
OD on 9/18/2020

CARET, VA
FINED: \$1,000...**STAYED**

YOB 1950

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Elwood Tignor, for being trainer of record on sample #35016 taken on September 18, 2020 at Ocean Downs was found to contain Total Carbon Dioxide (TCO₂) concentration of 39.50 +/- 0.89 mmol/L. Mr. Tignor is fined \$1,000 and suspended from training for 30 days (10/4/20 -11/3/20). Horse "WHEP" is also disqualified and suspended from racing privileges for 30 days (10/4/20 -11/3/20) After the suspension is complete horse must requalify. All purse monies to be returned within 72 hours of this issuance. Purse to be redistributed. COMAR: .09.10.02 Addendum A-11

Status as of 11/19/2020 - Amendment - Mr. Tignor has dropped his appeal and has accepted the penalty of \$1,000 fine and suspension from training for 30 days (11/19/20 -12/8/20). Horse "WHEP" is also disqualified and suspended from racing privileges for 30 days (11/19/20 -12/8/20) After the suspension is complete the horse must requalify. All purse monies to be returned within 72 hours of this issuance. Purse to be redistributed. COMAR: .09.10.02 Addendum A-11

WISHER, ADRIAN A
PHL on 11/4/2020

DRUMS, PA
FINED: \$500

YOB 1968

IMPROPER CONDUCT OR LANGUAGE TO AN OFFICIAL

PA Code Title 7-205.501(7) Mr. Wisher used inappropriate language to an official while in the paddock at Harrah's Philadelphia on November 4, 2020. Mr. Wisher is fined \$500 (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and has waived his hearing/appeal rights.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

BECKWITH, MARK D

WILTON, NY

YOB 1966

Stga on 11/17/2020 FINED: \$250

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

While driving # 3 COOL JACK at Saratoga Gaming in race # 13 on 11/17/20 Mr. Beckwith did use his whip in a manner not consistent with the Judges philosophy and NYSGC. He repeated strikes in the stretch drive without giving the horse a chance to respond. This is his 2nd offence , therefore he has been fined \$ 250.00. Any futher infractions in this area will result in a fine and a suspension.

LEFEBVRE, CHRIS R SCARBOROUGH, ME YOB 1979

PRc on 11/12/2020 FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO KEEP A LINE IN EACH HAND

On 11/12/2020 at PRC, while driving No.3 P ZONKA in Race 1, driver Chris Lefebvre failed to keep a line in each hand through the stretch and is hereby fined \$100.00 for the violation. (1st offense). Subsequent violations may result in increased penalties. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition.

OAKES, HUNTER WILLIAM WILKES-BARRE, PA YOB 1998

MR on 11/12/2020 FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

You did use the whip in an excessive manner while driving #5 (Catherines Diamond) in Race 3. Any further violations of this nature will result in increased penalties.

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

BOROWSKY, RICHARD J BRIDGEVILLE, DE YOB 1965

DD on 11/17/2020 DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 11/18/2020 THRU 11/20/2020

JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS

BURKHOLDER, MATTHEW CORTLAND, OH YOB 1997

Nfld on 11/11/2020 FINED: \$100

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

CLEGG, NICK A NORTHFIELD, OH YOB 1974

Nfld on 11/15/2020 FINED: \$100

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

CRISSMAN, CHARLES F JR DOVER, DE YOB 1958

PHL on 9/30/2020 FINED: \$500

FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OR PROPER DECLARATION INFORMATION

DU BOIS, GORDON D SR KENNEBUNK, ME YOB 1938

Scar on 11/11/2020 FINED: \$50

FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POST PARADE

GINSBURG, VINCENT A Fhld on 10/23/2020 OTHER	JACKSON, NJ FINED: \$200	YOB 1988
GREENE, JACKIE LYNN PRc on 11/16/2020 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	FORT ANN, NY FINED: \$100	YOB 1969
HUCKABONE, JUSTIN VICTOR Stga on 11/16/2020 INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK	UTICA, NY DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 11/17/2020 THRU 11/21/2020 HORSE PLACED 6	YOB 1994
MARSHALL, JAMES F III Fhld on 10/23/2020 FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION	JACKSON, NJ FINED: \$50	YOB 1958
MILLER, BRETT A DTN on 11/9/2020 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	BLACKLICK, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1973
MILLER, ROBIN L Nfld on 11/8/2020 LATE TO THE PADDOCK	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1963
OGLESBY, CLYDE L JR RcR on 11/11/2020 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	DELMAR, MD FINED: \$100	YOB 1955
RHOADES, BILL Nfld on 11/9/2020 FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OR PROPER DECLARATION INFORMATION	CLARKSVILLE, PA FINED: \$50	YOB 1987
ROBBINS, NORMAN Nfld on 11/16/2020 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION	REPUBLIC, OH FINED: \$300	YOB 1946
THOMPSON, JASON E RcR on 11/11/2020 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE	HARTLEY, DE FINED: \$150 HORSE PLACED 5	YOB 1993
TOMLINSON, BRIAN K RcR on 11/15/2020 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	WOODBINE, MD FINED: \$100	YOB 1967

URBANSKI, JOHN JOSEPH
Fhld on 10/23/2020
OTHER

JACKSON, NJ

YOB 1971