

# FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Feb 7 - Thu, Feb 13

## 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.

**ABEL, RYAN TRAMAINE**

Haw on 12/13/2024

**MAYWOOD, IL**

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF  
12/13/2024

**YOB 1987**

### **FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR A HEARING**

Mr. Ryan Abel failed to show up to a scheduled hearing with the board of Stewards on Friday, December 13, 2024. Mr. Abel is now hereby suspended indefinitely, until all monies owed to Hawthorne Race Course are paid in full. IRB Rules 1402.50 Powers of Stewards; 1322.100 Dishonored Checks

**BRABROOK, STEVEN P**

PcD on 9/7/2024

**HARVEY'S LAKE, PA**

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/11/2025

**YOB 1983**

### **BAD CHECK**

PA Title 205.209 Steve Brabrook is suspended indefinitely for financial obligations beginning 2/11/2025. Check #632 was, written on 4/2/2024 (for a starting/declaration fee at Pocono Downs) was returned for "insufficient funds," This is a violation of the financial responsibility rule in PA. The suspension will be lifted after two money orders are received (each made out to "DOWNS RACING LP") in the amount of \$400.00 for the starting fee and the amount of \$35.00 for the bank insufficient funds fee.

**CALDWELL, CERINA M**

PcD on 10/21/2024

**MANALAPAN, NJ**

FINED: \$50  
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/5/2025

**YOB 1996**

### **FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Cerina Caldwell has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2024. (SCOTT ON THE ROCKS raced on 10/21/2024 at Pocono Downs). Cerina Caldwell is fined \$50 and as of 2/5/2025 is suspended indefinitely and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and licensing requirements have been met.

**DAHLGREN, HAKAN**

PcD on 11/4/2024

**SKELLEFTEA**

FINED: \$50

**YOB 1961**

### **FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Hakan Dahlgren has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2024. (Breakthrough raced on 11/4/2024 at Pocono Downs). Mr. Dahlgren is fined \$50 and as of 2/5/2025 he is suspended indefinitely and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and licensing requirements have been met.

**FARRIS, VOD J** **LAS VEGAS, NV** **YOB 1970**  
CalX on 1/11/2025 FULL - INDEFINITELY AS OF 2/6/2025

**FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)**

Driver VOD FARRIS is hereby suspended indefinitely for a violation of CHRB Rule #1532 (a) (failure to pay fine for Cal Expo Harness ruling number CALX-25-07) of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. In addition, Mr. Farris will need to contact the CHRB stewards at Cal Expo Harness before license can be restored to good standing.

**FERRIERO, MICHAEL G** **HARRISON, NJ** **YOB 1959**  
PcD on 10/26/2024 FINED: \$50  
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/5/2025

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Michael G Ferriero has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2024. (Nome Hanover raced on 10/26/2024 at Pocono Downs). Mr. Ferriero is fined \$50 and as of 2/5/2025 he is suspended indefinitely and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and licensing requirements have been met.

**GRAHAM, DOUGLAS W** **SPRINGFIELD, IL** **YOB 1956**  
Haw on 11/29/2024 FINED: \$750  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Upon receipt of a report from UIC Analytical Forensic Testing Laboratory dated December 10, 2024, stating that blood sample #141464 taken from Noble Prize, the 4th place finisher in Race 4 on November 29, 2024, at Hawthorne Racecourse had an excess level of Flunixin. Owner/Trainer Douglas Graham is hereby assessed a civil penalty of \$750.00 (Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) and will forfeit all purse earnings from Nobel Prize`s 4th place finish on November 29, 2024 at Hawthorne Racecourse for overage Flunixin. Nobel Prize will now be disqualified from 4th to unplaced. IRB Rule 603.130 Laboratory Findings. PURSE REDISTRIBUTION #3 ROCKERFELLER LINDY 5TH PLACED 4TH #7 BODY ARMOR 6TH PLACED 5TH #6 HS REMINGTON 7TH PLACED 6TH #8 MAKERS MASS 8TH PLACED 7TH #4 NOBLE PRIZE 4TH UNPLACED

**HALL, RYAN A** **BATAVIA, NY** **YOB 1990**  
Nfld on 11/5/2024 FINED: \$1,000

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Blood sample #924288 collected at Northfield Park on 11/05/24 from the horse Battle Strong was found to contain Flunixin at a concentration of 22.9 +/- 1.3 ng/ml of plasma. This exceeds the Regulatory Threshold of 20 nanograms per milliliter adopted by the

OSRC. The penalty is \$1000, 15 days and return of purse. If not appealed fine is \$1000, 7 days and return of purse (\$3600). O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01 (A)(1a,4e,10,13,15,16) 3769-18-02 3769-17-43 The fine must be paid by 2/16/25. The purse money must be repaid by 2/16/25. Ruling has been appealed.

**MACKENZIE, CAIN E**

**PLYMOUTH, ME**

**YOB 1980**

**PcD** on 9/7/2024

**INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/11/2025**

**FAILURE TO PAY STARTING FEES**

PA Title 205.459 Cain Mackenzie is suspended indefinitely for financial obligations beginning 2/11/2025. A check, written on 3/11/2024 (for a starting/declaration fee at Pocono Downs) was returned for "insufficient funds," This is a violation of the financial responsibility regulation. The suspension will be lifted after two money orders are received (each made out to "DOWNS RACING LP") in the amount of \$75.00 for the starting fee and the amount of \$35.00 for the bank insufficient funds fee.

**RAY, DON H**

**CEDAR LAKE, IN**

**YOB 1949**

**Haw** on 12/6/2024

**FINED: \$750**

**HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE**

**REDISTRIBUTION**

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Upon receipt of a report from UIC Analytical Forensic Testing Laboratory dated 12/18/2024 stating that blood sample #141519 taken from "Look Kimbo" the winner of Race 9 on December 6,2024 at Hawthorne Racecourse, had the presence of Diclofenac. Trainer Don Ray is hereby assessed a civil penalty of \$750.00 (Seven Hundred Fifty dollars) and will forfeit all purse earnings from Look Kimbo`s victory in the 9th race on 12/6/2024. Look Kimbo is now disqualified from 1st to unplaced. Look Kimbo also must pass an IRB Veterinarian examination and have negative blood results before becoming eligible to race again, IRB Rule 603.130 Laboratory Findings.

**RAYNER, CALEB AUSTIN-  
ALEXANDER**

**MEDINA, OH**

**YOB 1995**

**Nfld** on 12/28/2024

**FINED: \$250**

**FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION**

Mr. Rayner falsified his 2025 OSRC license application by failing to list his prior arrest record. Mr. Rayner is hereby fined \$250. O.S.R.C.-3769-2-26(A)(7) the fine has been paid.

**SPAHR, RENEE A**

**PARIS, KY**

**YOB 1975**

**PcD** on 2/7/2025

**INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/11/2025**

**BAD CHECK**

PA Title 205.209 Renee Spahr is suspended indefinitely for financial obligations beginning 2/11/2025. Check #2737 was, written on 8/14/2024 (for a starting/declaration fee for CABALLERO at Pocono Downs) and was returned for "insufficient funds." This is a violation of the financial responsibility rule in PA. The suspension will be lifted after two

money orders are received (each made out to "DOWNS RACING LP") in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the starting fee and the amount of \$35.00 for the bank insufficient funds fee.

**WALKER, HART**  
Haw on 10/20/2024

**JERSEYVILLE, IL** **YOB 1979**  
FINED: \$500  
FULL - 15 DAYS, 11/23/2024 THRU 12/7/2024  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Upon receipt of a report from UIC Analytical Forensic Testing Laboratory dated November 11, 2024, stating that blood sample #139421 taken from "Fox Valley Groupie" the winner of race 3 on October 20, 2024, at Hawthorne Racecourse, had the presence of Levamisole (Banned Substance) with zero tolerance. Owner/Trainer Hart Walker is hereby assessed a civil penalty of \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) suspended 15 consecutive days and forfeiture of all purse earnings from Fox Valley Groupie in the 3rd race on October 20, 2024. Fox Valley Groupie will be disqualified from 1st to unplaced. IRB Rule 603.130 Laboratory Findings. Fox Valley Groupie must pass IRB State Veterinarian examination and negative blood results before becoming eligible to be entered: Purse Redistribution #4 Fox Valley Groupie 1st to unplaced #7 Wildcat Abby 2nd to 1st #1 Illini Treacherous 3rd to 2nd #8 Little Miss Loie 4th to 3rd #6 Two Bean Dream 5th to 4th #5 Tulip At The Beach 6th to 5th #3 Jezibel Mooss 7th to 6th

**WITHROW, DOREEN ANN**  
PcD on 10/21/2024

**MANALAPAN, NJ** **YOB 1964**  
FINED: \$50  
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/5/2025

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Doreen Withrow has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2024. (SCOTT ON THE ROCKS raced on 10/21/2024 at Pocono Downs). Doreen Withrow is fined \$50 and as of 2/5/2025 is suspended indefinitely and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and licensing requirements have been met.

**PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS**

**AVENATTI, WYATT A**  
Haw on 12/14/2024

**CHRISMAN, IL** **YOB 1996**  
FINED: \$200

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Driver Wyatt Avenatti is hereby assessed a civil penalty of \$200 for excessive use of the whip during the 4th race while driving #1 HIGH HO HEZ SILVER at Hawthorne Race Course on 12/14/2024. IRB Rule 1318.90 (c) Excessive Whipping

**BARTLETT, JASON JAMES**  
YR on 2/4/2025

**GOSHEN, NY** **YOB 1981**  
FINED: \$500  
DRIVING - 7 DAYS, 2/6/2025 THRU 2/12/2025

## FAILURE TO KEEP A LINE IN EACH HAND

**BROWN, CHRIS A**

**CHARLESTON, IL**

**YOB 1973**

Haw on 11/29/2024

FINED: \$200

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

Driver Chris Brown is hereby assessed a civil penalty of \$200 for his excessive use of the whip during the 1st race on November 29, 2024 at Hawthorne Race Course. Rule 1318.90(c) Excessive Whipping

Haw on 1/26/2025

FINED: \$200

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

Driver Chris Brown is hereby assessed a civil penalty of \$200 for his excessive use of the whip during the 2nd race on January 26, 2025. Rule 1318.90(c) Excessive Whipping

**ERICKSON, BRETT**

**HUMBOLDT, IA**

**YOB 1993**

CaIX on 1/31/2025

FINED: \$100

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

CAL EXPO Driver BRETT ERICKSON, who drove NO.1 WITS BEACH in the seventh race on Friday, January 31, 2025 at Cal Expo, is hereby fined the sum of one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734(b) (Whipping shall be restricted to elbow and wrist only). If this fine is not paid to the paymaster of purses within seven calendar days from the date of this ruling you may be suspended and/or your license revoked by the CHRB.

**FRANCO, JUAN**

**CRETE, IL**

**YOB 1977**

Haw on 12/28/2024

FINED: \$400

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

Driver Juan Franco is hereby assessed a civil penalty of \$400 for excessive use of the whip while driving PLAY ME ROCK in the 5th race at Hawthorne Race Course on December 28, 2024. This is Mr. Franco's 2nd whip violation this meet. IRB Rule 1318.90 Excessive Whipping

**GREENE, MICHAEL A**

**LAUREL, DE**

**YOB 1968**

RcR on 2/3/2025

FINED: \$100

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

Driver Michael Greene is fined \$100.00 for excessive use of the whip (one-handed whipping) while driving LEGAL POWER in the 2nd race on February 3rd, 2025 at Rosecroft Raceway. All fines are due within 10 days of the ruling or the Maryland Racing Commission licensee will be suspended until payment is received. COMAR: 09.10.03.03 A(14)

**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 that 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.

**O'NEIL, HUGH** **CECIL, PA** **YOB 1993**  
DD on 2/6/2025 FINED: \$200  
**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**  
Driver Hugh O'Neil, having waived his right to a Judge`s hearing, is fined \$200 for using an "exaggerated whipping motion" contrary to DHRC rule: 7.6.13.14.2.6 while driving NORM AT WORK in the 15th race on 2/6/2025 at Bally`s Dover. All fines to be paid within 10 days of receipt of ruling.

**RHOADES, BRAIDEN M** **ASHLAND, OH** **YOB 2005**  
Nfld on 1/22/2025 FINED: \$300  
**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**  
While driving #7 Espresso Joe in race 13 on 1/22/25 he did whip in an exaggerated manner raising his whipping arm above shoulder height and using more than elbow and wrist action. Mr. Rhoades waived his right to a hearing fined \$500. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$300 if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-17(B)&(C) The fine has been paid.

**SMITH, TREVOR GENE** **LEBANON, OH** **YOB 1996**  
MVR on 2/12/2025 FINED: \$750  
**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**  
OSRC 3769-17-17-L, 3769-17-18. While driving #6 Buttermaker near the top of the stretch in race 6 on 2/12/25 at Miami Valley Raceway, Mr. Smith did use the whip on the horse in an indiscriminate manner. This is Mr. Smith`s third whipping offense in the last 365 days. Mr. Smith is fined \$1000, or \$750 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Smith has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

**SMITHPETERS, SEAN G** **MT VERNON, OH** **YOB 1982**  
CaIX on 2/1/2025 FINED: \$100  
**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**  
CAL EXPO Driver SEAN SMITHPETERS, who drove NO.5 WAVZEKA in the second race on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Cal Expo, is hereby fined the sum of one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734(b) (Whipping shall be restricted to elbow and wrist only). If this fine is not paid to the paymaster of purses within seven calendar days from the date of this ruling you may be suspended and/or your license revoked by the CHRB.

#### PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

**ALVAREZ, MARIA G** **WIND GAP, PA** **YOB 1996**  
YR on 1/29/2025 FINED: \$250  
**FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION**

<b>BRENNAN, GEORGE</b> YR on 2/6/2025	<b>FREEHOLD, NJ</b> FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 4	<b>YOB 1967</b>
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>CIOCCA, JOHN JR.</b> Nfld on 2/2/2025	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1993</b>
<b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>		
<b>GIBSON, GARY D</b> Stga on 2/4/2025	<b>SHERRILL, NY</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1990</b>
<b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>		
<b>GINGRAS, YANNICK</b> YR on 1/23/2025	<b>ALLENTOWN, NJ</b> FINED: \$0 DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 2/10/2025 THRU 2/12/2025 HORSE PLACED 8	<b>YOB 1979</b>
<b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>		
<b>HANNERS, AUSTIN B</b> MVR on 2/9/2025	<b>FRANKFORT, OH</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1999</b>
<b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>		
<b>MVR on 2/10/2025</b>	<b>FINED: \$200</b>	
<b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>		
<b>HUSTED, AMY</b> Haw on 11/30/2024	<b>ANDERSON, IN</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1996</b>
<b>OTHER</b>		
<b>IRWIN, JASON M</b> Nfld on 2/10/2025	<b>ASHVILLE, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1973</b>
<b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>		
<b>JENSON, BRADY JO</b> Mea on 1/23/2025	<b>WASHINGTON, PA</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 6	<b>YOB 1996</b>
<b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>		
<b>KEHM, JERRY E</b> Mea on 1/25/2025	<b>OAKDALE, PA</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 4	<b>YOB 1963</b>
<b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>		
<b>LOMBARDO, SALVATORE C</b>	<b>ASTORIA, NY</b>	<b>YOB 1969</b>

<b>MR on 2/7/2025</b> <b>FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION</b>	<b>FINED: \$250</b>	
<b>MCCOWN, CAMERON L</b> <b>MVR on 2/13/2025</b> <b>IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE</b>	<b>OSTRANDER, OH</b> <b>FINED: \$200</b> <b>HORSE PLACED 2</b>	<b>YOB 1988</b>
<b>MCDONALD, ANTHONY A</b> <b>Nfld on 1/26/2025</b> <b>INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK</b>	<b>CHARLETTOWN, PE</b> <b>FINED: \$350</b>	<b>YOB 1976</b>
<b>MILLER, LAVERN E</b> <b>Nfld on 1/29/2025</b> <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>WHITMORE LAKE, MI</b> <b>FINED: \$100</b>	<b>YOB 1952</b>
<b>MILLER, LEWAYNE L</b> <b>MVR on 2/13/2025</b> <b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>	<b>DALEVILLE, IN</b> <b>FINED: \$200</b> <b>HORSE PLACED 8</b>	<b>YOB 1986</b>
<b>MYERS, HUNTER R</b> <b>Nfld on 2/2/2025</b> <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>CHAGRIN FALLS, OH</b> <b>FINED: \$200</b>	<b>YOB 1998</b>
<b>NOBLE, DANIEL N</b> <b>MVR on 2/13/2025</b> <b>CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER</b>	<b>XENIA, OH</b> <b>FINED: \$200</b> <b>HORSE PLACED 6</b>	<b>YOB 1983</b>
<b>NOBLE, KOLTIN D</b> <b>MVR on 2/11/2025</b> <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>XENIA, OH</b> <b>FINED: \$100</b>	<b>YOB 2004</b>
<b>PALONE, DAVID M</b> <b>Mea on 1/29/2025</b> <b>KICKING A HORSE</b>	<b>WASHINGTON, PA</b> <b>FINED: \$200</b>	<b>YOB 1962</b>
<b>PRESLEY, CHRIS S</b> <b>MVR on 2/13/2025</b> <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>THORNVILLE, OH</b> <b>FINED: \$100</b>	<b>YOB 1995</b>
<b>RHOADES, BRAIDEN M</b> <b>Nfld on 2/4/2025</b> <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>ASHLAND, OH</b> <b>FINED: \$200</b>	<b>YOB 2005</b>



**ROBERTS, JONATHAN W**  
RcR on 2/3/2025

**CARRY A HORSE OUT**

**LAPLATA, MD** **YOB 1981**  
DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 2/6/2025 THRU 2/8/2025  
HORSE PLACED 5

**SMITH, TYLER ALAN**  
MVR on 2/13/2025

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**WASHINGTON CH, OH** **YOB 1993**  
FINED: \$200

**TAGGART, SHANE J**  
MR on 2/4/2025

**FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED**

**MONTICELLO, NY** **YOB 1978**  
FINED: \$100

**VER HAGE, RYAN M**  
Nfld on 2/1/2025

**LATE DRIVER CHANGE**

**WAYLAND, MI** **YOB 1991**  
FINED: \$100