FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN
Fri, Feb 16 - Thu, Feb 22

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.

BAIRD, JACOB C
MT BLANCHARD, OH
YOB 2003
Nfld on 2/7/2024
FINED: $500
DRIVING - 45 DAYS, 2/14/2024 THRU 3/29/2024

UNSATISFACTORY DRIVE -LACK OF EFFORT
While driving #4 Extra Crunchy in race 11 on 2/7/24 he did rein in before the finish and failed to use his utmost exertion to obtain a winning performance from his horse. His action was against the best interest of racing. Mr. Baird had a hearing with the judges on 2/13/24. He is hereby fined $1000 and suspended from driving for 90 days. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of $500 and 45 days driving suspension if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-11(D)&(D)(2) 3769-12-26(A)(10) The fine must be paid by 2/23/24.

BRINSON, JIM T
CLINTON, MI
YOB 1979
Nor on 11/17/2023
FINED: $100

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE
MGCB Ruling 7651 - Trainer Jim Brinson failed to have the owner of #4 Captain Carmella properly licensed resulting in a late scratch.

CRAWFORD, KEITH H
COLUMBUS, OH
YOB 1946
Nfld on 1/25/2024
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/15/2024

UNPAID OBLIGATION
Mr. Crawford is hereby suspended until he pays the fine ($100) per ruling 2024-NFLD-01s at Northfield Park. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-36

CRUSE, BRANDON
MILFORD, DE
YOB 1994
DD on 1/15/2024
FULL - 15 DAYS, 2/26/2024 THRU 3/11/2024

POSITIVE TEST - ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE TEST
DHRC Licensee Brandon Cruse, having had a Judge’s hearing on 2/20/2024, will be under a 15 day Full suspension (2/26/2024 through and including 3/11/2024) for failing a human drug test. Mr. Cruse tested positive for Marijuana/THC (See DHRC rule: 5.1.8.5.2). Following his completed suspension, Mr. Cruse, 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. The transfer of related
ownership and/or training responsibilities, during this suspension, must be approved by the Presiding Judge. Appeals must be requested within 4 business days after the publishing of this ruling. Mr. Cruse is responsible for the cost of the failed test ($32.00).

DAY, JAMES E  MEDINA, OH  YOB 1996
Nfld on 2/13/2024  FINED: $500
IMPROPER CONDUCT OR LANGUAGE TO AN OFFICIAL
Mr. Day was disrespectful to racing officials after race 6 on 2/13/24 when he used offensive language to the judges during a phone call. His action was against the best interest of racing. Mr. Day waived his right to a hearing and 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) 17-29(B)(4) 17-35 The fine has been paid.

DERUNTZ, MICHAEL J  ASHLAND, OH  YOB 1977
Nor on 10/17/2023  FINED: $250
LOW OR EXCESS LEVEL OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION
MGCB Ruling 7658- Michael DeRuntz was the trainer of record of the horse Princesa Alta, 1st place finisher in the 8th race on 11/17/2023 at Northville Downs, when the post-race sample was found to contain an excess of furosemide (lasix).

GINSBURG, VINCENT A  JACKSON, NJ  YOB 1988
Fhld on 2/7/2024  FINED: $100
FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE
Trainer Vincent Ginsburg is hereby fined the sum of one hundred ($100.00) dollars. Mr. Ginsburg did employ an individual in the capacity of Stable Employee in the paddock at Freehold Raceway while that individual was not licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission. Mr. Ginsburg`s employment of a caretaker who is not licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission while on the grounds of a facility licensed by and under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Racing Commission is in direct violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-7.26(d), which states: It shall be the responsibility of the trainer to ensure that only individuals licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission are employed in any capacity of caretaker, groom or other attendance with respect to the care-custody and training of such horse. The fine associated with this ruling shall be paid on or before March 1, 2024.

GLASSMEYER, ANDREW R  SMYRNA, DE  YOB 1977
DD on 12/14/2023  FINED: $2,500

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE
Trainer Andrew Glassmeyer, having had a Judge`s hearing on 2/21/24 and being the trainer of record for the horse TROJAN BANNER N in race 11 on 12/14/2023 at Bally`s Dover, is fined $2,500 and will be assessed a 30 day FULL suspension (2/27/2024 through and including 3/27/2024). It has been established ("Initial" and "Split Sample" testing) that
TROJAN BANNER N had a positive test - Levamisole (see DHRC rule: 8.3.3.3.1). TROJAN BANNER N has been disqualified, all purse monies to be returned. The transfer of related ownership and/or training responsibilities, during this suspension, must be approved by the Presiding Judge (see DHRC rule: 10.2.8.3). Appeals must be requested within 4 business days of the publishing of this ruling (see DHRC rule: 10.2.9 Appeals) All fines are due within 10 days of receipt of ruling.

LAKE, DAVID R JACkson, mi YOB 1970
Nor on 2/2/2024 FINED: $100

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE
MGCB Ruling 7665- Trainer David Lake failed to have the owner of #1 Outreach, Robert Beachy, properly licensed. Failure to be properly licensed resulted in a late scratch.

MILLER, URIAH H Northfield, oh YOB 2000
Nfld on 4/8/2023 RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 2/20/2024

BAD CHECK
Mr. Miller has paid the fine per ruling 2023-NFLD-072 and made good on the check per ruling 2023-NFLD-111. O.S.R.C.-3769-12-26(A)(6)

TRADER, SHANNON M Greenwood, de YOB 1974
DD on 11/15/2023 FINED: $750

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE
DHRC Licensee Shannon Trader, having waived her right to a Judge`s hearing, and being the trainer on record of the mare SPEAK YOUR MIND in qualifying race 5 on 11/15/2023 at Bally`s Dover, is fined $750. It has been found that SPEAK YOUR MIND had a positive test - Dantrolene (see DHRC rule: 8.3.3.3.1). All fines are due within 10 days of receipt of ruling.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

HOLLAND, BRENT Frisco, tx YOB 1971
YR on 2/9/2024 FINED: $250
DRIVING - 1 DAY, 2/13/2024 THRU 2/13/2024

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP
While driving #2 (AVF Claire) in Race 8 Mr. Holland did use the whip in an excessive manner. This is his second such violation in a calendar year. Future violations will result in increased penalties.

LAKE, DAVID R Jackson, mi YOB 1970
MVR on 2/19/2024 FINED: $1,000
DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 2/20/2024 THRU 2/24/2024

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP
OSRC 3769-17-17-B. While driving #4 Rose Run Vincent during the stretch in race 10 on 2/19/24 at Miami Valley Raceway, Mr. Lake did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action. Mr. Lake is fined $1000 and given a 15 day driving suspension (2/22/24-3/07/24). The driving suspension will be reduced to a 5 day driving suspension (2/20/24-2/24/24) if not appealed. This is Mr. Lake’s third offense in Ohio in the last 365 days, and 5th overall in the last 365 days. Mr. Lake has waived his right to appeal in a telephone hearing.

MC ILMURRAY, ARTHUR L RIVES JUNCTION, MI YOB 1958
Nor on 2/3/2024 FINED: $300
EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP
MGCB Ruling 7668 - While driving #1 Liberal, Arthur McIlmurray did violate the whipping policy in the stretch.

SMITH, TREVOR GENE WASHINGTON CH, OH YOB 1996
MVR on 2/19/2024 FINED: $500
INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP
OSRC 3769-17-17-B. While driving #4 A New Leader during the third quarter of race 6 on 2/19/24 at Miami Valley Raceway, Mr. Smith did whip the horse using other than wrist or elbow action. Mr. Smith is fined $1000 or $500 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. This is Mr. Smith’s 2nd offense in Ohio in the last 365 days. Mr. Smith has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

ST LOUIS, MARC E JR. SWARTZ CREEK, MI YOB 1988
Nor on 1/19/2024 FINED: $300
EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP
MGCB Ruling 7664- While driving #8 Commander Bob, Marc St Louis did violate the whipping policy in the stretch.

VER HAGE, RYAN M WAYLAND, MI YOB 1991
Nor on 2/3/2024 FULL - INDEFINITELY AS OF 2/21/2024
INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP
MGCB Ruling 7666- While driving #8 Star of Oz, Ryan Verhage did violate the whipping policy by whipping a horse out of contention.
Status as of 2/21/2024 - Subsequent Ruling - MGCB Ruling 7671 - Failure to pay fine in the amount of $300.00 as ordered by Stewards Ruling # 7666

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

ANGUS, TYLER C SAGAMORE HILLS, OH YOB 2002
Nfld on 2/17/2024 FINED: $100
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION
ATHEARN, MATTHEW M  CUMBERLAND, ME  YOB 1998
Stga on 2/5/2024  FINED: $500
DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 2/20/2024 THRU 2/22/2024
KICKING A HORSE

BEATTIE, JASON R  OREGONIA, OH  YOB 1972
MVR on 2/21/2024  FINED: $100
FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTION OF THE PADDOCK JUDGE

BREWER, JASON J  MORAINE, OH  YOB 1978
MVR on 2/20/2024  FINED: $300
FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION

CAMPOLONG, RICHARD  GLEN SPEY, NY  YOB 1943
PcD on 2/19/2024  FINED: $100
NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE

CARTER, STEVEN M  LONDONDERRY, OH  YOB 1966
MVR on 2/20/2024  FINED: $200
FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED

COHEN, SHEENA L  NAZARETH, PA  YOB 1983
PcD on 2/19/2024  FINED: $100
NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE

CRAWFORD, KEITH H  COLUMBUS, OH  YOB 1946
Nfld on 1/21/2024  RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 2/20/2024

OTHER

CUSHING, RONALD L  WATERTOWN, ME  YOB 1964
Stga on 2/13/2024  FINED: $250
DRIVING - 1 DAY, 2/18/2024 THRU 2/18/2024
KICKING A HORSE

DAVIS, BILLY J JR  GUELPH, ON  YOB 1986
Nfld on 2/18/2024  FINED: $200
HORSE PLACED 2
CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE

DAY, JAMES E  MEDINA, OH  YOB 1996
Nfld on 2/13/2024  FINED: $200
HORSE PLACED 8
CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER
DEVITA, NICHOLAS F  MIDDLETOWN, NY  YOB 1985
YR on 2/5/2024  FINED: $250
FAILURE TO DESIGNATE RESPONSIBLE PERSON/TRAINER IN Paddock

GILLIS, JEFFREY R  FERGUS, ON  YOB 1977
YR on 1/30/2024  FINED: $500
FAILURE TO DESIGNATE RESPONSIBLE PERSON/TRAINER IN Paddock

HANNERS, AUSTIN B  FRANKFORT, OH  YOB 1999
MVR on 2/20/2024  FINED: $200
Horse placed 6
JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS

IRVINE, JUSTIN D  AURORA, OH  YOB 2001
Nor on 1/6/2024  FINED: $50
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / Pylon Violation

KLEINHANS, PETER  FLEMINGTON, NJ  YOB 1965
M on 12/22/2023  FINED: $200
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED

LONG, CHRIS H  SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY  YOB 1967
Stga on 2/4/2024  FINED: $100
DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 2/15/2024 THRU 2/17/2024
CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE

MANN, WILLIAM P  EASTON, PA  YOB 1976
YR on 2/16/2024  FINED: $100
LATE DRIVER CHANGE

MEDEIROS, MATTHEW A  MONTAGUE, NJ  YOB 1969
YR on 1/22/2024  FINED: $500
FAILURE TO DESIGNATE RESPONSIBLE PERSON/TRAINER IN Paddock

MERRIMAN, AARON E  NORTHFIELD, OH  YOB 1978
Nfld on 2/12/2024  FINED: $100
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / Pylon Violation
Mea on 2/14/2024  FINED: $200
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / Pylon Violation

MYERS, HUNTER R  CHAGRIN FALLS, OH  YOB 1998
Mea on 2/9/2024  FINED: $200
FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE

PALONE, DAVID M  WASHINGTON, PA  YOB 1962
Mea on 2/9/2024  FINED: $200
FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE

PORTER, JAMES TRAE SMYRNA, DE YOB 2001
RcR on 2/15/2024 FINED: $100
TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK
RcR on 2/20/2024 FINED: $50
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED

RICE, MARIA E DEPEW, NY YOB 1980
YR on 2/20/2024 FINED: $200
LATE DRIVER CHANGE

SMITH, TYLER ALAN WASHINGTON CH, OH YOB 1993
MVR on 2/21/2024 FINED: $200 HORSE PLACED 5
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

ST LOUIS, TYLER L SWARTZ CREEK, MI YOB 1991
Nfld on 2/12/2024 FINED: $200 HORSE PLACED 7
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

STALBAUM, LARRY D MATAMORAS, PA YOB 1963
Stga on 2/10/2024 FINED: $100
KICKING A HORSE

TSIPOURAS, FRANK W PHILADELPHIA, PA YOB 1980
DD on 2/20/2024 FINED: $200
LAYING BACK IN SULKY

WARNER, MICHELLE CAZENOVIA, NY YOB 1969
Stga on 2/18/2024 FINED: $100
LATE DRIVER CHANGE

WELLER, JAY W REPUBLIC, OH YOB 1955
Nfld on 2/20/2024 FINED: $300
NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE