

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, May 2 - Thu, May 8

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.

CLARK, WILLIAM J JR
M on 3/28/2025

BURLINGTON, NJ
FINED: \$1,000

YOB 1963

DRIVING - 90 DAYS, 4/11/2025 THRU 7/9/2025

CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE BEST INTEREST OF HORSE RACING

A hearing was held in The Meadowlands Judges Office on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 to investigate the conduct of driver William Clark, Jr. during the first race at The Meadowlands Racetrack on March 28, 2025. Mr. Clark participated in the hearing via telephone. As a result, the Board of Judges has issued Mr. Clark a ninety (90) day Driving Suspension and one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine. The Driving Suspension shall commence on April 11, 2025 and run through July 9, 2025, inclusive. In the opinion of the judges, Mr. Clark acted to the detriment of racing and violated several New Jersey Racing Commission Rules. Mr. Clark exhibited poor judgment during the race, and by putting both lines in one hand to turn around and shout at a fellow driver while still in the stretch, he acted in an unprofessional manner and put both himself and others in an unsafe situation. At the completion of the Driving Suspension, Mr. Clark's New Jersey Racing Commission license will be under Probationary status for the remainder of 2025. In addition to the penalty issued in this ruling, prior to his license being restored to an active status, Mr. Clark must also comply with the conditions set forth in a confidential letter to him dated April 25, 2025. Mr. Clark's actions are in violation of N.J.A.C. Rule 13:71-1.19, N.J.A.C. Rule 13:71-7.29 (a) 6, 9, 13, N.J.A.C. Rule 13:71-20.10 (b), N.J.A.C. Rule 13:71-20.13, N.J.A.C. Rule 13:71-20.15 (c) 1. The fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before July 9, 2025.

FERRARI, LARRY H
Mea on 4/28/2025

MACEDONIA, OH

YOB 1965

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
5/7/2025

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 May 9, 2025. 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

Status as of 5/7/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Ferrari is restored to good standing.

GIVENS, CAROL LEIGNANN

Mea on 4/28/2025

COKEBURG, PA

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
5/6/2025

YOB UNKN

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Status as of 5/6/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Ms. Givens is restored to good standing.

INGLIS, RYAN

PHL on 1/8/2025

NEW JERSEY, NJ

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
5/6/2025

YOB 2000

FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)

PA Title 7-205.459 205.502 Ryan Inglis has failed to pay his fine in a timely manner from ruling #24091CD. Mr. Inglis is indefinitely suspended as of 1/8/25 and will remain suspended until the fine is paid.

Status as of 5/6/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Ryan Inglis has paid his fine from ruling #24091CD and is restored to good standing.

MCNEIGHT, JAMES P

NYRWB on 5/1/2025

LOCKPORT, NY

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 5/2/2025

YOB 1964

OTHER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the valid receipt of James P. McNeight, Sr ("Respondent") that permits Respondent to participate in pari-mutuel racing as a Trainer is hereby **SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY** pending the disposition by the New York State Gaming Commission ("Commission") of the scheduled hearing before the Commission, or if Respondent refuses such hearing or defaults in appearing, then such valid receipt and all rights to participate in harness racing in New York are **SUSPENDED** until such time as the Commission in its discretion takes further action, including, but not limited to, denial of Respondent's license application and withdrawal of such valid receipt. A hearing on this matter will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 9, 2025. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this action is taken pursuant to Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law ("Racing Law") §§ 309, 310 and 321, 9 NYCRR §§ 4119.7(a)(5); 4119.7(b), 4119.8, 4119.9(a), and 4120.6(a)(1), and State Administrative Procedure Act § 401, upon a finding of the Commission that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively requires this emergency action because Respondent's conduct related to the possession and use of a hypodermic needle and syringe to inject a substance into an equine athlete at Buffalo Raceway was so

egregious that (1) such conduct calls into question Respondent's ability to properly care for horses for which Respondent is responsible pursuant to the valid receipt held with the Commission, (2) Respondent's actions and continued participation in racing are potential dangers to the public health, safety, and welfare, including that of equine athletes, (3) Respondent's actions are inconsistent with the experience, character, or general fitness required for participation by Respondent in harness racing or related activities; and (4) Respondent's continued participation in pari-mutuel racing is presently inconsistent with the publi

MERTON, GREGORY

MR on 4/9/2025

MONTICELLO, NY

FINED: \$750

FULL - 7 DAYS, 5/16/2025 THRU 5/22/2025

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1973

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Rule 4120.2; 4120.4; 4120.5; 4120.3(A)(15) On April 30, 2025, the New York Dug Testing and Research Program reported to the New York State Gaming Commission that post-race blood sample #CV3554697 and post-race urine sample #CV3554692, submitted by the horse JM`S DELIGHT, 1st place finisher in race 4 on April 9, 2025, at Monticello Raceway, contained the presence of Guaifenesin and Dextromethorphan. Pursuant to New York State Gaming Rules 4120.2; 4120.4; 4120.5; 4120.3(A)(15), Trainer Greg Merton is hereby fined the sum of \$1,500.00 and suspended for 15 days. Further, JM`S DELIGHT, is declared disqualified from said race and all purse earnings shall be returned and redistributed to appropriate finishers and must re-test negative for Guaifenesin and Dextromethorphan prior to being eligible to race. Having appeared before a representative of the NYSGC and waived the right to a formal hearing and appeal, the fine is hereby reduced to \$750.00 and the suspension reduced to 7 days. During the term of his suspension, Greg Merton is denied access to all course and grounds under the jurisdiction of the New York State Gaming Commission.

MULLET, DEVIN A

HoP on 9/27/2024

KALONA, IA

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF

5/8/2025

YOB 1965

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

71 IAC 5-1-2(a)(2) Licensee Devin Mullet has failed to complete Indiana licensing requirements (fingerprints). For this violation Mr. Mullet shall be suspended beginning September 27, 2024 and will remain suspended until he submits a fingerprint card.

Status as of 5/8/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - 71 IAC 5-1-2(a)(2) Licensee Devin Mullet submitted a fingerprint card on May 8, 2025 and is hereby restored to good standing in the state of Indiana and eligible for licensure.

SMITH, SAMUEL S

Nfld on 1/17/2025

DERBY, NY

FINED: \$1,000

FULL - 7 DAYS, 5/11/2025 THRU 5/17/2025

YOB 1988

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Blood sample #925699 collected at North Park on 1/17/25 from the horse Big Bad Mosa was found to contain Triamcinolone Acetonide at a concentration of 124+-5 picograms per milliliter of plasma. Which exceeds the Regulatory Threshold of 100 picograms per milliliter of plasma that was adopted by the OSRC. Mr. Smith Waived his right to a hearing. He is hereby fined \$1000 and suspended for 15days. Big Bad Mosa is disqualified and as a result of that disqualification all purse money must be returned for redistribution (\$5000.00). This is Mr. Smith second Class 4, positive test in the last 365 days. If this ruling is not appealed the suspension will be reduced to \$1000 fine & 7 days suspension (With 8 days stayed pending no positives test in the next 365 days) O.S.R.C. 3769-18-01- (B) (10) & (13) 18-02 3769-17-43. During his suspension Mr. Smith is barred from all grounds governed by the OSRC. Any horses that he wants to transfer to another owner or trainer must be approved by the judges at Northfield Park. The purse and fine must be paid by 5/15/25.

YOUNG, DERON E

BUTLER, PA

YOB 1971

Nfld on 3/12/2025

FINED: \$250

FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION

Mr. Young falsified his 2025 OSRC license application by failing to list his prior arrest record. Mr. Young waived his right to a hearing 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 has been paid.

ZUCKER, DANIEL C

SEATTLE, WA

YOB 1965

PcD on 8/21/2024

**RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
5/3/2025**

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

Fined: \$50, Indefinite full suspension as of 8/21/2024. PA Title 7-203.11(e) Daniel Zucker) has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2024. Mr. Zucker is fined \$50 and as of 8/21/2024 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 5/3/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Restored to good standing as of 5/3/2025
PA Title 7-203.11(e) Daniel C. Zucker has paid his fine and and complied with PA
licensing requirements. As of 5/3/2025 Mr. Zucker is restored to good standing in PA.***

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

AVENATTI, WYATT A

CHRISMAN, IL

YOB 1996

OAKGR on 5/5/2025

FINED: \$250

USING THE WHIP IN UNCONVENTIONAL MANNER

Mr. Wyatt Avenatti was the driver of #3 Great Seats who was in the 11th Race on 5/5/2025 at Oak Grove. Mr. Avenatti did allow his arm to go behind his head while using the whip which is a violation of 810 KAR 5:070 Section 9 – 3 – B. This is Mr. Avenatti's 1st violation in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the Calendar Year.

BENDER, ATLEE E

NOBLESVILLE, IN

YOB 1992

HoP on 5/1/2025

FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

71 IAC 7-3-13(d)(5) While driving No. 5 MISTER MATT in race 7 at Hoosier Park on May 1, 2025 driver Atlee Bender was found to be in violation of Indiana Horse Racing Commission whipping rules. For this violation Mr. Bender is fined \$200.00 which is due within seven days of this ruling. Mr. waived his right to a hearing and accepted the penalty.

DAY, JAMES E

MEDINA, OH

YOB 1996

Nfld on 4/27/2025

FINED: \$300

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

While driving #2 Lancaster Hill in race 8 on 4/27/25 he did whip the horse in an exaggerated manner by raising his whipping arm above shoulder height and using more than elbow and wrist action. This is Mr. Day first offense within 365 days in Ohio. Mr. Day waived his right to a hearing and is hereby 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 must be paid by 5/9/25.

KELLY, COLIN

CAMBRIDGE, ON

YOB 1993

MR on 5/1/2025

FINED: \$100

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

4117.8(D); 4117.8(H)(2) Driver Colin Kelly is hereby assessed a fine of \$100.00 for using the whip in an excessive manner, using the whip more than 3 times in succession without giving the horse time to respond, while driving GRITTY in the 8th race on May 1, 2025, at Monticello Raceway. (This violation constitutes a 1st violation in this category in a 365-day period.) Further violations in this category will result in increased penalties.

KENNEDY, JAMES E

HARVEY LAKE, PA

YOB 1978

CaIX on 5/2/2025

FINED: \$500

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

CAL EXPO Driver JAMES KENNEDY, who drove NO.7 DANIEL`S SON in the fourteenth race on Friday, May 2, 2025 is hereby fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734(b)(8) (Use of the whip more than six times during a race, excluding showing or waving the whip). Third whipping offense within the Cal Expo racing season. 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 CHR.B.

MERTON, GREGORY

MONTICELLO, NY

YOB 1973

Stga on 4/27/2025

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 7 DAYS, 5/2/2025 THRU 5/8/2025

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Rule 4117.8(D)(2) Driver Greg Merton is hereby assessed a fine of \$500.00 and suspended from driving for 7 days 05/02/2025 thru and including 05/08/2025, for using the whip in an excessive manner: using the whip more than three times in succession without giving the horse time to respond, while driving GB`S TORPEDO, in the 8th race on April 28, 2025, at Saratoga Raceway. (This violation constitutes a third violation in this category in a 365-day period.) Further violations in this category will result in increased penalties.

PACHECO, CRISTIAN

ANDERSON, IN

YOB 1995

HoP on 4/26/2025

FINED: \$300

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

71 IAC 7-3-13(b) While driving No. 2 TAHUYA HANDSOME in race 6 at Hoosier Park on April 26, 2025 driver Cristian Pacheco violated the IHRC whipping rule by using more than minimal wrist and elbow action in the stretch. For this violation Mr. Pacheco is fined \$300.00 (second offense of the the 2025 race meet) which is due within seven days of this ruling. Mr. Pacheco waived his right to a hearing and accepted the penalty. Mr. Pacheco has been informed that he is still in the probationary period of his "P" license and continued violations of this type could lead to a demotion back to a "QF" license.

ROBINSON, EUGENE MANNON

HAVRE DE GRACE, MD

YOB 1965

PHL on 5/2/2025

FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) Eugene Robinson did have an exaggerated whipping motion and use his whip excessively in the stretch while driving #7 RAGING GUARDINO in the 2nd race on 5/2/25 at Harrah's Philadelphia. Mr. Robinson Is fined \$200 fines are due within 10 days of this ruling 5/12/25

THOMPSON, JASON E

HARTLEY, DE

YOB 1993

Har on 4/21/2025

FINED: \$500

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Driver Jason Thompson, having waived his right to a Judge`s hearing, is fined \$500 for excessive whipping while driving BODEGA BAY on 4/21/2025 in the 9th race at Harrington Raceway (see DHRC rule: 7.6.13.14.2.6). All fines to be paid within 10 days of receipt of ruling. Any additional instances of whipping infractions will result in increased appropriate fine(s) and suspension(s) as determined by the Judges.

TSIPOURAS, FRANK W

PHILADELPHIA, PA

YOB 1980

PHL on 5/4/2025

FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) Frank Tsiouras did have an exaggerated whipping motion and use his whip excessively in the stretch while driving #3 WESTERN BAYAMA in the 1st race

on 5/4/25 at Harrah's Philadelphia. Mr.Tsipouras Is fined \$200 fines are due within 10 days of this ruling 5/14/25

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

ALVAREZ, MARIA G PcD on 4/29/2025 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	WIND GAP, PA FINED: \$250	YOB 1996
ANGUS, TYLER C Nfld on 4/29/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION Nfld on 4/29/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION Nfld on 5/3/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	SAGAMORE HILLS, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 4 FINED: \$100 FINED: \$100	YOB 2002
BATESON, CASE A Mea on 4/30/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	CANNONSBURG, PA FINED: \$100	YOB 2001
CAMPOLONG, VINCENT J MR on 5/1/2025 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	FISHKILL, NY FINED: \$250	YOB 1989
CASE, WALTER H JR PRc on 5/1/2025 SLOW QUARTER/HALF PRc on 5/6/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	RICHMOND, ME FINED: \$100 FINED: \$100	YOB 1961
DEATON, TIMOTHY J RcR on 5/3/2025 JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS	LEBANON, OH FINED: \$150 HORSE PLACED 5	YOB 1996
DEVER, JEFFREY S HoP on 4/24/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	CONVERSE, IN FINED: \$100	YOB 1980
DI DOMENICO, SCOTT D PcD on 4/29/2025 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	JAMESBURG, NJ FINED: \$250	YOB 1982

GROCE, MARK F PHL on 5/4/2025 NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE	HARRINGTON, DE FINED: \$100	YOB 1963
INDOF, JEREMY F Mea on 4/30/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	BELLE VERNON, PA FINED: \$100	YOB 1996
KASH, KEITH J JR Nfld on 5/3/2025 TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK	MEDINA, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1979
KREISER, CORY Nfld on 5/4/2025 NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$300	YOB 1993
LAKE, DAVID R Nfld on 4/27/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	JACKSON, MI FINED: \$100	YOB 1970
MAXWELL, ZYLER M OAKGR on 5/5/2025 JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS	MACON, MS FINED: \$100	YOB 2006
MERRIMAN, AARON E Nfld on 4/27/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION Nfld on 5/3/2025 TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$100 FINED: \$200	YOB 1978
MILLER, BRETT A MVR on 5/3/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	COLUMBUS, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 4	YOB 1973
MILLER, MARCUS DREW HoP on 5/1/2025 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE	STROUDSBURG, PA FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 6	YOB 1989
MILLER, MATTHEW A HoP on 4/19/2025 FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED	LIGONIER, IN FINED: \$100	YOB 1999

REISENWEAVER, STEVEN J PcD on 5/4/2025	NEWFIELD, NJ DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/5/2025 THRU 5/7/2025 HORSE PLACED 4 CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER	YOB 1955
RYDER, PATRICK J PHL on 5/3/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	BORDENTOWN, NJ FINED: \$100	YOB 1994
SOWERS, MCGWIRE P CUMB on 5/2/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	MONTGOMERY, NY FINED: \$200	YOB 2000
STEVENSON, MICHAEL A CUMB on 5/2/2025 CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER	NEW GLOUCESTER, ME FINED: \$100	YOB 1964
WHITNEY, TODD C CUMB on 5/3/2025 KICKING A HORSE	AUBURN, ME FINED: \$200	YOB 1962