

# FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Jan 3 - Thu, Jan 9

## 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.*

**BERRY, RYAN C**  
**CUMB** on 12/1/2024

**OXFORD, ME** **YOB 1986**  
FINED: \$1,000  
FULL - 15 DAYS, 4/11/2025 THRU 4/25/2025  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

### POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Mr. Berry was the trainer of record for his horse EASTERIFFIC who raced at Cumberland on 12/1/24 in race # 6 and finished 2nd. The Industrial Laboratories has notified the MSHRC that an analysis of blood sample E-563702 disclosed an elevated level of Methocarbamol at 3.00 ng/mL. This finding constitutes a positive test for the horse EASTERIFFIC. Mr. Berry has agreed to a consent agreement with the MSHRC for this infraction. Therefore, Mr. Berry has been suspended from racing for (15) days, 4/11/25 through 4/25/25 and pay a fine in the amount of \$ 1,000.00. He has also been ordered to return the purse for finishing 2nd of \$ 1,000.00.

**CIMINO, LILY**  
**PcD** on 12/19/2024

**SHAVERTOWN, PA** **YOB 1999**  
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF  
12/19/2024

### FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR A HEARING

PA Title 179.56 Lily Cimino failed to attend a hearing with the State Horse Racing Commission at Pocono Downs. After having been notified, Ms. Cimino did not appear for the hearing at the licensing office and did not make an effort to reschedule. As of 12/19/2024, Ms. Cimino is suspended indefinitely until she appears for a hearing. This decision may be appealed in writing within 10 days to: The State Horse Racing Commission 2301 N. Cameron St. Room 301, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Attn: Anthony Salerno Phone: 717-787-5196

**ECKLEY, DEAN M**  
**PHL** on 9/22/2024

**GREENVILLE, MI** **YOB 1983**  
FINED: \$1,500  
FULL - 15 DAYS, 11/18/2025 THRU 12/2/2025  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 7, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION  
*APPEALED - 1/9/2025*

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

PA Code Title 7: 203.22(a) 203.22(b) 401.2(a)(3)(ii) 401.3(a) 401.3(b) 401.41(e)(1) Mr. Eckley was the trainer of the horse NEED UR OPINION for Harrah's Philadelphia second race on September 22, 2024. Blood samples collected post-race from NEED UR OPINION were tested and found to contain Dexamethasone at a concentration of 138.2 +/- 12.8 pg/ml this is above the allowable limit. As the trainer, Mr. Eckley is responsible for the positive test. NEED UR OPINION finished second in this race but is now disqualified and placed seventh. Purse money earned (\$1,700) by NEED UR OPINION must be returned within ten days of this ruling. Mr. Eckley is fined \$1,500 (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and issued a full 15 day suspension beginning November 18, 2025 up to and including December 2, 2025. Aggravating factors were considered in the determination of this penalty. Appeals are due within 10 days of this ruling 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 177110 ATTN: Anthony Salerno.

***Status as of 1/9/2025 - Appeal - RULING# 25001C The request by Dean Eckley for an appeal of the Harrah's Philadelphia Board of Judges Ruling No. 24107CD is hereby GRANTED. The request for a supersedeas is DENIED as not ripe given that the supersedeas would not take effect until November 18, 2025.***

**ESTRADA, ISRAEL**

**CRANBURY, NJ**

**YOB 1984**

Fhld on 12/14/2024

FINED: \$1,000

**REFUSAL TO COOPERATE WITH AUTHORITIES DURING AN INVESTIGATION**

Trainer Israel Estrada is hereby issued a full indefinite suspension of his New Jersey Racing Commission (NJRC) license effective December 27, 2024, and is also fined the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars. On December 14, 2024, Mr. Estrada failed to cooperate with the instructions of the NJRC when he did not obey the instructions of a racing official. These actions by Mr. Estrada are in violation of various rules and regulations of the NJRC and considered to be conduct detrimental to the sport. Mr. Estrada will be eligible to have his NJRC license reinstated when he complies with the agreed upon conditions set forth in the Waiver of Judges hearing letter dated December 20, 2024. Mr. Estrada has waived his right to the Judges hearing and accepted the penalties issued in this ruling. Mr. Estrada's actions are in direct violation of; N.J.A.C. 13:71-7.29(1) (13) (14) N.J.A.C. 13:71-18.2(b)(c) N.J.A.C. 13:71-26.7 N.J.A.C. 13:71-1.19 The fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission not later than January 21, 2025.

***Status as of 1/9/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:71-7.34, trainer Izzy Estrada is hereby restored to good standing in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Estrada has fully complied with the conditions set forth in the waiver of Judges hearing letter dated December 20, 2024. Related Ruling #24FRE80, dated December 21, 2024.***

**MCDANIEL, LESLEY S**

**SAYLORSBURG, PA**

**YOB 1994**

**Nfld** on 11/24/2024

FINED: \$250

**FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION**

Mr. McDaniel falsified his 2024 OSRC license application by failing to list his prior arrest record. He had a hearing with the judges on 1/1/25 and is hereby fined \$500. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$250 if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-2-26-(A)(7) The fine must be paid by 1/11/25.

**Fhld** on 12/20/2024

**FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)**

On November 19, 2024, the New Jersey Racing Commission (NJRC) Board of Judges assigned to Freehold Raceway issued Rulings #24FRE69 and #24FRE71, which imposed monetary fines against you in which payment was to be received by the NJRC not later than December 20, 2024. As you have failed to comply with the terms of Rulings #24FRE69 and #24FRE71 by failing to pay the fines by the required due date, you are in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-1.21. As a result, you are hereby suspended indefinitely until such time payment has been received by the NJRC. Said suspension shall be effective immediately.

***Status as of 1/7/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Trainer Lesley McDaniel, having paid the fines issued against him in Rulings #24FRE69 and #24FRE71, dated November 19, 2024, by the Board of Judges at Freehold Raceway, is hereby restored to good standing in the State of New Jersey. Ruling #24FRE82, dated December 23, 2024, is hereby rescinded.***

**SAMPLE, DESHAWN O**

**LINCOLN, DE**

**YOB 1978**

**DD** on 12/4/2024

FINED: \$250

FULL - 7 DAYS, 1/14/2025 THRU 1/20/2025

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Trainer Deshawn Sample, having had a Judge`s hearing on 1/2/2025 and being the trainer of record for the gelding LA ROCKIN SAMPSON, #3 in Qualifying race #4 on 12/4/2024 at Bally`s Dover, with mitigating circumstances is fined \$250 and is serving a 7 day "full" suspension (1/14/2025 – 1/20/2025). It has been found that LA ROCKIN SAMPSON had a positive test - Cannabidiol, CBD (see DHRC rule: 8.3.3.3.1). The transfer of related ownership and/or training responsibilities, during this suspension, must be approved by the Presiding Judge. All fines are due within 10 days of receipt of ruling.

**PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS**

**HORSEY, CEBA M**

**LAUREL, DE**

**YOB 1976**

**DD** on 12/18/2024

DRIVING - 30 DAYS, 12/31/2024 THRU 1/29/2025

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Driver Ceba Horsey, having had a Judge`s Hearing on 12/19/2024, will be under a 30 day (12/31/2024 - 1/29/2025) Driving suspension. With aggravating circumstances Mr. Horsey exceeded the 3 whip maximum between the 1/4 pole and the 7/8 pole while driving DUFFY`S OPINION in the 3rd race on 12/18/2024 at Bally`s Dover (see DHRC rule:

7.6.13.14.1.3). All appeals are due within 4 business days, after the publishing of the ruling (see DHRC rule: 10.2.9 Appeals).

**NAPOLITANO, GEORGE JR** **BOCA RATON, FL** **YOB 1966**  
**DD** on 1/2/2025 **FINED: \$200**

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

Driver George Napolitano, having waived his right to a Judge`s hearing, is fined \$200 for using his whip, in the winners circle, after the finish of race 5 on 1/2/2025 at Bally`s Dover (see DHRC rule: 7.6.13.14.2.2). All fines to be paid within 10 days of receipt of ruling.

**WARD, DAVID S** **BEAVERCREEK, OH** **YOB 1964**  
**MVR** on 1/7/2025 **FINED: \$1,000**  
**DRIVING - 10 DAYS, 1/9/2025 THRU 1/18/2025**

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

OSRC 3769-17-17-B&L. While driving #5 Fox Valley Carlin during the stretch in race 5 on 1/7/25 at Miami Valley Raceway, Mr. Ward did whip the horse excessively and used other than wrist and elbow action. Mr. Ward is driving on a probationary license and has acknowledged that he understands that his penalties will increase and possibly lead to revocation of his probationary license. For this instance, Mr. Ward is fined \$1000, and given a 30 day driving suspension, or a \$1000 fine and a 10 day (1/9/25-1/18/25) driving suspension if not appealed. The fine is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Ward has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

**PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES**

**BEATTIE, JASON R** **OREGONIA, OH** **YOB 1972**  
**MVR** on 1/7/2025 **FINED: \$100**  
**FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED**

**BROCKLEHURST, BRYCE H** **BROWNSVILLE, PA** **YOB 1989**  
**Mea** on 12/30/2024 **FINED: \$200**  
**JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS**

**CASTILLO, JOSE** **SACRAMENTO, CA** **YOB 1977**  
**CaIX** on 12/27/2024 **FINED: \$100**  
**FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL**

**DAVIS, ALLAN W** **SMYRNA, DE** **YOB 1976**  
**DD** on 1/2/2025 **FINED: \$100**  
**HORSE PLACED 6**  
**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

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

<b>DD on 1/8/2025</b>	<b>DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 1/12/2025 THRU 1/14/2025</b>	
<b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>		
<b>DAVIS, MICHAEL R</b>	<b>LINCOLN, DE</b>	<b>YOB 1958</b>
<b>DD on 1/7/2025</b>	<b>FINED: \$100</b>	
<b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>		
<b>ESTRADA, ISRAEL</b>	<b>CRANBURY, NJ</b>	<b>YOB 1984</b>
<b>Fhld on 11/1/2024</b>	<b>FINED: \$100</b>	
<b>FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED</b>		
<b>GOLDIN, ALEXANDRA</b>	<b>NEW EGYPT, NJ</b>	<b>YOB 1991</b>
<b>Fhld on 12/7/2024</b>	<b>FINED: \$100</b>	
<b>FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED</b>		
<b>HANNERS, AUSTIN B</b>	<b>FRANKFORT, OH</b>	<b>YOB 1999</b>
<b>MVR on 1/7/2025</b>	<b>FINED: \$200</b>	
	<b>HORSE PLACED 9</b>	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>HAYNES, WALTER E JR</b>	<b>ALEXANDRIA, IN</b>	<b>YOB 1965</b>
<b>MVR on 1/7/2025</b>	<b>FINED: \$100</b>	
<b>INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION</b>		
<b>INGLIS, RYAN</b>	<b>NEW JERSEY, NJ</b>	<b>YOB 2000</b>
<b>PHL on 10/27/2024</b>	<b>FINED: \$200</b>	
<b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>		
<b>KEITH, TODD R</b>	<b>PROSPERITY, PA</b>	<b>YOB 1960</b>
<b>Mea on 1/3/2025</b>	<b>WARNING ISSUED</b>	
<b>FAILURE TO WEAR/SECURE HELMET</b>		
<b>KREISER, CORY</b>	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b>	<b>YOB 1993</b>
<b>Nfld on 12/29/2024</b>	<b>FINED: \$200</b>	
	<b>HORSE PLACED 4</b>	
<b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>		
<b>LACKEY, JAMES EMMETT</b>	<b>SACRAMENTO, CA</b>	<b>YOB 1952</b>
<b>CaIX on 12/27/2024</b>	<b>FINED: \$50</b>	
<b>FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION</b>		
<b>MEDEIROS, MATTHEW A</b>	<b>MONTAGUE, NJ</b>	<b>YOB 1969</b>
<b>MR on 1/7/2025</b>	<b>FINED: \$100</b>	
<b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>		

<b>MILLER, BRETT A</b> MVR on 1/8/2025 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>BLACKLICK, OH</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 7	<b>YOB 1973</b>
<b>MORGAN, ANTHONY N</b> DD on 1/2/2025 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>WARWICK, MD</b> FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 7	<b>YOB 1958</b>
<b>MYERS, HUNTER R</b> Mea on 12/23/2024 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>CHAGRIN FALLS, OH</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 9	<b>YOB 1998</b>
<b>POLK, GEORGE JR</b> DD on 1/8/2025 <b>LATE TO THE PADDOCK</b>	<b>DOVER, DE</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1975</b>
<b>QUEVEDO, EDWIN ALBERTO</b> Fhld on 11/6/2024 <b>FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION</b>	<b>ENGLISHTOWN, NJ</b> FINED: \$250	<b>YOB 1983</b>
<b>SMITH, TYLER ALAN</b> MVR on 1/8/2025 <b>IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE</b>	<b>WASHINGTON CH, OH</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1993</b>
<b>SODANO, JUSTIN M</b> Fhld on 12/27/2024 <b>FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION</b>	<b>CHESTERFIELD, NJ</b>	<b>YOB 1996</b>
<b>ST LOUIS, MARC E JR.</b> Nfld on 12/30/2024 <b>TAKE UP ABRUPTLY/SIT DOWN IN FRONT OF HORSES CAUSING CONFUSION AMONG TRAILING HORSES</b>	<b>SWARTZ CREEK, MI</b> FINED: \$500 HORSE PLACED 8	<b>YOB 1988</b>
<b>TETRICK, TIM A</b> DD on 1/2/2025 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b> DD on 1/8/2025 <b>LAYING BACK IN SULKY</b>	<b>WOOLWICH TWP, NJ</b> FINED: \$100 FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1981</b>
<b>THOMPSON, JASON E</b>	<b>HARTLEY, DE</b>	<b>YOB 1993</b>

**DD on 1/7/2025**

**FINED: \$100**

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**WARD, DAVID S**

**BEAVERCREEK, OH**

**YOB 1964**

**MVR on 1/7/2025**

**FINED: \$200**

**HORSE PLACED 3**

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**