

# FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, May 22 - Thu, May 28

## 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.

**ATER, DAN E**  
MVR on 2/15/2020

**CLARKSBURG, OH** **YOB 1954**  
FINED: \$1,000  
FULL - 15 DAYS, 5/22/2020 THRU 6/5/2020  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION  
*APPEALED - 5/25/2020*

### POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Miami Valley Gaming O.S.R.C. 3769-18.01(B)(4)(d) Trainer DAN ATER is hereby fined the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and suspended fifteen (15) days from May 22, 2020 through June 5, 2020 (inclusive) for violation of OSRC Rule 3769-18-.01(B)(4)(d). Blood Sample #877352 tested by the Analytical Toxicology Laboratory at the Ohio Department of Agriculture on March 20, 2020 showed a concentration level of isoflupredone at 847 picograms per milliliter of plasma which exceeds the regulatory threshold of 100 picograms per milliliter of plasma adopted by the OSRC. In addition, ARTSMAH is disqualified from first and placed last. Purse money earned of (\$7,500.00) in the race must be returned and redistributed. During the period of this suspension Mr. Ater is denied access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the O.S.R.C. Furthermore, during the suspension Mr. Ater may not transfer any horses under his care over to another trainer without the approval of the Miami Valley Judges

**Status as of 5/25/2020 - Appeal - Trainer DAN ATER has appealed the judges decision in a timely fashion.**

**CONRAD, CHARLES M**  
MVR on 3/10/2020

**MORRISTOWN, IN** **YOB 1975**  
FINED: \$500  
FULL - 15 DAYS, 5/25/2020 THRU 6/8/2020  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION  
*APPEALED - 5/25/2020*

### POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Miami Valley Gaming O.S.R.C. 3769-18.01(B)(4)(d) Trainer CHARLIE CONRAD is hereby fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and suspended fifteen (15) days from May

25, 2020 through June 8, 2020 (inclusive) for violation of OSRC Rule 3769-18-.01(B)(4)(d). Blood Sample #872605 tested by the Analytical Toxicology Laboratory at the Ohio Department of Agriculture on March 13, 2020 showed a concentration of TCO2 at 39.4 +/- 0.8 mpl, which exceeds the O.S.R.C. regulatory threshold of 37.0 mmol/L. In addition, UNCAGED is disqualified from first and placed last. Purse money earned of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) in the race must be returned and redistributed. During the period of this suspension Mr. Conrad is denied access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the O.S.R.C. Furthermore, during the suspension Mr. Conrad may not transfer any horses under his care over to another trainer without permission of the judges or executive director at the OSRC.

***Status as of 5/25/2020 - Appeal - Trainer CHARLES CONRAD has appealed the judges decision in a timely manner.***

**LONEY, DALE A**  
MVR on 3/1/2020

**VANLEAR, KY** **YOB 1979**  
FINED: \$1,000  
FULL - 180 DAYS, 5/22/2020 THRU 11/17/2020  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION  
**APPEALED - 5/25/2020**

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Miami Valley Gaming O.S.R.C. 3769-18.01(B)(4)(d) Trainer DALE LONEY is hereby fined the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and issued a full suspended sixty (180) days from May 22, 2020 through November 17, 2020 (inclusive) for violation of OSRC Rule 3769-18-.01(B)(4)(d). Blood Sample #872513 tested by the Analytical Toxicology Laboratory at the Ohio Department of Agriculture on March 3, 2020 showed a concentration of TCO2 at 39.0 +/- 0.6 mpl, which exceeds the O.S.R.C. regulatory threshold of 37.0 mmol/L. In addition, TARAGON is disqualified from seventh and placed last. During the period of this suspension Mr. Loney is denied access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the O.S.R.C. Furthermore, during the suspension Mr. Loney may not transfer any horses under his care over to another trainer without permission of the judges or executive director at the OSRC

***Status as of 5/25/2020 - Appeal - Trainer DALE LONEY has appealed the judges decision in a timely fashion.***

**MERRITT, RONALD**  
Nor on 10/11/2019

**JACKSON, MI** **YOB 1952**  
FINED: \$5,000  
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
5/28/2020  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

MGCB Ruling 7230- Ronald Merritt was the trainer of record when the post-race sample was found to contain strychnine. One year suspension of all occupational licenses. During this time, Mr. Merritt is denied the privileges of all grounds live and/or simulcast racing

under the control of MGCB. All horses owned or trained by Mr. Merritt are ineligible to participate at this time. Any transfer of horses must be approved by the stewards prior to entry. Mr. Merritt is deemed a disqualified person.

**Status as of 5/28/2020 - Subsequent Ruling - MGCB Ruling 7250- Having met the requirements as set forth in MGCB Stewards' Ruling 7230, the suspension of Ronald Merritt is hereby lifted and he is eligible for licensure.**

**MOORE, STEVE CHARLES**

Mari on 9/2/2019

**WASHINGTON CT HOUSE, OH**

**YOB 1951**

FULL - 15 DAYS, 5/22/2020 THRU 6/5/2020

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

### **POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Washington County Fair Trainer STEVE MOORE is hereby fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and issued a fifteen day full suspension from October 7, 2019 through October 21, 2019 for violation of O.S.R.C. Rule 3769-18.01(A)(2), 3769-18-01(B)(1),3769-18-01(B)(15-16-17),3769-18-02 & 3769-18-99. In addition purse money of twenty four hundred and seventy-eight dollars (\$2,478.00) must be returned to Washington County Fair. Blood Sample #880432 on the horse JAMAHL CHIP tested by the Analytical Toxicology Laboratory at the Ohio Department of Agriculture on September 16, 2019 revealed a presence of Gabapentin, an anticonvulsant. During his suspension Mr. Moore is denied the use and privileges of all grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. All horses trained by Mr. Moore are suspended and may only be transferred with permission from the judges or the director at the OSRC. If the fine is not paid and purse is not returned to the judges by 10/10/2019 you may be suspended or revoked

**Status as of 5/28/2020 - Subsequent Ruling - An appeal hearing was conducted at the OSRC office. It was recommended and affirmed by the Ohio State Racing Commission that trainer STEVEN MOORE be assessed a 15-day full suspension beginning May 22, 2020 through June 5, 2020, fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and return any purse monies made to the Washington County Fair on September 2, 2019.**

**RUSSELL, ANN F**

Nor on 5/31/2019

**BRITTON, MI**

**YOB 1963**

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
5/28/2020

### **JUDGMENT**

MGCB Ruling 7202- Owner Trainer Ann Russell is hereby suspended for failure to comply with Court Judgement (financial) Case Number 19-C02143 issued by State of Michigan Judicial District 52-1 on 5/09/2019.

**Status as of 5/28/2020 - Subsequent Ruling - MGCB Ruling 7251- Having paid her financial obligation, the suspension of Ann Russell is hereby lifted.**

**PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS**

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

## PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

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