

# FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, May 5 - Thu, May 11

## 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.

**CARUSO, MICHAEL A**

**LINCOLN, ME**

**YOB 1993**

**NJRC on 1/20/2023**

**FINED: \$45**

### **OTHER**

On January 20, 2023, Michael Caruso issued check number 1179034 in the amount of \$50.00 payable to the New Jersey Racing Commission. Upon deposit, this check was not honored by the financial institution the funds were drawn upon. As a result, Mr. Caruso is hereby fined the sum of \$45.00 for violation of Racing Commission rule N.J.A.C. 13:71-1.21. Mr. Caruso is hereby ordered to submit payment of \$95.00, which consists of original payment, fine and returned check fee. This payment must be made by certified check or money order and is due no later than May 23, 2023.

**CLARK, DANNY J**

**MINERAL POINT, WI**

**YOB 1956**

**Haw on 11/2/2022**

**RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
5/8/2023**

### **OTHER**

Having failed to complete 2022 IRB licensing requirements (submit fingerprints), the owner's license of Danny Clark is hereby suspended.

**Status as of 5/8/2023 - Subsequent Ruling - Having satisfied 2022 IRB licensing requirements (submit fingerprints), owner Danny J. Clark is hereby restored to good standing in the state of Illinois.**

**CORNELISON, JENNA**

**BELMAR, NJ**

**YOB 1985**

**PHL on 5/8/2023**

**INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 5/8/2023**

### **FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)**

PA Code Title 7-205.502 Ms. Cornelison failed to pay the \$200 fine from ruling #23005CD. Ms. Conelison is issued a full suspension, beginning May 8, 2023, and shall remain suspended until the fine is paid.

**DONELLA, SHARON**

**WASHINGTON, PA**

**YOB 1951**

**Mea on 7/29/2022**

**FINED: \$10,000**

**FULL - 290 DAYS, 10/14/2022 THRU 7/30/2023**

**POSSESSION OF HYPODERMIC NEEDLES, SYRINGES AND/OR INJECTABLE AND/OR OTHER DRUGS**

PA Code Title 7-401.6(b) (Possession of illegal, prohibited substances and devices.) 401.61 (Possession of hypodermic needles, syringes and injectable substances.) During a vehicle search conducted at the Meadows on July 29, 2022, trainer Sharon Donella was found to be in possession of (8) syringes, (35) needles, (15) bottles of injectable substances, and (5) tubes of Omeprazole paste without a prescription label. Ms. Donella was issued a summary suspension beginning on August 1, 2022. A final hearing regarding this manner was conducted in the judges` office on October 6, 2022. After the hearing the judges determined the following penalties: 1. Ms. Donella is fined \$10,000 which is due within 10 days of this ruling. 2. A full suspension of 290 days beginning October 14, 2022 through July 30, 2023 (inclusive). Ms. Donella is given credit for the 75 days already served while under summary suspension. During the period of this suspension Ms. Donella is barred from all grounds under the j

***Status as of 5/9/2023 - Subsequent Ruling - RULING#23014C On April 26, 2023, The Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing, received written communication from Sharon J. Donella that she has voluntarily surrendered her Owner-Trainer-Driver license. Ms. Donella acknowledges that the voluntarily surrender of her licenses is permanent and irrevocable. Ms. Donella is no longer entitled to the rights or privileges of a Commission licensee and may not enter the restricted area of a racetrack. In the event that Ms. Donella reapplies for a Commission license, she must first provide a signed statement from a licensed medical doctor indicating that she is capable of performing the duties of the license. In addition to the doctor's certificate noted above, Ms. Donella would first have to satisfy the penalty set forth in Ruling No. 22149M or negotiate a settlement with the Executive Director of the Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing. Based upon the foregoing, Ms. Donella hereby waives her rights to appeal of Ruling No. 22149M presently before the Commission and the matter is discontinued.***

**GEMORE, GUY M**  
PcD on 4/3/2023

**WEST MILFORD, NJ**  
FINED: \$50

**YOB 1962**

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 5/8/2023

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

Fined: \$50, Indefinite full suspension as of 5/8/2023. PA Title 7-203.11(e) Guy M. Gemore has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2023. Mr. Gemore is fined \$50 and as of 5/8/2023 is suspended indefinitely and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and licensing requirements have been met.

**HARRISON, KELVIN J**  
PcD on 4/4/2023

**BORDENTOWN, NJ**  
FINED: \$50

**YOB 1950**

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 5/8/2023

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

Fined: \$50, Indefinite full suspension as of 5/8/2023. PA Title 7-203.11(e) Kelvin J Harrison has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2023. Mr. Harrison is fined \$50 and

as of 5/8/2023 is suspended indefinitely and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and licensing requirements have been met.

**MERRIMAN, LANNY E**  
Nfld on 5/3/2023

**KENT, OH** **YOB 1954**  
FINED: \$1,000  
CONDITIONAL/PROBATIONARY - 30 DAYS,  
5/7/2023 THRU 6/5/2023  
*APPEALED - 5/9/2023*

**IMPROPER CONDUCT OR LANGUAGE TO AN OFFICIAL**

Mr. Merriman was unprofessional and rude towards the State Veterinarian in the Test Barn after race 5 on 5/3/23. His use of profanity and hostile behavior were against the best interest of racing. He is hereby fined \$1000 and suspended from the State Test Barn for 30 days. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$500 and 30 days suspension from the State Test Barn if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-12-26(A)(10)&(15) 12-99 17-29(B)(4) 17-35 17-99 If the fine is not paid to the judges by 5/16/23 he shall be suspended.

**Status as of 5/9/2023 - Appeal**

**PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS**

**CAMPBELL, WINSTON D**  
PRC on 5/9/2023

**CORINNA, ME** **YOB 1967**  
FINED: \$250  
DRIVING - 1 DAY, 5/18/2023 THRU 5/18/2023

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

USTA Rule 18.01 S18.08 (b)8, (c)3, Penn Gaming 2023 PRC Driver`s Rules. On 05/09/2023 at PRC, while driving No.1 JUSTCALLMEMINNIE in Race 8, licensee as driver, Drew Campbell did use his whip in the stretch in an exaggerated manner while using other than wrist and elbow action. As a result of the violation Mr. Campbell is hereby fined \$250.00 and is suspended from driving only for a period of one day, 05/18/2023. (1st offense). Subsequent violations will result in increase penalties. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition.

**CHINDANO, JOSEPH J JR.**  
BR on 4/22/2023

**BLOOMINGBURG, NY** **YOB 1999**  
FINED: \$1,000

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Mr Chindano is hereby Fined \$1000.00 and suspended 10 Days for 4th whipping violation in 365 Days.

**COLE, MICHAEL C**  
PHL on 5/7/2023

**CAMDEN, DE** **YOB 1979**  
FINED: \$200

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) Mr. Cole raised his whipping arm above shoulder height while driving #6, DADDYOFMEALL, in the 8th race on May 7, 2023 at Harrah`s Philadelphia. Mr.

Cole is fined \$200 (fines are due within ten days of ruling). Mr. Cole has waived his hearing/appeal rights.

**EASH, DONALD J**

**ANDERSON, IN**

**YOB 1954**

HoP on 5/4/2023

FINED: \$200

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

71 IAC 7-3-13(b) While driving No. 1 ER SUPER SHADY in race 13 at Hoosier Park on 5/4/2023, driver Don Eash violated the IHRC whipping rule by using other than minimal wrist and elbow action in the stretch. For this violation Mr. Eash is fined \$200.00 (first offense), which is due within 7 days of this ruling. Mr. Eash waived his right to a hearing.

**HARDY, JAMES E**

**NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA**

**YOB 1964**

PRC on 5/4/2023

FINED: \$250

DRIVING - 1 DAY, 5/11/2023 THRU 5/11/2023

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

USTA Rule 18.00 S18.08 (b)2,(c)3 and 2023 Penn National Gaming PRC Driver`s Rules. On 05/04/2023 at PRC while driving No.5 KOKANEE SEELSTER in Race 4, licensee as driver, James Hardy did use his whip in the stretch using other than whip and elbow action. In addition Mr. Hardy did use the whip more than three times in succession without giving the horse time to respond to urging. As a result of the violations Mr. Hardy is hereby fined \$250.00 and is suspended from driving only for One Day, 05/11/2023. (1st offense). Subsequent violations will result in increased fines and days. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition.

**KIRBY, VICTOR**

**MILFORD, DE**

**YOB 1972**

RcR on 5/2/2023

FINED: \$100

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Driver Victor Kirby is fined \$100.00 for excessive use of the whip while driving JOYCES REAL HONEY in the 4th race on May 2nd, 2023 at Rosecroft Raceway. All fines are due within 10 days of the ruling or Maryland Racing Commission licensee will be suspended until payment is received. COMAR: 09.10.03.03 A(14)

**PANTALEANO, JAMES R**

**CANONSBURG, PA**

**YOB 1962**

PcD on 4/30/2023

FINED: \$200

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

PA CODE 7-205.409(2) While driving #6 FAWN DE SIGN in race 4 on April 30, 2023, James Pantaleano did whip after the finish of the race. He is fined \$200 which must be paid within 10 days.

**STALBAUM, LARRY D**

**MATAMORAS, PA**

**YOB 1963**

Stga on 5/7/2023

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/8/2023 THRU 5/10/2023

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**



**CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE**

<b>BEATTIE, JASON R</b> MVR on 5/3/2023 <b>IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE</b>	<b>OREGONIA, OH</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1972</b>
<b>BECKWITH, MELISSA</b> Stga on 5/1/2023 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>WILTON, NY</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1970</b>
<b>BELT, RAY C</b> MVR on 5/5/2023 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>SOUTH CHARLESTON, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1954</b>
<b>BELTRAMI, ANTHONY S</b> M on 4/28/2023 <b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>	<b>BETHLEHEM, PA</b> DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/5/2023 THRU 5/12/2023	<b>YOB 1962</b>
<b>BLUMENFELD, PAUL</b> M on 4/28/2023 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>QUEEN CREEK, AZ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1960</b>
<b>BRENNAN, GEORGE</b> YR on 5/5/2023 <b>TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK</b>	<b>FREEHOLD, NJ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1967</b>
<b>BUFORD, ARCHIE N</b> Wdstk on 5/6/2023 <b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>	<b>TERRY, MS</b> FINED: \$150 HORSE PLACED 6	<b>YOB 1986</b>
<b>CANO, JUAN M</b> PHL on 5/5/2023 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>CREAM RIDGE, NJ</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1983</b>
<b>CARRUBBA, CHRIS S JR</b> BR on 4/21/2023 <b>FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION</b>	<b>BATAVIA, NY</b> FINED: \$250	<b>YOB 1981</b>
<b>DI DOMENICO, SCOTT D</b> Fhld on 4/15/2023 <b>FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED</b> PcD on 5/1/2023 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>JAMESBURG, NJ</b> FINED: \$100 FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1982</b>

<b>DUBE, DANIEL</b> YR on 5/9/2023 <b>KICKING A HORSE</b>	<b>MILLSTONE, NJ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1969</b>
<b>DUNNING, BRYSON T</b> Fhld on 4/28/2023 <b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>	<b>CARNEYS POINT, NJ</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 2003</b>
<b>FONSECA, JOSERT J</b> PHL on 5/4/2023 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b> PHL on 5/4/2023 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>ALLENTOWN, NJ</b> FINED: \$200  FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1988</b>
<b>GEORGE, SCOTT TYLER</b> MVR on 5/6/2023 <b>OTHER</b>	<b>ANDERSON, IN</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1985</b>
<b>GINGRAS, YANNICK</b> M on 4/8/2023 <b>FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE</b>	<b>ALLENTOWN, NJ</b> FINED: \$300	<b>YOB 1979</b>
<b>KREISER, CORY</b> Nfld on 5/3/2023 <b>OTHER</b>	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1993</b>
<b>LAWTON, DALE G</b> Stga on 5/1/2023 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>VERONA, NY</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1948</b>
<b>LEMS, CHRISTOPHER E</b> Nfld on 5/3/2023 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>STREETSBORO, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1986</b>
<b>LITT, THOMAS</b> Nfld on 5/2/2023 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>ASHVILLE, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1994</b>
<b>LUNA, MARVIN ALFREDO</b> Fhld on 4/28/2023 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>BELMAR, NJ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 2001</b>
<b>LYNCH, ALTON E JR</b> Har on 5/8/2023 <b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>	<b>DELMAR, DE</b> DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/15/2023 THRU 5/17/2023	<b>YOB 1959</b>

<b>MAROHN, JAMES JR</b> YR on 5/9/2023 <b>KICKING A HORSE</b>	<b>PARK RIDGE, NJ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1982</b>
<b>MASSEY, KODY RAY</b> Nor on 4/7/2023 <b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>	<b>MONTROSE, MI</b> FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 8	<b>YOB 1983</b>
<b>MILLER, DEVAN S</b> MVR on 5/5/2023 <b>CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER</b>	<b>SABINA, OH</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 3	<b>YOB 1988</b>
<b>MILLER, SUSAN MARIE</b> HoP on 5/4/2023 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>ANDERSON, IN</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1998</b>
<b>MILLER, TYLER J</b> Fhld on 4/14/2023 <b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>	<b>MILLSTONE TWP, NJ</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1998</b>
<b>MORGAN, KIARA D</b> MVR on 5/5/2023 <b>IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE</b>	<b>GROVE CITY, OH</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1999</b>
<b>NEILL, DREW D</b> MVR on 5/6/2023 <b>FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION</b>	<b>DELAWARE, OH</b> FINED: \$300	<b>YOB 1999</b>
<b>O'DEA, TODD M</b> PRc on 5/8/2023 <b>CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER</b>	<b>WINCHENDON, MA</b> DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/16/2023 THRU 5/18/2023 HORSE PLACED 6	<b>YOB 1971</b>
<b>O'NEIL, HUGH</b> Mea on 4/29/2023 <b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>	<b>WASHINGTON, PA</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 5	<b>YOB 1993</b>
<b>PLANO, LUKE</b> CaIX on 4/30/2023 <b>FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS</b>	<b>SACRAMENTO, CA</b> FINED: \$500	<b>YOB 1980</b>



<b>SAUNDERS, BRUCE N</b> PHL on 5/4/2023 <b>UNAUTHORIZED WITHDRAWAL FROM RACE</b>	<b>HAMILTON, NJ</b> FINED: \$500	<b>YOB 1944</b>
<b>SHERMAN, KENT M</b> Nfld on 4/29/2023 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1962</b>
<b>SMITH, TREVOR GENE</b> MVR on 5/5/2023 <b>IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE</b>	<b>WASHINGTON CH, OH</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 7	<b>YOB 1996</b>
<b>TETRICK, TRACE A</b> MVR on 5/3/2023 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>ANDERSON, IN</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1986</b>
<b>THOMPSON, JASON R</b> Nfld on 4/26/2023 <b>LATE TO THE PADDOCK</b> Nfld on 4/30/2023 <b>KICKING A HORSE</b>	<b>STOW, OH</b> FINED: \$100  FINED: \$300 DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/1/2023 THRU 5/3/2023	<b>YOB 1979</b>
<b>TSIPOURAS, FRANK W</b> PHL on 5/6/2023 <b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>	<b>PHILADELPHIA, PA</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 7	<b>YOB 1980</b>
<b>WILCOX, VIRGINIA D</b> Nfld on 5/3/2023 <b>OTHER</b>	<b>PERRYSVILLE, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1962</b>
<b>WILDER, W MIKE</b> Mea on 5/3/2023 <b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>	<b>WASHINGTON, PA</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1972</b>
<b>ZINGALE, SOFIA C</b> YR on 5/4/2023 <b>OTHER</b>	<b>FREEHOLD, NJ</b> FINED: \$250	<b>YOB 1996</b>