#### FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Jan 26 - Thu, Feb 1

## **PART ONE**

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

ANGELICOLA, ALYSSA USTA on 1/23/2024

WAVERLY TWP, PA YOB 2001
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 1/31/2024

## **USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION**

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

Status as of 1/31/2024 - Subsequent Ruling - Prior ruling dated 1/23/24 is rescinded. Ms. Angelicola is restored to good standing.

## 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.

ADAMS, BREWER ScD on 9/12/2023 LEBANON, OH

**YOB 1975** 

FINED: \$1,000

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

#### POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

OSRC 3769-18-01-A(1,10,13,15,16), 3769-18-02, 3769-17-43. Blood sample #918884 was tested by the Ohio Department of Agriculture ATL and was found to contain Betamethasone, a Class 4 drug at a concentration of 102 picograms per milliliter of plasma, which exceeds the Regulatory Threshold of 10 picograms per milliliter of plasma adopted by the OSRC. Blood sample #918884 was provided by #5 Hall Bro, who finished 1st in race 11 on 9/12/23 at Scioto Downs and was trained by Mr. Adams. Mr. Adams requested both Split Sample and DNA tests which were confirmed. #5 is disqualified and placed 9th, and the winning purse (\$4000) is ordered to be returned to Scioto Downs within 10 days and redistributed accordingly. Mr. Adams is fined \$1000 and given a 15 day full suspension (01/31/24-02/14/24), or a \$1000 fine if not appealed, which would be due within 10 days of this ruling. This is Mr. Adams first penalized medication violation in the last 365 days. During his suspension, Mr. Adams is denied the use and privileges of all grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. All horses owned and/or trained by Mr. Adams may only be transferred by the Judges at Miami Valley Raceway or the OSRC. Mr. Adams has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

BAKO, ASHLEY N PHL on 12/1/2023

## **BLOOMING GROVE, NY**

**YOB 1993** 

FINED: \$1,000

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

**REDISTRIBUTION** 

## **POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Fined: \$1000, Horse Disqualified PA Code 7-203.22(a)(b), 401.2(a)(1), 401.3(a)(b) Sample # 412818 collected from the horse PRICELESS BEACH after race #1 on 12/1/2023 at Harrah's Philadelphia was found to contain TRANEXAMIC ACID. This is in violation of the PA medication rules. As trainer of record Ashley Bako is fined \$1000. There is also a loss of the purse. PRICELESS BEACH finished 1st and is disqualified. The purse of \$5,600.00 is forfeit and must be returned within 10 days of this ruling for redistribution. Ms. Bako has waived the right to appeal. Fine is due within 10 days of this ruling.

**PHL** on 12/1/2023 FINED: \$1,000

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

## POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Fined: \$1000, Horse Disqualified PA Code 7-203.22(a)(b), 401.2(a)(1), 401.3(a)(b) Sample # 412822 collected from the horse ABRUZZO after race #5 on 12/1/2023 at Harrah`s Philadelphia was found to contain TRANEXAMIC ACID. This is in violation of the PA medication rules. As trainer of record Ashley Bako is fined \$1000. There is also a loss of the purse. ABRUZZO finished 1st and is disqualified. The purse of \$6,500.00 is forfeit and must be returned within 10 days of this ruling for redistribution. Ms. Bako has waived the right to appeal. Fine is due within 10 days of this ruling.

**BEDARD, NICOLE** 

**GUELPH, ON** 

**YOB 1976** 

**Mea** on 1/23/2024

FINED: \$50

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/4/2024

## **FAILURE TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS.**

PA Code Title 7- 203.1(a)(1) 203.1(c) Failure to fulfill Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission fingerprint requirements. The penalties are a \$50 fine (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and an indefinite full suspension beginning February 4, 2024. Appeals are due within ten days of this 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

**BURKE, RONALD J** 

CANONSBURG, PA

**YOB 1969** 

**PRc** on 10/16/2023

FINED: \$2,500

FULL - 45 DAYS, 2/1/2024 THRU 3/16/2024

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

#### POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Mass. 205 CMR 3.21 (7), 3.29 (1)(a),(g), 2(a). On 11/08/2023 Industrial Labs reported to the Massachusetts Gaming/Racing Division the post race test result of Urine Sample E630127, collected from the horse EVERY MANS DREAM on 10/16/2023. The test

revealed the presence of Gabapentin in the urine. Trainer of record Ron Burke was notified and exercised his right to a split sample. The split sample E630127 was forwarded to an independent lab of his choice and on 12/06/2023 the lab report from New York Drug Testing confirmed Gabapentin in the urine. On 01/29/2024 a hearing was conducted virtually and as a result Mr. Burke is hereby issued a full suspension for 45 days beginning 02/01/2024 through 3/16/2024. In addition he is fined the sum of \$2,500. The horse EVERY MANS DREAM finished 1st and is disqualified. The purse money won, \$37,500.00, is hereby ordered forfeited, returned and redistributed. Purse monies forfeited must be returned within 10 days of ruling. The fine is due within 48 hours of imposition. Mr. Burke has 10 days from date of ruling to appeal this decision in writing to the Massachusetts Racing Division.

CAHILL, JOHN CLYDE, OH YOB 1968

**Mea** on 1/23/2024 FINED: \$50

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/4/2024

#### **FAILURE TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS.**

**DD** on 1/3/2024

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COLEMAN, TUCKER JAMES DENTON, MD

FULL - 15 DAYS, 1/18/2024 THRU 2/1/2024

## **POSITIVE TEST - ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE TEST**

DHRC Licensee Tucker Coleman, having had a Judges hearing on 01/18/2024, is now under a 15 day Full suspension (01/18/2024 through and including 02/01/2023) for failing a human drug test. Mr. Coleman tested positive for Marijuana-THC (See DHRC rule: 5.1.8.5.2). Following his completed suspension, Mr. Coleman, in accordance with DHRC rules: 5.1.8.5.5 and 5.1.8.5.6, will be subject to enhanced testing at his expense. Mr. Coleman is responsible for the cost of the failed test (\$32.00).

DEYERMAND, CORY G
Mea on 1/23/2024

DORSET, OH
FINED: \$50

YOB 1989

**YOB 1988** 

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/4/2024

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## **ERZENE, KUBI MICHAEL**

## PEMBERTON, NJ

**YOB 1992** 

**Fhld** on 1/12/2024

DRIVING - 365 DAYS, 2/16/2024 THRU 2/14/2025

## **UNSATISFACTORY DRIVE - CARELESSNESS**

An administrative hearing was conducted on January 18, 2024 to accept evidence and testimony relating to a racing incident which Kubi Erzene was involved in during the 3rd race on Friday, January 12, 2024 at Freehold Raceway. As a result of the administrative hearing, the Board of Judges have determined that: New Jersey Racing Commission ("NJRC") licensee, Kubi Erzene was the driver of the horse "Miss Bombsaway" when it competed in the 3rd race at Freehold Raceway on Friday, January 12, 2024; During the stretch drive of the 3rd race, Mr. Erzene did fail to drive his horse, "Miss Bombsaway," to the finish line of the race, therefore failing to take full advantage of racing opportunities in the stretch. Not only did Mr. Erzene fail to drive his horse to the finish, he "grabbed up" just before the finish costing his horse a winning performance. Whether this action was intentional or due to gross carelessness, it affected the outcome of the race in the most egregious manner and negatively impacted those patrons who wagered on the horse. Mr. Erzene failed to conduct himself in a forthright and professional manner. Mr. Erzene's actions constitute conduct detrimental to the sport that undermined the integrity of racing and the pari-mutuel wagering thereupon. Mr. Erzene is in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-7.29(a)13 - Conduct detrimental to the sport N.J.A.C. 13:71-20.10(a), (b) Fradulent or unsatisfactory drive Having considered the severity of the incident on Friday, January 12, 2024, Mr. Erzene is hereby issued a suspension of his NJRC driving license for a period of one year (365 days). The said suspension shall begin on Friday, February 16, 2024 through and including Saturday, February 15, 2025.

**EVANS, DR COURTNEY** 

HANOVER, PA

**YOB 1994** 

**Mea** on 1/23/2024

FINED: \$50

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/4/2024

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HANNERS, ALICIA

**NEW HOLLAND, OH** 

**YOB 1979** 

**Mea** on 1/23/2024

FINED: \$50

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/4/2024

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bond) to: The PA State Horse Racing Commission, 2301 N. Cameron St., Room 304, Harrisburg, PA 17110 ATTN: Anthony Salerno

MUNSON, TAMMY L

**SMYRNA**, DE

**YOB 1978** 

**DD** on 1/8/2024

FULL - 30 DAYS, 1/25/2024 THRU 2/23/2024

## **POSITIVE TEST - ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE TEST**

DHRC Licensee Tammy Munson, having waived her right to a Judges hearing, is now under a 30 day Full suspension (01/25/2924 through and including 02/23/2024) for failing a human drug test. Ms. Munson tested positive for amphetamine/methamphetamine (See DHRC rule: 5.1.8.5.2). Following her completed suspension, Ms. Munson, in accordance with DHRC rules: 5.1.8.5.5 and 5.1.8.5.6, will be subject to enhanced testing at her expense. Ms. Munson is responsible for the cost of the failed test (\$32.00).

**NIEVES, KRYSTLE A** 

**BUFFALO, NY** 

**YOB 1986** 

**Mea** on 1/23/2024

**FINED: \$50** 

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/4/2024

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RIEGLE, DIANA L

**GROVE CITY, OH** 

**YOB 1964** 

**Mea** on 1/23/2024

**FINED: \$50** 

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/4/2024

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**ROUGH, MICHAELA** 

DAWSON, PA

**YOB 1998** 

**Mea** on 1/23/2024

**FINED: \$50** 

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/4/2024

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bond) to: The PA State Horse Racing Commission, 2301 N. Cameron St., Room 304, Harrisburg, PA 17110 ATTN: Anthony Salerno

SHERRY, DANIEL C Mea on 1/23/2024 EBENSBURG, PA

YOB UNKN

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF

1/30/2024

## FAILURE TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS.

PA Code Title 7-203.1(a)(1) 203.1(c) Failure to fulfill Pennsylvania State Horse Commission fingerprint requirements. The penalties are a \$50 fine (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and in indefinite full suspension beginning February 4, 2024. Appeals are due within ten days of this ruling and must be submitted in writing (accompanied by a \$750 bond): The PA State Horse Racing Commission, 2301 N. Cameron St., Room 304, Harrisburg, PA 17110 ATTN: Anthony Salerno

Status as of 1/30/2024 - Subsequent Ruling - Restored to good standing.

SHETLER, ANDY R

ANDERSON, IN

**YOB 1973** 

**HoP** on 6/13/2022

FINED: \$3,000...*STAYED* 

FULL - 400 DAYS, 12/4/2023 THRU

1/6/2025...*STAYED* 

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

Based on the unanimous adoption of the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Non-Final Order by the members of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission at its November 30, 2023, meeting, Shetler is suspended for a period of eighteen (18) months (credited 149 days for time previously served under suspension) beginning on December 4, 2023, through January 6, 2025, and fined a total of \$3,000.00, for violations contained in Administrative Complaint No. 222003, which include the possession of contraband on the backside of Harrah's Hoosier Park.

Status as of 1/29/2024 - Stay - Pursuant to Madison County Circuit Court Division 6, under cause number 48C06-2401-MI-000002, beginning January 29, 2024, all administrative proceedings against Andy Shetler associated with the Indiana Horse Racing Commission/Indiana Horse Racing Commission's Staff's Final Order Dated December 4, 2023, including any ordered suspended time, are stayed until such as a ruling/decision is made regarding the Verified Petition for Judicial Review that is currently pending in that Court.

# PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

**CUSHING, RONALD L** 

WATERVILLE, ME

**YOB 1964** 

**YR** on 1/23/2024

FINED: \$100

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP** 

EBERSOLE, LOGAN C

CHESTERVILLE, OH

**YOB 1996** 

**Nfld** on 1/21/2024 FINED: \$500

## **EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

While driving #8 Piketonflash in race 14 on 1/21/24 he did whip the horse excessively throughout the mile. Mr. Ebersole waived his right to a hearing and is hereby fined \$750. Second Offense in the last 365 days. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$500 if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-17 The fine must be paid by 2/4/24.

FINDLAY, OH **YOB 1962** 

GREENO, EDWARD A
MVR on 1/29/2024 FINED: \$300

## **EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

OSRC 3769-17-17-L. While driving #6 Pure Peter during the stretch in race 3 at 1/29/24 at Miami Valley Raceway, Mr. Greeno did whip the horse excessively. Mr. Greeno is fined \$500, or \$300 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Greeno has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

MACDONALD, MARK J **YOB 1978 GOSHEN, NY** 

FINED: \$100

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP** 

## PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

ALLARD, SIMON **GILBERTSVILLE. PA YOB 1982** 

**DD** on 1/30/2024 FINED: \$200

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

**YOB 1968 BURKE, MICHAEL D** MCMURRAY, PA

**Nfld** on 1/21/2024 FINED: \$100

OTHER

CLEGG, NICK A NORTHFIELD, OH **YOB 1974** 

Nfld on 1/17/2024 FINED: \$350

HORSE PLACED 8

INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK

CRAWFORD, KEITH H **YOB 1946** COLUMBUS, OH

**Nfld** on 1/21/2024 FINED: \$100

COMING TO THE GATE OUT OF POSITION

DAVIS, ERIC E HARTLY, DE **YOB 1996** 

FINED: \$100 **DD** on 1/29/2024

**HORSE PLACED 8** 

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

FOSTER, RUSSELL H CORDOVA, MD **YOB 1989**  **DD** on 1/31/2024 FINED: \$100 **INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

GINGRAS, YANNICK ALLENTOWN, NJ **YOB 1979** 

**YR** on 1/29/2024 FINED: \$250

DRIVING - 1 DAY, 2/4/2024 THRU 2/4/2024

**KICKING A HORSE** 

HANNERS, AUSTIN B FRANKFORT, OH **YOB 1999** 

**MVR** on 1/31/2024 FINED: \$100

TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK

HANNERS, LUKE MVR on 1/28/2024 HANNERS, LUKE CHILLICOTHE, OH **YOB 2000** 

FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTION OF THE PADDOCK JUDGE

**MVR** on 1/29/2024 FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED

KAUFFMAN, KAYNE K **YOB 1978** LEBANON, OH

**MVR** on 2/1/2024 FINED: \$100

TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK

KRAMER, PAUL CHAS
RcR on 1/30/2024 **GIBBSTOWN, NJ YOB 1960** 

**FINED: \$50** 

FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED

LINVILLE, SCOTT C GOSHEN, IN **YOB 1954** 

**Nfld** on 1/21/2024 FINED: \$100

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

MCCOWN, CAMERON L MVR on 1/31/2024 **YOB 1988** OSTRANDER, OH

FINED: \$350

INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK

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

**DD** on 1/25/2024 FINED: \$300

**HORSE PLACED 8** 

CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE

NOBLE, DANIEL N XENIA, OH **YOB 1983** 

**MVR** on 2/1/2024 FINED: \$100

TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK

**OLSEN, COLE N** POCOMOKE. MD **YOB 2002** 

**RcR** on 1/25/2024 FINED: \$100

## FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS

PAGE, CHRIS L DELAWARE, OH YOB 1983

**MVR** on 1/31/2024 FINED: \$100

TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK

PLANO, LUKE SACRAMENTO, CA YOB 1980

**CalX** on 1/19/2024 FINED: \$50

FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL

PLESTED, KATHLEEN A SACRAMENTO, CA YOB 1972

**CalX** on 1/19/2024 FINED: \$50

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

ROLAND, NICK ROYCE GRINNELL, IA YOB 1982

**CalX** on 1/21/2024 FINED: \$100

**JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS** 

SIEGELMAN, AUSTIN T KINGSTON, PA YOB 1992

**YR** on 1/23/2024 FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POST PARADE

TETRICK, TIM A WOOLWICH TWP, NJ YOB 1981

**DD** on 1/30/2024 FINED: \$300

CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE