

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Jan 12 - Thu, Jan 18

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.

BASSEN, MURRAY

NEW ROCHELLE, NY

YOB 1950

MR on 1/10/2024

FINED: \$250

IMPROPER CONDUCT OR LANGUAGE TO AN OFFICIAL

On 01/10/2024 preceding the 5th race at Monticello Raceway while in the paddock, Mr. Bassen did fail to conduct himself in a professional manor, by disturbing the peace and shouting profanity. Furthermore Mr. Bassen failed to follow the instructions of a Racing Official. Mr. Bassen is fined \$250.00. Any further violations of this nature may result in higher fines and or suspension.

BOBBITT, GEREMY C

FOREST, MS

YOB 1997

Nfld on 7/2/2023

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
1/12/2024

UNPAID OBLIGATION

Mr. Bobbitt is hereby suspended until he pays the fine (\$100.00) per ruling 2023-NFLD-148 at Northfield Park. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-36 17-99

Status as of 1/12/2024 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Bobbit has paid the fine per ruling 2023-NFLD-148 at Northfield Park and is restored to good standing in Ohio. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-36

BUFORD, ARCHIE N

TERRY, MS

YOB 1986

Cel on 8/14/2023

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 1/11/2024

UNPAID OBLIGATION

Mr. Buford is hereby suspended until he pays the entry fees (\$300.00) for Ballard Einstein, KK's Dream Girl, and Mystical View for the races at the Mercer County Fair at Celina, Ohio. \$100 per horse. O.S.R.C.-3769-12-26(A)(6)

HILL, SCOTT A

SHELBURNE, ON

YOB 1990

Nfld on 10/14/2023

FINED: \$250

FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION

Mr. Hill falsified his 2023 OSRC license application by failing to list his prior arrest record. He had a hearing with the judges on 1/7/24. He is hereby fined \$500. The penalty will be

reduced to a fine of \$250 if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-12-26(A)(7) The fine must be paid by 1/21/24.

MADAIRE, DAVID

OTTAWA, ON

YOB 1967

Fhld on 10/20/2023

FINED: \$45

BAD CHECK

On October 20, 2023, you issued check number 018 in the amount of \$36.00 in Canadian dollars payable to the New Jersey Racing Commission. Upon deposit, it was determined that this check was not adjusted to the current foreign rate. As a result, you are hereby fined the sum of \$45.00 in United States dollars for violation of Racing Commission rule N.J.A.C. 13:71-1.21. You are hereby ordered to submit payment of \$55.76 in United States dollars, which consists of the difference in original payment and fine. This payment must be made by 2 separate certified checks or money orders and payment is due no later than February 2, 2024. One check in the amount of \$10.76 (difference in exchange rate) and one in the amount of \$45.00 (fine).

MONGIELLO, AUSTIN

BELLEVILLE, NJ

YOB 1989

NJRC on 1/9/2024

DENIAL(DEN) AS OF 1/9/2024

APPEALED - 1/9/2024

DENIAL OF LICENSE

On or about April 6, 2023, Austin Mongiello applied for a standardbred owners license. The New Jersey Racing Commission conducted an informal hearing with Austin Mongiello on December 11, 2023 and the Commission determined that Austin Mongiello had failed to meet his burden of establishing his qualification for licensure in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:71-7.7 and 13:71-7.31. Therefore, for the reasons set forth in the Commission's letter dated January 2, 2024, the application of Austin Mongiello for licensure in New Jersey as an owner is hereby denied. Austin Mongiello is denied access to all grounds that are under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Racing Commission for any and all purposes except for those areas of racetracks that are open to the public.

NEILL, DREW D

DELAWARE, OH

YOB 1999

Nfld on 12/28/2023

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 1/22/2024 THRU 1/26/2024

While driving #3 Bombay Bobby in race 3 on 12/28/23 he engaged in a speed duel in the first half and failed to take advantage of racing opportunities that may have helped his horse obtain a winning performance. His action was against the best interest of racing. Mr. Neill had a hearing with the judges on 1/1/24. He is hereby fined \$1000 and suspended from driving for 10 days. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$500 and 5 days driving suspension if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-12-26(A)(10) 17-11 The fine must be paid by 1/21/24.

SPYCHALA, ERIN

PINCKNEY, MI

YOB 1995

DTN on 12/29/2023

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 1/12/2024

APPEALED - 1/14/2024

UNAUTHORIZED ADMISSION TO THE PADDOCK

OSRC 3769-17-29-A(1), 3769-14-23-D. Ms. Sychala is indefinitely suspended in Ohio until she appears in front of the Judges at Miami Valley Raceway, Dayton Raceway or Scioto

Downs for a hearing. Ms. Spychala has been ordered by the Judges at ALL 4 harness tracks in Ohio not to be in the paddock unless she had a horse entered to race that she owned. On 12/29/23 at Dayton Raceway, Ms. Spychala once again failed to obey the Judges instructions and entered the paddock without having a horse of her own entered to race. The Paddock Judge at Dayton Raceway attempted to deliver a notice of hearing and/or fine to Ms. Spychala but she fled from the paddock prior to delivery of such notice. Ms. Spychala is denied the use and privileges of all the grounds sanctioned by the OSRC while being indefinitely suspended.

Status as of 1/14/2024 - Appeal - Ms. Spychala has appealed this decision in a timely manner.

THARPS, DEVON J
DTN on 12/8/2023

LEBANON, OH **YOB 1993**
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
1/12/2024

FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)

OSRC 3769-17-36, 3769-17-99. Mr. Tharps has failed to pay the fines levied against him in rulings 23-DAY-069, 23-DAY-077, 23-DAY-082 after repeatedly telling the Judges they would be paid. Mr. Tharps is fined an additional \$300, (\$100 each per unpaid ruling) and is indefinitely suspended until ALL fines are paid. During his suspension, Mr. Tharps is denied the use and privileges of all the grounds sanctioned by the OSRC.

Status as of 1/14/2024 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Tharps paid his fines and is restored to good standing. He is eligible to apply for a 2024 OSRC LICENSE.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

MACDONALD, ANTHONY A
Mea on 1/11/2024

MACEDONIA, OH **YOB 1976**
FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) Mr. MacDonald used more than elbow and wrist action and raised his whipping arm above shoulder height while driving #4, MIDNIGHT REBEL, in the 11th race on January 11, 2024 at The Meadows. Mr. MacDonald 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 17110 ATTN: Anthony Salerno

MELLOY, PATRICK M JR
MVR on 1/17/2024

EATON, OH **YOB 1967**
FINED: \$500

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

OSRC 3769-17-17-B. While driving #10 One Rockin Wes during the stretch in race 10 on 1/17/24 at Miami Valley Raceway, Mr. Melloy did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action only. Mr. Melloy is fined \$750, or \$500 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Melloy has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

BREWER, JASON J Nfld on 1/10/2024 NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE	MORAIN, OH FINED: \$300	YOB 1978
HANNERS, AUSTIN B MVR on 1/15/2024 KICKING A HORSE MVR on 1/16/2024 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	FRANKFORT, OH FINED: \$500 FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 6	YOB 1999
KREISER, CORY Nfld on 1/10/2024 NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$300	YOB 1993
LONGO, GERALD CaIX on 1/7/2024 SLOW QUARTER/HALF	RIVERSIDE, CA FINED: \$100	YOB 1945
MERRIMAN, AARON E Nfld on 1/7/2024 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1978
MILLER, BRETT A MVR on 1/15/2024 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	BLACKLICK, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1973
NEAL, ERIC J Mea on 1/10/2024 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE	COOLSPRING, PA FINED: \$200	YOB 1991
PAGE, CHRIS L MVR on 1/11/2024 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION MVR on 1/17/2024 JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS	DELAWARE, OH FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 9 FINED: \$200	YOB 1983
PAPADOPOULOS, ANASTASIOS DD on 1/16/2024 NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE	DAGSBORO, DE FINED: \$300	YOB 1938
RABER, LESTER	LOGOOTE, IN	YOB 1951

MVR on 1/15/2024 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	FINED: \$100	
ROLAND, NICK ROYCE CaIX on 1/7/2024 KICKING A HORSE	GRINNELL, IA FINED: \$300	YOB 1982
SMITH, TYLER ALAN MVR on 1/14/2024 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	WASHINGTON CH, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 4	YOB 1993
MVR on 1/16/2024 JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS	FINED: \$200	
TEMMING, CHRISTOPHER B DD on 1/11/2024 NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE	HUNTINGTON VALLEY, PA FINED: \$300	YOB 1990
TETRICK, TIM A DD on 1/10/2024 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	WOOLWICH TWP, NJ FINED: \$100	YOB 1981
WRENN, RONNIE H JR. Mea on 1/10/2024 TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK	CHAGRIN FALLS, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1986