

# FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, May 20 - Thu, May 26

## PART ONE

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

**HITE, KRIS**

**WEST NEWTON, PA**

**YOB 1974**

**USTA** on 5/25/2022

**DENIAL(DEN) AS OF 5/25/2022**

### **USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION**

Membership denied pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Section 4(a) of the Association bylaws.

## 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.*

**MERRILL, BENSON C**

**CHELSEA, ME**

**YOB 1990**

**PRC** on 4/14/2022

**FINED: \$25**

### **BAD CHECK**

On 04-14-2022 at PRC, trainer of record Benson Merrill did present a a check for licensing which was returned insufficient funds. As a result Mr. Merrill is hereby fined \$25.00. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition.

**MIRABELLA, JOSEPH V**

**FERNDAL, NY**

**YOB 1969**

**PcD** on 3/9/2022

**RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 5/22/2022**

### **BAD CHECK**

PA Title 7-205.459 Mr. Mirabella issued a check for a late closer that was was returned for insufficient funds. As of 4/24/22 he if suspended indefinitely.

***Status as of 5/22/2022 - Subsequent Ruling - PA Title7-203.11(e) Mr. Mirabella has taken care of his financial obligations and is restored to good standing.***

**RAWLINGS, DAN J.**

**CANONSBURG, PA**

**YOB 1981**

**PSHRC** on 5/24/2022

**FINED: \$100**

**FULL - INDEFINITELY AS OF 5/24/2022**

### **BAD CHECK**

**RULING#22029C** In violation of PA Code Title 7 Section 205.510 Mr. Daniel Jay Rawlings is hereby suspended and fined \$100.00 for issuing a check in the amount of \$3750, which was returned by the bank for insufficient funds. The returned check and fine must be paid within 10 days of this ruling by a cashier`s check or money order. Mr. Rawlings license shall remain suspended until the original fines and the additional fee for a total of \$3850 has been paid. Mr. Rawlings has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania State

Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Racing. Appeals must be perfected as required in PA Code Title 7, Section 179.3.

**WALTERS, JASON E**  
RcR on 4/21/2021

**HUGHESVILLE, MD**  
FINED: \$2,500...**STAYED**  
TRAINING - 90 DAYS, 4/26/2021 THRU  
7/24/2021...**STAYED**

**YOB 1979**

**REFUSAL TO SUBMIT HORSE TO URINE, SALIVA, OR BLOOD TEST**

Jason Walters for being trainer of record on the mare "TANZANITE LOVE" in the 8th race at Rosecroft Raceway on April 21, 2021 did willfully fail to make the mare "TANZANITE LOVE" available for blood test sampling; Failure to allow or cooperate in the taking of a sample, or any act or threat to impede, prevent, or otherwise interfere with the taking of a sample, constitutes a violation of the Commission's laws and regulations and subjects the licensee to other sanctions. Jason Walters has been issued a \$2,500 fine, training suspension of 90 days (4/26/2021-7/24/2021) and the mare "TANZANITE LOVE" shall be placed on the steward's list for 180 days (4/26/2021-10/22/2021). During this suspension, he and all horses trained by him are barred from the grounds, under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Racing Commission. Any transfer of horses during this suspension must be approved by the Judges at Rosecroft Raceway or MRC. COMAR: 09.10.03.10 (P)(Q) COMAR: 09.10.03.09 (E)

***Status as of 5/25/2022 - Amendment - Based on the agreements between trainer Jason Walters and the Maryland Racing Commission on May 23rd, 2022, trainer Walters did violate COMAR: 09.10.03.09E and COMAR: 09.10.03.10P. As a result, trainer Walters is fined \$1000.00 which shall be paid within 48 hours of the execution of this order. Additionally, trainer Walters is issued a 30 day full suspension from May 28th, 2022 through June 26th, 2022. During this suspension, he and all horses trained and owned by him are barred from the grounds, under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Racing Commission. Any transfer of horses during the suspension must be approved by the judges or the Maryland Racing Commission.***

**PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS**

**BEYER, TROY C**  
PHL on 5/18/2022

**SOUTHAMPTON, NJ**  
FINED: \$500

**YOB 1995**

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

PA Code Title 7- 205.409(a)(2) Mr. Beyer drove #2, ILUSIONIST HANOVER, in the 8th race on May 18, 2022 at Harrah's Philadelphia. Mr. Beyer used his whip several times after the conclusion of the race. Mr. Beyer is fined \$500 (fines are due within 10 days of ruling). Appeals are due within 10 days of ruling and must be submitted in writing (accompanied by a \$750 bond) to: The PA State Horse Racing Commission, 2301 N. Cameron St., Room 304, Harrisburg, PA 17110 ATTN: Anthony Salerno

**CAPIZZANO, ADAM A**

**ROME, NY**

**YOB 1979**

VD on 5/20/2022 FINED: \$100

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

While driving at Vernon Downs on 5/20/22 in race 5 he used his whip in an inappropriate manner. This is his 1st offense and any further violations of this rule will result in higher fines and driver suspension.

**FLOWERS, DERRICK J JACKSON, MS YOB 1983**

OAKGR on 5/22/2022 FINED: \$200

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

800 KAR 5:070 Sec. 9 (3)(b)--- Excessive and/or indiscriminate use of the whip. Fines must be paid within 14 days.

**MYERS, HUNTER R WILLIAMSPORT, OH YOB 1998**

Mea on 5/18/2022 FINED: \$200

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c). While driving No. 3 I`MNOTFOREVERYONE during the stretch in race 8 on 5/18/22 at the Meadows, Mr. Myers did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action. Mr. Myers is fined \$200.00 which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Myers has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania SHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

**NAPOLITANO, GEORGE JR BOCA RATON, FL YOB 1966**

PHL on 5/20/2022 FINED: \$250

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

PA Code Title 7- 205.409(c) Mr. Napolitano, Jr. raised his whipping arm above shoulder height while driving #1, MAJOR DECEPTION, in the 11th race on May 20, 2022 at Harrah`s Philadelphia. Mr. Napolitano, Jr. is fined \$250 (fines are due within 10 days of ruling). Appeals are due within 10 days of ruling and must be submitted in writing (accompanied by a \$750 bond) to: The PA State Horse Racing Commission, 2301 N. Cameron St., Room 304, Harrisburg, PA 17110 ATTN: Anthony Salerno

**SHEHAN, TYLER G HOPKINSVILLE, KY YOB 1982**

OAKGR on 5/16/2022 FINED: \$200

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

800 KAR 5:070 Sec. 9 (3)(b)--Excessive and/or indiscriminate use of the whip. Fines must be paid within 14 days.

**SPANO, ALESSANDRO POMPANO BEACH, FL YOB 1974**

OAKGR on 5/16/2022 FINED: \$200

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

800 KAR 5:070 Sec.9 (3)(b)---Excessive and/or indiscriminate use of the whip. Fines must be paid within 14 days.

**WARREN, TODD E MONEE, IL YOB 1965**

**OAKGR** on 5/22/2022 FINED: \$200  
**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**  
800 KAR 5:070 Sec. 9 (3)(b)---Excessive and/or indiscriminate use of the whip. Fines must be paid within 14 days.

#### PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

<b>ALLARD, SIMON</b> PHL on 11/4/2021 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>PITTSTON, PA</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1982</b>
<b>ANGUS, TYLER C</b> Nfld on 5/15/2022 <b>LATE TO THE PADDOCK</b>	<b>SAGAMORE HILLS, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 2002</b>
<b>BAILEY, LEON B</b> Stga on 5/23/2022 <b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>	<b>GREENWICH, NY</b> DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/30/2022 THRU 6/1/2022 HORSE PLACED 5	<b>YOB 1986</b>
<b>BAYNES, RAY</b> PHL on 5/13/2022 <b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>	<b>FREEHOLD, NJ</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1956</b>
<b>BOYD, BRAXTEN B</b> PcD on 5/22/2022 <b>FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS</b>	<b>JONESVILLE, MI</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 2000</b>
<b>DAVIS, ALLAN W</b> Har on 5/18/2022 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>SMYRNA, DE</b> FINED: \$50 HORSE PLACED 6	<b>YOB 1976</b>
<b>FOSTER, RUSSELL H</b> Har on 5/24/2022 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>CORDOVA, MD</b> FINED: \$50 HORSE PLACED 2	<b>YOB 1989</b>
<b>GRABER, HENRY JR.</b> HoP on 5/19/2022 <b>FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION</b>	<b>MONROE, IN</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1996</b>
<b>GRAY, SHAWN T</b> Stga on 5/22/2022	<b>SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1973</b>

## FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED

<b>HANNERS, LUKE</b> Stga on 5/16/2022	<b>HARRINGTON, DE</b> DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/18/2022 THRU 5/20/2022 HORSE PLACED 4	<b>YOB 2000</b>
<b>CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER</b>		
<b>HUCKABONE, JUSTIN VICTOR</b> VD on 5/21/2022	<b>UTICA, NY</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1994</b>
<b>FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS</b>		
<b>KING, LARRY D</b> HoP on 5/19/2022	<b>WILLSHIRE, OH</b> FINED: \$600	<b>YOB 1942</b>
<b>FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION</b>		
<b>LACKEY, JAMES EMMETT</b> Aces on 5/17/2022	<b>SACRAMENTO, CA</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1952</b>
<b>CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER</b>		
<b>MAC EACHERN, FRANK A</b> PRc on 5/23/2022	<b>ATTLEBORO, MA</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1953</b>
<b>FAILURE TO BE PROPERLY DRESSED</b>		
<b>MCDONOUGH, SHAWN M</b> BR on 1/26/2022	<b>BATAVIA, NY</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1990</b>
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>MCNEIGHT, DAVID P III</b> BR on 1/26/2022	<b>ELLICOTTVILLE, NY</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1990</b>
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>MCNEIGHT, JAMES P JR.</b> BR on 1/26/2022	<b>LOCKPORT, NY</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1996</b>
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>NADEAU, ROBERT L</b> CUMB on 5/21/2022	<b>SACO, ME</b>	<b>YOB 1937</b>
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>NAPOLITANO, ANTHONY J</b> PcD on 5/23/2022	<b>NESCOPECK, PA</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1981</b>
<b>FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS</b>		
<b>ROBERTS, JONATHAN W</b> RcR on 5/21/2022	<b>HARRINGTON, DE</b> FINED: \$400	<b>YOB 1981</b>

**FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS**

<b>SHORT, CHRISTOPHER LEE</b> Nfld on 5/18/2022 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>CARDINGTON, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1968</b>
<b>STALBAUM, LARRY D</b> Stga on 5/20/2022 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>MATAMORAS, PA</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1963</b>
<b>SWITZER, KEVIN P JR</b> PRc on 5/23/2022 <b>FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS</b>	<b>E WATERBORO, ME</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1987</b>
<b>THOMPSON, JASON R</b> Nfld on 5/15/2022 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>STOW, OH</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1979</b>
<b>WARREN, RIDGE J</b> Mea on 5/19/2022 <b>IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE</b>	<b>WAYNESBURG, PA</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1988</b>