

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Dec 23 - Thu, Dec 29

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.

HUFF, JAKE L
on 9/3/2022

MARGATE, FL **YOB 1961**
FINED: \$500
FULL - 15 DAYS, 11/21/2022 THRU 12/5/2022

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

THE HORSE ROPETHE MOON IS DISQUALIFIED FROM SHARING IN THE A PURSE MONIES EARNED ON SEPT. 3, 2022.

LUTHER, TODD A
Green on 8/25/2022

SOUTH BLOOMFIELD, OH **YOB 1985**
FINED: \$1,000
FULL - 15 DAYS, 12/24/2022 THRU 1/7/2023
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Blood sample #902567 collected at the Darke County Fair on 8/25/22 from the horse Hustlenomics was found to contain betamethasone at a concentration of 23+-6 picograms per milliliter of plasma. This exceeds the Regulatory Threshold of 10 picograms per milliliter adopted by the OSRC. All purse money must be returned for redistribution (\$4,412.00). O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01(B)(10)&(13) 18-02 18-99 If the fine is not paid to the judges by 10/21/22 you shall be suspended. During his suspension Mr. Luther is barred from all grounds governed by the OSRC. Any horses under his care that he wants to transfer to another owner or trainer must be approved by the judges or the OSRC.

Status as of 12/22/2022 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Luther has withdrawn his appeal of ruling 22Grnville1 at the Dark County Fair and the penalty has been amended. All purse money must be returned for redistribution (\$4,412.00). O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01(B)(10)&(13) 18-02 18-99 If the fine is not paid to the judges by 1/1/23 he shall be suspended. During his suspension Mr. Luther is barred from all grounds governed by the OSRC. Any horses under his care that he wants to transfer to another owner or trainer must be approved by the judges. If the purse money is not returned by 1/1/23 the owner shall stand suspended until all purse money has been returned to the permit holder. Horse owned wholly or in part by the owner shall also be suspended and are not transferable until the purse money has been returned.

MILLNER, DENNIS
Nfld on 12/20/2022

LITCHFIELD, OH
FINED: \$1,000

YOB 1985

APPEALED - 12/27/2022

IMPROPER CONDUCT OR LANGUAGE TO AN OFFICIAL

Mr. Millner was disrespectful to racing officials after race 7 on 12/20/22 when he used offensive and profane language to the judges during a phone call. His action was against the best interest of racing. He is hereby fined \$1000. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$500 if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-12-26(A)(10) 12-99 3769-17-29(B)(4) 17-35 17-99
Status as of 12/27/2022 - Appeal

MILLNER, JESSICA E
Nfld on 12/20/2022

LITCHFIELD, OH
FINED: \$1,000

YOB 1991

APPEALED - 12/27/2022

IMPROPER CONDUCT OR LANGUAGE TO AN OFFICIAL

Ms. Millner was disrespectful to racing officials after race 7 on 12/20/22 when she called the judges during an inquiry and threatened to take action against the judges if the horses that finished 2nd and 3rd were not placed behind her horse. Her action was against the best interest of racing. She is hereby fined \$1000. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$500 if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-12-26(A)(10) 12-99 3769-17-35 17-99
Status as of 12/27/2022 - Appeal

SODANO, JUSTIN M
PRc on 11/17/2022

MONTGOMERY, NY

YOB 1996

FULL - INDEFINITELY AS OF 12/27/2022

FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)

USTA Rule 22.00 S22.01. The Massachusetts license No.26115 of Trainer Justin Sodano, is hereby suspended indefinitely for failure to pay a previous fine for a bounced check for licenses on 10/28/2022, Ruling No.0189-22. This is a Full Suspension. Previously Mr. Sodano's was suspended on 11/21/2022, Ruling 0191-22 and subsequently reinstated by the Judges at Plainridge Park Race Course on 11/25/2022, Ruling No.0194-22. The Judges spoke to Mr. Sodano by phone on 11/25/2022 at which time Mr. Sodano acknowledged the bounced check and fees and agreed to immediately make payment by mailing a check. Based on that conversation with Mr. Sodano the Judges extended a courtesy and agreed to reinstate his license with the understanding that the check would be mailed immediately. Thirty two days have passed and such no payment has been received. As a result the Judges are taking this action. Mr.Sodano's license will NOT be reinstated until such time that payment has been received.

SQUIRES, R JOSEPH
Nfld on 11/29/2022

NORTHFIELD, OH
FINED: \$50

YOB 1986

BAD CHECK

Mr. Squires issued a check for 2022 OSRC licenses and the check was returned for a conversion of Canadian funds problem. O.S.R.C.-3769-12-26(A)(6) 12-99 The fine has been paid.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

BROWN, BRADY

SLIPPERY ROCK, PA

YOB 1993

Mea on 12/21/2022

FINED: \$200

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) While driving No. 2 HEAVENLY VIEW in race 10 on 12/21/22 at the Meadows, Mr. Brown did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action while in the stretch. Mr. Brown is fined \$200.00 which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Brown 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 12/18/2022

FINED: \$200

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 #3, MUDVILLE, in the 8th race on December 18, 2022 at Harrah's Philadelphia. Mr. Napolitano, Jr. is fined \$200 (fines are due within ten days of ruling). Appeals are due within ten 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 11710 ATTN: Anthony Salerno

PAQUET, FERNAND A JR

MIDDLETOWN, NY

YOB 1968

MR on 12/20/2022

FINED: \$100

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Mr. Paquet while driving #5 SPORTSMODEL in the 4th Race at Monticello Raceway on December 20, 2022, was in violation of the whipping rule in the stretch. The fine is \$100 (1st offense). Further violations of this nature will result in greater penalties.

SOWERS, MCGWIRE P

MONTICELLO, NY

YOB 2000

MR on 12/20/2022

FINED: \$250

DRIVING - 1 DAY, 12/29/2022 THRU 12/29/2022

FAILURE TO KEEP A LINE IN EACH HAND

Mr. Sowers while driving #1 LEAR SEELSTER in the 3rd Race at Monticello Raceway, failed to keep a line in each hand while whipping in the first turn. This is the 2nd whipping violation for Mr. Sowers within 365 days. Mr. Sowers is hereby fined \$250 and issued a 1 day driving suspension to be served December 29, 2022. Further whipping violations will result in greater penalties.

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

BATESON, CASE A

MIAMISBURG, OH

YOB 2001

DTN on 12/20/2022

FINED: \$200

HORSE PLACED 7

JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS

BEACHY, VERNON J Nfld on 11/30/2022 OTHER	MIDDLEFIELD, OH RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 12/26/2022	YOB 1987
DILL, ROBERT C MR on 12/19/2022 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	MAYBROOK, NY FINED: \$200	YOB 1952
KEHL, ALEXIA R CaIX on 12/16/2022 FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POST PARADE	STOUGHTON, WI FINED: \$50	YOB 1988
LEWIS, GRAHAM DD on 12/27/2022 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	CAMDEN WYOMING, DE FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 7	YOB 1960
MERRIMAN, AARON E Nfld on 12/19/2022 TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1978
MILLER, DAVID S PHL on 12/18/2022 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	ROBBINSVILLE, NJ FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 8	YOB 1964
PATTON, JORDAN D CaIX on 12/18/2022 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	CLINTON, MS FINED: \$300	YOB 1998
PRESLEY, CHRIS S Nfld on 12/19/2022 TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK	THORNVILLE, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1995
ROSS, JORDAN M DTN on 12/21/2022 JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS	COVINGTON, TN FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 9	YOB 1997
SMITH, TYLER ALAN DTN on 12/28/2022 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	WASHINGTON CH, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1993

THIESSEN, DARYL

CaIX on 12/18/2022

ELM CREEK, MB

FINED: \$100

YOB 1990

CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER