

# FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Jan 31 - Thu, Feb 6

## PART ONE

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

**LEWIS, MICHAEL BRIAN**

**FORT WORTH, TX**

**YOB 1981**

**USTA on 2/5/2025**

**DENIAL(DEN) AS OF 2/5/2025**

### **USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION**

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

## 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.*

**HALL, RYAN A**

**BATAVIA, NY**

**YOB 1990**

**Nfld on 1/26/2025**

**RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
1/30/2025**

### **FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL**

Mr. Hall is hereby suspended until he appears before the judges at Northfield Park concerning a positive test. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-29(B)(1)

***Status as of 1/30/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Hall has contacted the judges at Northfield Park concerning a positive test and is restored to good standing in Ohio. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-29(B)(1)***

**MCDANIEL, LESLEY S**

**SAYLORSBURG, PA**

**YOB 1994**

**Nfld on 11/24/2024**

**RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
2/1/2025**

### **UNPAID OBLIGATION**

Mr. Mcdaniel is hereby suspended until he pays the fine (\$250) per ruling 2024-NFLD-316 at Northfield Park. O.S.R.C. 3769-2-26 (6)

***Status as of 2/1/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - MR. MCDANIEL paid his fine (\$250) at Northfield Park and is restored to good standing in Ohio per ruling 2024-NFLD-316 at Northfield Park O.S.R.C 3769-2-26 (6)***

**RUCKER, KENNETH M**

**ANDERSON, IN**

**YOB 1964**

**HoP on 10/10/2024**

**FINED: \$1,000  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9**

### **LOW OR EXCESS LEVEL OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION**

71 IAC 5-3-2(a)(1),(2); 8-1-1.5; 8-1-4.2(10); Sample No. E553303 taken from the horse IMALWAYSCLASSY following the conclusion of race 2 on October 10, 2024 at Hoosier Park tested positive for dexamethasone (Class 4C). Industrial Labs reported a level of 34.2

pg/mL +/- 0.76 pg/mL which exceeds the IHRC threshold level of 5 pg/mL. Mr. Rucker requested a split sample test which confirmed the overage. As trainer of record Ken Rucker is in violation of the IHRC trainer responsibility and medication rules. For this violation Mr. Rucker is fined \$1000.00 which is due within seven days of this ruling. IMALWAYSCLASSY finished sixth placed ninth. No purse redistribution required as the horse did not earn any money in this race.

**TAYLOR, GREGORY**  
PcD on 10/28/2024

**HAINES CITY, FL** **YOB 1970**  
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
2/3/2025

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

Fined: \$50, Indefinite full suspension as of 12/6/2024. PA Title 7-203.11(e) Gregory Taylor has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2024. (Golden Gesture raced on 9/28/2024 at Pocono Downs). Gregory Taylor is fined \$50 and as of 12/6/2024 he is suspended indefinitely and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and licensing requirements have been met. Appeals must be requested within 10 days of this decision as set forth in PA Code 58-183.404(a). Mail your written request to: State Horse Racing Commission 2301 N. Cameron St. - Room 301, Harrisburg, PA 17110 Attn: Tony Salerno Phone: 717-787-5196

***Status as of 2/3/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - PA Title 7-203.11(e) Gregory Taylor's fine has been paid from ruling # 24171PD and he has complied with PA licensing requirements. As of 2/3/2025, Gregory Taylor has been restored to good standing***

**TAYLOR, STACIA D**  
PcD on 10/28/2024

**HAINES CITY, FL** **YOB 1971**  
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
2/3/2025

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

Fined: \$50, Indefinite full suspension as of 12/6/2024. PA Title 7-203.11(e) Stacia Taylor has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2024. (Golden Gesture raced on 9/28/2024 at Pocono Downs). Stacia Taylor is fined \$50 and as of 12/6/2024 she is suspended indefinitely and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and licensing requirements have been met. Appeals must be requested within 10 days of this decision as set forth in PA Code 58-183.404(a). Mail your written request to: State Horse Racing Commission 2301 N. Cameron St. - Room 301, Harrisburg, PA 17110 Attn: Tony Salerno Phone: 717-787-5196

***Status as of 2/3/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - PA Title 7-203.11(e) Stacia Taylor's fine has been paid from ruling # 24172PD and has complied with PA licensing requirements. As of 2/3/2025, Stacia Taylor is restored to good standing***

**PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS**

**BEATTIE, JASON R**  
MVR on 2/4/2025

**OREGONIA, OH** **YOB 1972**  
FINED: \$500

### **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

OSRC 3769-17-17-B. While driving #5 Brian`s Rockndawg during the stretch in race 6 on 2/4/25 at Miami Valley Raceway, Mr.Beattie did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action. This is Mr. Beattie`s second whipping violation in the last 365 days. Mr. Beattie is fined \$750, or \$500 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Beattie has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

**INDOF, JEREMY F**

**BELLE VERNON, PA**

**YOB 1996**

**Mea** on 1/29/2025

**FINED: \$200**

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

PA Code Title 7: 205.409(c) Mr. Indof raised his whipping arm above shoulder height and used more than wrist and elbow action with his whip while driving #1, HUNTERANDMILO in The Meadows` fourth race on January 29, 2025. Mr. Indof is fined \$200 (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and has waived his hearing/appeal rights.

**LUNA, MARVIN ALFREDO**

**LEXINGTON, KY**

**YOB 2001**

**MVR** on 2/3/2025

**FINED: \$300**

### **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

OSRC 3769-17-17-B. While driving #9 Shamwow during the stretch in race 14 on 2/3/25 at Miami Valley Raceway, Mr. Luna did whip the horse using other than wrist or elbow action. Mr. Luna is fined \$500, or \$300 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. This is Mr. Luna`s first whipping violation in the last 365 days in Ohio, but due to other whipping violations in different jurisdictions, Mr. Luna has been notified that any further whipping violations in Ohio will lead to more severe penalties. Mr. Luna has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

**RAWLINGS, DAN J.**

**MECHANIC FALLS, ME**

**YOB 1981**

**MR** on 12/16/2024

**FINED: \$1,000**

**DRIVING - 15 DAYS, 2/13/2025 THRU 2/27/2025**

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

Rule 4117.8(C)(3) Driver Dan Rawlings is hereby assessed a fine of \$1,000.00 and suspended from driving for 15 days for failing to restrict the use of the whip to forearm and wrist action only, while driving the horse CYCLONE MAXIMUS in the 7th race December 16, 2024, at Monticello Raceway. (This violation constitutes a 4th violation in this category in a 365-day period.) Further violations in this category will result in increased penalties.

***Status as of 2/6/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Having withdrawn his request for a hearing on this matter, and waiving all rights to appeal, driver Dan Rawlings is hereby assessed a fine of \$1,000.00 and suspended from driving for 15 days for failing to restrict the use of the whip to forearm and wrist action only, while driving the horse CYCLONE MAXIMUS in the 7th race on December 16, 2024, at Monticello Raceway. (This violation constitutes a 4th violation in this category in a 365-day period.) Further violations in this category will result in increased penalties.***

**SAMPLE, DESHAWN O**

**LINCOLN, DE**

**YOB 1978**

**M** on 1/24/2025

FINED: \$500  
DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 1/31/2025 THRU 2/14/2025

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

Driver Deshawn Sample is hereby issued a driving suspension for a period of five (5) days and is also fined the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. Said suspension shall be served on five (5) consecutive New Jersey race days and will be served on January 31, 2025, February 1, 2025, February 7, 2025, February 8, 2025, and February 14, 2025. While driving #3 "SECOND BRUISER" in the 5th race at the Meadowlands Racetrack on January 24, 2025, Mr. Sample, during the stretch drive, used more than wrist action while applying the whip. That is a direct violation of the New Jersey Racing Commission rule regarding the restrictive use of the whip. Mr. Sample has waived his right to a hearing with the Board of Judges and has accepted the penalties associated with this ruling. The payment of the fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before February 14, 2025. Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-20.15 (c) 3.

**WARD, DAVID S**  
MVR on 2/4/2025

**BEAVERCREEK, OH** **YOB 1964**  
FINED: \$1,000  
DRIVING - 30 DAYS, 2/10/2025 THRU 3/11/2025

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

OSRC 3769-17-17-B. While driving #1 Grand Dancer during the stretch in race 14 on 2/4/25 at Miami Valley Raceway, Mr. Ward did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action. This is Mr. Ward's second offense while driving on a probationary license. A third offense will result in a revocation of his 2025 OSRC driver's license. For this instance, Mr. Ward is fined \$1000 and given a 90 day driving suspension (2/10/25-5/10/25) or a \$1000 fine and a 30 day driving suspension (2/10/25-3/11/25) 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**

**BEAVER, CHRISTOPHER F**  
MVR on 2/5/2025  
**INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**RADNOR, OH** **YOB 1972**  
FINED: \$100

**BECKWITH, BRETT M**  
M on 1/24/2025  
**JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS**

**WILTON, NY** **YOB 2003**  
FINED: \$300

Stga on 2/2/2025  
**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

FINED: \$100

**BERRY, PATRICK D**  
DD on 2/3/2025

**HARRINGTON, DE** **YOB 1976**  
FINED: \$100  
HORSE PLACED 5

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**BURKE, RONALD J** **CANONSBURG, PA** **YOB 1969**  
MVR on 2/2/2025  
FINED: \$100  
**INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**ERICKSON, BRETT** **HUMBOLDT, IA** **YOB 1993**  
CaIX on 1/25/2025  
FINED: \$100  
**CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE**

**GOULET, RENE J** **CALGARY, AB** **YOB 1967**  
CaIX on 1/24/2025  
FINED: \$100  
**JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS**

**GRISMORE, GREG G** **GROVE CITY, OH** **YOB 1970**  
Nfld on 1/29/2025  
FINED: \$100  
**JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS**

**HORSEY, CEBA M** **LAUREL, DE** **YOB 1976**  
DD on 2/3/2025  
FINED: \$100  
HORSE PLACED 2

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**IRVINE, JUSTIN D** **AURORA, OH** **YOB 2001**  
Nfld on 1/22/2025  
FINED: \$100  
**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**JENSON, BRADY JO** **WASHINGTON, PA** **YOB 1996**  
Mea on 1/23/2025  
FINED: \$200  
HORSE PLACED 6  
**JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS**

**KAUFFMAN, KAYNE K** **LEBANON, OH** **YOB 1978**  
MVR on 2/2/2025  
FINED: \$200  
HORSE PLACED 2  
**CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER**

**KEHM, JERRY E** **OAKDALE, PA** **YOB 1963**  
Mea on 1/25/2025  
FINED: \$200  
HORSE PLACED 4  
**JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS**

**KOPA, JESSE W** **BURNTHILLS, NY** **YOB 1990**  
Stga on 2/2/2025  
FINED: \$100  
**LATE DRIVER CHANGE**

<b>LONG, RODNEY M</b> DD on 1/30/2025 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>SALISBURY, MD</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1965</b>
<b>LONGO, GERALD</b> CaIX on 1/25/2025 <b>DELAYING THE START</b>	<b>RIVERSIDE, CA</b> FINED: \$500	<b>YOB 1945</b>
<b>MERRIMAN, AARON E</b> Nfld on 1/29/2025 <b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1978</b>
<b>MORGAN, ANTHONY N</b> DD on 2/5/2025 <b>FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE</b>	<b>WARWICK, MD</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1958</b>
<b>PALONE, DAVID M</b> Mea on 1/29/2025 <b>KICKING A HORSE</b>	<b>WASHINGTON, PA</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1962</b>
<b>PORTER, JAMES TRAE</b> DD on 2/4/2025 <b>FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION</b>	<b>SMYRNA, DE</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 2001</b>
<b>PRESTO, BRANDON J</b> MVR on 2/2/2025 <b>FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION</b> MVR on 2/4/2025 <b>UNAUTHORIZED START IN ANOTHER RACE</b>	<b>HOUSTON, PA</b> FINED: \$300  FINED: \$500	<b>YOB 1989</b>
<b>ROLAND, NICK ROYCE</b> CaIX on 1/24/2025 <b>SLOW QUARTER/HALF</b>	<b>GRINNELL, IA</b> FINED: \$250	<b>YOB 1982</b>
<b>SMITH, JEREMY R</b> MVR on 2/4/2025 <b>KICKING A HORSE</b>	<b>WASHINGTON CH, OH</b> FINED: \$300	<b>YOB 1980</b>