

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, May 19 - Thu, May 25

PART ONE

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

COOK, CHAD
USTA on 2/6/2023

ANNAPOLIS, IL **YOB 1974**
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
5/19/2023

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

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

Status as of 5/19/2023 - Subsequent Ruling

HOPE, JORDAN A
USTA on 5/24/2023

STEETSBORO, OH **YOB 1987**
DENIAL(DEN) AS OF 5/24/2023

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

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

LITTLETON, G B
USTA on 5/24/2023

SHREVEPORT, LA **YOB 1951**
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 5/24/2023

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

Indefinite suspension for violation of Rule 20.09, financial responsibility.

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.

COOK, CHAD
HoP on 11/1/2021

ANNAPOLIS, IL **YOB 1974**
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
5/19/2023

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

71 IAC 5-1-1(e) Mr. Cook failed to complete the licensing requirements of the IHRC by not submitting fingerprints as required. He is hereby issued an indefinite suspension beginning 11/24/2021 until such time he completes his licensing requirements.

Status as of 5/19/2023 - Subsequent Ruling - 71 IAC 5-1-1(e) Having completed licensing requirements by submitting a fingerprint card on 5/16/2023 Chad Cook is restored to good standing in the state of Indiana.

HARPER, CURTIS A
DTN on 5/25/2022

HILLIARD, OH **YOB 1989**
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF
12/22/2022

FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION

OSRC 3769-12-26-A(7). Mr. Harper is suspended indefinitely until he appears before the judges for falsifying his 2022 OSRC License Application.

Status as of 5/23/2023 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Harper is restored to good standing in accordance with ruling #23-SCD-006.

HARRISON, KELVIN J

PcD on 4/4/2023

BORDENTOWN, NJ

YOB 1950

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 5/17/2023

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.

Status as of 5/25/2023 - Subsequent Ruling - Completed his license requirements and paid his fine - Kelvin Harrison is restored to good standing on 5/17/2023

SCIARRINO, SALVATORE

Fhld on 4/7/2023

BEAR, DE

YOB 1963

**FINED: \$500
FULL - 15 DAYS, 5/10/2023 THRU 5/24/2023**

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Salvatore Sciarrino was the programmed trainer of the horse SALVADORES` SUN when he raced in the 6th race at Freehold Raceway on April 7, 2023. Following the 6th race, SALVADORES` SUN was selected to submit blood and urine for analysis. The blood sample collected from the horse SALVADORES` SUN on April 7, 2023 identified the presence of the prohibited substance Methocarbamol. Having waived his right to a hearing, Mr. Sciarrino is 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 May 10, 2023 and run through May 24, 2023 inclusive. During the period of suspension, Mr. Sciarrino is denied access to all grounds under jurisdiction of the New Jersey Racing Commission for any and all purposes. The fine associated with this ruling must be paid on or before May 24, 2023. Consistent with N.J.A.C 13:71-23.7, the horse SALVADORES` SUN is disqualified from sharing in all purse monies earned on April 7, 2023. MMV points incurred 1/2 point. Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.1 (a)(b) Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.6 (a)(b)(c)(d) Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.7 (a)(b)(c)(d) Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.8(g)1

TACKETT, ZACH

Nfld on 3/20/2022

WASHINGTON CH, OH

YOB 1989

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 5/20/2023

UNPAID OBLIGATION

Mr. Tackett is hereby suspended until he pays the fine (\$100.00) per ruling 2022-NFLD-059 at Northfield Park. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-36 17-99

Status as of 5/20/2023 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Tackett has paid the fine per ruling 2022-NFLD-059 at Northfield Park and is restored to good standing in Ohio. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-36 17-99

WEIDMAN, JODY B
Stga on 3/19/2023

NEW BERLIN, NY **YOB 1963**
FINED: \$1,000
FULL - 15 DAYS, 5/22/2023 THRU 6/5/2023
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Mr. Weidman was the trainer of record for MR FRENCH in the 10th Race at Saratoga Harness on March 19, 2023. Post race analysis of sample 3266257 contained ALTRENOGEST. MR FRENCH finished 4th, was disqualified and placed 8th. Having appeared before a representative of the NYSGC and waiving his right to a split sample, formal hearing, and right to appeal, Mr. Weidman's 30 day suspension and \$2,000 fine is hereby reduced to a \$1,000 fine and a 15 day full suspension to be served May 22, 2023 through and including June 5, 2023. During the term of suspension, Mr. Weidman is ruled off all grounds under the jurisdiction of the NYSGC and deemed a disqualified person, and is not permitted to participate in any racing activities. Mr. Weidman is ordered to return all purse monies earned from the above mentioned race. MR FRENCH shall be required to submit a negative sample prior to being permitted to enter to qualify or race (negative sample provided). No trainer transfers of horses under the care of Mr. Weidman shall be permitted during the term of suspension.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

DE LONG, JOHN J
HoP on 4/22/2023

ANDERSON, IN **YOB 1989**
FINED: \$200

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

71 IAC 7-3-7(b) While driving No. 2 ELYSIUM SEELSTER in race 8 on 4/22/2023, driver John DeLong violated the IHRC whipping rule by using other than wrist and elbow action in the stretch. For this violation Mr. DeLong is fined \$200.00 which is due within 7 days of this ruling. Mr. DeLong waived his right to a hearing.

HoP on 5/12/2023

FINED: \$300

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

71 IAC 7-3-13(b) While driving No. 9 FREE ON THE BEACH in race 14 at Hoosier Park on 5/12/2023 driver John DeLong violated the IHRC whipping rule by using more than minimal wrist and elbow action. For this violation Mr. DeLong is fined \$300.00 which is due within 7 days of this ruling. (Second offense)

DUNNING, BRYSON T
Fhld on 4/28/2023

CARNEYS POINT, NJ **YOB 2003**
FINED: \$500
DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 5/12/2023 THRU 5/26/2023

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

While driving #6 LUNATIC FRINGE in the 1st race at Freehold Raceway on Friday, April 28 2023, Mr. Dunning did raise his whipping arm above his shoulder and use more than wrist action while driving LUNATIC FRINGE. The Board of Judges has determined that Mr. Dunning's are in direct violation of the N.J.A.C. rule 13:71-20.15(c)3 Having waived his rights to a hearing before the Board of Judges driver Bryson Dunning is hereby issued a driving suspension for a period of five (5) days and fined the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. Said suspension shall be served on May 12, May 13, May 19, May 20 and May 26, 2023 Inclusive. The payment of the fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before June 1, 2023. Violation N.J.A.C. 13:71-20.15(c)3,

FINN, JARED D

NEWTON, IL

YOB 1987

HoP on 5/18/2023

FINED: \$200

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

71 IAC 7-3-13(b) While driving No. 8 SKEETER S in race 14 at Hoosier Park on 5/18/2023 driver Jared Finn violated the IHRC whipping rule by using more than minimal wrist and elbow action around the far turn and throughout the stretch. For this violation Mr. Finn is fined \$200.00 which is due within seven days of this ruling. Mr. Finn waived his right to a hearing and agreed to the penalty.

GENOIS, STEEVEN

LEVIS, QC

YOB 1988

VD on 5/19/2023

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/24/2023 THRU 5/26/2023

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Mr. Genois while driving #6 RISEN MAN in the 7th Race at Vernon Downs on May 19, 2023, was in violation of the whipping rule in the stretch. Mr. Genois is fined \$500 and issued a 3 day driving suspension to be served May 24, 2023 through and including May 26, 2023 (3rd offense within 365 days). Further violations of this nature will result in greater penalties. This is a driving suspension only.

HANNERS, LUKE

BALLSTON SPA, NY

YOB 2000

Stga on 5/16/2023

FINED: \$100

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Mr. Hanners while driving #4 WAY TOO SWEET in the 10th Race at Saratoga Harness on May 16, 2023, was in violation of the whipping rule in the stretch. The fine is \$100 (1st offense). Further whipping violations will result in greater penalties.

LAKE, DAVID R

JACKSON, MI

YOB 1970

Nfld on 5/16/2023

FINED: \$300

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/20/2023 THRU 5/22/2023

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

While driving #3 Casino Director in race 7 on 5/16/23 he whipped the horse in an exaggerated manner by raising his whipping arm above shoulder height and using more

than elbow and wrist action. He is hereby fined \$500 and suspended from driving for 5 days. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$300 and 3 days driving suspension if not appealed. Second offense in the last 365 days. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-17(B)&(C) 17-99 If the fine is not paid to the judges by 5/30/23 he shall be suspended.

MYERS, HUNTER R **CHAGRIN FALLS, OH** **YOB 1998**
Mea on 5/19/2023 **FINED: \$200**
EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP
PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) Mr. Myers raised his whipping arm above shoulder height while driving #5, BORN TO RAMBLE, in the 2nd race on May 19, 2023 at The Meadows. Mr. Myers is fined \$200 (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and has waived his hearing/appeal rights.

NAPOLITANO, GEORGE JR **BOCA RATON, FL** **YOB 1966**
PcD on 5/15/2023 **FINED: \$200**
INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP
PA CODE 7-205.409(2) While driving #6 Bullville Stephano after race 7 on May 15,2023 George Napolitano Jr did whip after the finish of the race. He is fined \$200 which must be paid within 10 days of this ruling.

STARK, JOHN W JR **SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY** **YOB 1959**
Stga on 5/21/2023 **FINED: \$250**
DRIVING - 1 DAY, 5/23/2023 THRU 5/23/2023
EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP
Mr. Stark while driving #1 BOURBON EXPRESS in the 5th Race at Saratoga Harness on May 21, 2023, was in violation of the whipping rule in the stretch. Mr. Stark is hereby fined \$250 and issued a 1 day driving suspension to be served May 23, 2023 (2nd offense within 365 days). Further whipping violations will result in greater penalties. This is a driving suspension only.

SWITZER, KEVIN P JR **E WATERBORO, ME** **YOB 1987**
CUMB on 5/20/2023 **FINED: \$150**
EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP
EXCESSIVE USE OF WHIP AT TOP OF STRETCH AND AT OR NEAR FINISH
PRc on 5/22/2023 **FINED: \$250**
DRIVING - 1 DAY, 5/25/2023 THRU 5/25/2023
INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP
USTA Rule 18.00 S18.08 (b)2 and Penn Gaming PRC Horsemen`s Rules. On 05/22/2023 at PRC, while driving No.7 HARKO in Race 3, licensee as driver, Kevin Switzer Jr. did use his whip more than three times in succession without giving the horse time to respond to urging. As a result of the violation Mr. Switzer is hereby fined \$250.00 and is suspended from driving only for on day 05/25/2023. (12st offense). Subsequent violations will result in increased penalties. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition.

WHITCROFT, MARK E **STILLWATER, NY** **YOB 1962**
VD on 5/19/2023 FINED: \$100
EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP
Mr. Whitcroft while driving #5 BOLT THE COURT in the 7th Race at Vernon Downs on May 19, 2023, 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.

WHITTEMORE, D JIMMY **VERNON, NY** **YOB 1983**
PRc on 5/16/2023 FINED: \$250
DRIVING - 1 DAY, 5/23/2023 THRU 5/23/2023
INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP
USTA Rule 18.00 S18.08 (b)2 and 2023 Penn National Gaming PRC Driver`s Rules. On 05/16/2023 at PRC while driving No.9 GALACTIC STORM in Race 9, licensee as driver, Jimmy Whittemore did use his whip more than three times in succession without giving the horse time to respond to urging. As a result of the violation Mr. Whittemore is hereby fined \$250.00 and is suspended from driving only for one day, 05/23/2023. (1st offense). Subsequent violations will result in increased fines and days. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition.

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

ANDREWS, SARAH J **CANONSBURG, PA** **YOB 1975**
Mea on 5/17/2023 FINED: \$500
FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION
Mea on 5/17/2023 FINED: \$500
FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION

ATHEARN, MATTHEW M **CUMBERLAND, ME** **YOB 1998**
PRc on 5/23/2023 FINED: \$200
SLOW QUARTER/HALF

BAYNES, RAY **FREEHOLD, NJ** **YOB 1956**
Fhld on 5/6/2023 FINED: \$200
FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE

BECKWITH, BRETT M **WILTON, NY** **YOB 2003**
Stga on 5/22/2023 FINED: \$100
TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK

CAMPBELL, WINSTON D **CORINNA, ME** **YOB 1967**
PRc on 5/23/2023 FINED: \$100
SLOW QUARTER/HALF

DAVIS, TYLER EDWARD Har on 5/22/2023 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	SMYRNA, DE FINED: \$50	YOB 1992
EBERSOLE, LUKE C. Nfld on 5/10/2023 INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK	CHESTERVILLE, OH FINED: \$350 HORSE PLACED 5	YOB 1990
ESSIG, MELISSA S HoP on 5/19/2023 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	ALEXANDRIA, IN FINED: \$50	YOB 1974
FLUET, PHILLIP JAMES Stga on 5/16/2023 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE	SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/25/2023 THRU 5/27/2023 HORSE PLACED 6	YOB 1978
GLISPIE, K DEAN ScD on 5/24/2023 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION	SEDALIA, OH FINED: \$300	YOB 1962
GODINEZ, JOSE LUIS PcD on 5/23/2023 INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION	BULLVILLE, NY FINED: \$100	YOB 1982
HANNERS, AUSTIN B ScD on 5/16/2023 FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION ScD on 5/25/2023 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	WASHINGTON CH, OH FINED: \$50 FINED: \$100	YOB 1999
HARPER, CURTIS A ScD on 5/23/2023 FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION	HILLIARD, OH FINED: \$250	YOB 1989
HERNANDEZ, WILLIAMS Aces on 5/23/2023 LET A HORSE PASS INSIDE NEEDLESSLY	WIND GAP, PA FINED: \$500	YOB 1986
HOAGLAND, EVAN J Stga on 5/20/2023 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	GRANVILLE, NY FINED: \$100	YOB 1996
JOHNSTON, AARON M	WAMPUM, PA	YOB 1990

Mea on 5/19/2023	FINED: \$200	
JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS		
KASH, KEITH J JR	MEDINA, OH	YOB 1979
BR on 5/13/2023	FINED: \$100	
SLOW QUARTER/HALF		
BR on 5/13/2023	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL		
BR on 5/17/2023	FINED: \$100	
KICKING A HORSE		
LONG, CHRIS H	SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY	YOB 1967
Stga on 5/22/2023	FINED: \$100	
TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK		
MCCOWN, CAMERON L	OSTRANDER, OH	YOB 1988
ScD on 5/16/2023	FINED: \$50	
FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION		
MCCOWN, JESSICA M	OSTRANDER, OH	YOB 1991
Nfld on 5/14/2023	FINED: \$100	
OTHER		
MCNEIGHT, DAVID P III	ELLICOTTVILLE, NY	YOB 1990
BR on 5/13/2023	FINED: \$0	
CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE		
MELLOY, PATRICK M JR	EATON, OH	YOB 1967
ScD on 5/17/2023	FINED: \$300	
FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION		
MILLER, DAVID S	ROBBINSVILLE, NJ	YOB 1964
PHL on 5/12/2023	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS		
MORRILL, JAMES A JR	ORCHARD PARK, NY	YOB 1964
BR on 5/13/2023	FINED: \$100	
SLOW QUARTER/HALF		
MYERS, HUNTER R	CHAGRIN FALLS, OH	YOB 1998
Mea on 5/12/2023	FINED: \$200	
	HORSE PLACED 8	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
NAPOLITANO, GEORGE JR	BOCA RATON, FL	YOB 1966

PHL on 5/18/2023	FINED: \$200	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
NASON, JOHN S	FREEDOM, NH	YOB 1956
CUMB on 5/19/2023	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
NICKELLS, LAUREN B	ANDERSON, IN	YOB 1971
HoP on 5/18/2023	FINED: \$50	
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED		
NOBLE, DANIEL N	XENIA, OH	YOB 1983
ScD on 5/18/2023	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
PAGE, CHRIS L	DELAWARE, OH	YOB 1983
ScD on 5/19/2023	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL		
PELLING, BRETT G	CREAMRIDGE, NJ	YOB 1958
PHL on 5/12/2023	FINED: \$200	
LATE DRIVER CHANGE		
PELLING, JACK W	CREAM RIDGE, NJ	YOB 1995
PHL on 5/17/2023	FINED: \$200	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
RANGER, BRUCE W	WEST GARDINER, ME	YOB 1959
PRc on 5/22/2023	FINED: \$100	
SLOW QUARTER/HALF		
RATH, GARY A	MARENGO, IL	YOB 1961
Aces on 5/21/2023	FINED: \$50	
FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL		
SARDELLA, ANDREW J	CLIFTON PARK, NY	YOB 1974
Stga on 5/15/2023	FINED: \$100	
LATE DRIVER CHANGE		
SEEKMAN, TRAVIS J	GASTON, IN	YOB 1990
HoP on 5/18/2023	FINED: \$50	
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED		
SMITH, JEREMY R	WASHINGTON CH, OH	YOB 1980

ScD on 5/13/2023

FINED: \$100
HORSE PLACED 8

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

SMITH, TREVOR GENE

WASHINGTON CH, OH

YOB 1996

ScD on 5/17/2023

FINED: \$50

FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION

SPAGNOLA, KYLE

STILLWATER, NY

YOB 1991

Stga on 5/20/2023

FINED: \$500

IMPROPER CONDUCT OR LANGUAGE TO AN OFFICIAL

THARPS, THOMAS ERIC JR.

KETTERING, OH

YOB 1992

Nfld on 5/14/2023

FINED: \$100

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

WRENN, PETER M

CARMEL, IN

YOB 1962

HoP on 5/17/2023

FINED: \$50

LATE DRIVER CHANGE