### FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Aug 1 - Thu, Aug 7

# PART ONE

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

STALBAUM, LARRY D

MATAMORAS, PA

**YOB 1963** 

**USTA** on 8/6/2025

FINED: \$250

**USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION** 

As programmed trainer of the horse FOND MEMORIES A, Larry Stalbaum is fined \$250 for violation of USTA Rule 20.11 (Nerved Horses) for failure to report that the horse was nerved prior to it being declared to race. The fine is due to the USTA within 15 days of this ruling. Failure to pay the fine may result in a suspension of membership.

# 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.

**ALAGNA, TONY P M** on 1/11/2025

HOWELL, NJ

**YOB 1972** 

FINED: \$500

FULL - 15 DAYS, 8/18/2025 THRU 9/1/2025

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

### **POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Anthony Alagna was the programmed trainer of the horse "REMEMBER THE ALAMO" when he raced in the first race at The Meadowlands Racetrack on January 11, 2025. Following the race, "REMEMBER THE ALAMO" was required to submit blood and urine for analysis. A report from Industrial Laboratories identified the presence of 5-Hydroxydantrolene. At Mr. Alagna's request, split sample testing was performed at an independent laboratory. These testing results did confirm the presence of 5-Hydroxydantrolene. This is in direct violation of the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Racing Commission. A hearing was held in the judge's office at The Meadowlands Racetrack on June 5, 2025. As a result, Mr. Alagna is hereby issued a full suspension of his New Jersey Racing Commission license for a period of fifteen (15) days and is fined the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. Said suspension shall begin on August 18, 2025 and run through September 1, 2025 inclusive. During the period of suspension, Mr. Alagna is denied access to all grounds that are under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Racing Commission. Consistent with N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.7 the horse "REMEMBER THE ALAMO" is disqualified from sharing in all purse monies earned on January 11, 2025. The fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before September 1, 2025. MMV Points incurred 1/2 point Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.1 (a) (b) 14 Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.6 (a) (b) (c) (d) Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.7 (a) (b) (c) (d) Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.8 (g) 1

BURTON, LESLIE Lbn on 6/28/2025 SPRINGFIELD, KY

**YOB 1962** 

FINED: \$1,000

FULL - 30 DAYS, 8/7/2025 THRU 9/5/2025 HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 5, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION APPEALED - 8/6/2025

## **POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Mr. Leslie Burton was the listed trainer of #2 Treasure G who was in the 8th Race on the 2-Year-Old Card that was raced at the Marion County Fair in Lebanon KY. Post race testing of sample E621293 that was sent to Industrial Laboratories confirmed in the blood Pyrilamine which is considered a Class B Medication in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Mr. Leslie Burton was made aware of his right to a split sample and did waive that right. Mr. Leslie Burton had a hearing with the Board of Judges on 7/27/2025 in their office at the Red Mile. After hearing testimony and explanations, the Board of Judges do make the following ruling. #2 Treasure G has been disqualified and is 1st placed 5th DQ and is ordered to return the purse of \$4,500 (Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars). Mr. Burton has hereby been issued a fine of \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) and a suspension of 30 (Thirty) Days the will start on 8/7/2025 ? 9/5/2025 for his first offense of a Class B medication violating 810 KAR 8:030. During his suspension Mr. Burton is denied access to any association under the jurisdiction of the KHRG. All horses owned or trained by Mr. Burton are only allowed to transfer with the approval of the Board of Judges at the Red Mile. Mr. Burton has been made aware of his right to appeal which must be sent to the President & CEO of the KHRG in 10 days of this ruling.

Status as of 8/6/2025 - Appeal - Mr. Leslie Burton has entered an appeal in a timely manner as regulated by 810 KAR 9:010 to the President & CEO of the KHRG.

DANIELS, JEROME RshvI on 7/1/2025 SPRINGFIELD, IL

**YOB 1982** 

FINED: \$500

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

### POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Upon receipt of a report from UIC Analytical Forensic Testing Lab dated 7/16/25 stating sample #0138031 taken from LULING CITY, the 1st place finisher in race 7 on 7/1/25 at the Schyler County Fair in Rushville, IL, had an excess level of Methocarbamol at a concentration level of 12.5+/-1.9 ng/mL. Trainer Jerome Daniels is hereby assessed a civil penalty of \$500 and the purse money won by LULING CITY is hereby ordered forfeited and redistributed among the horses according to their order of finish. IRB Rule 603.60(3) (permitted use of foreign substances and threshold levels).

GLASSER, NEIL A M on 7/19/2025 MANALAPAN, NJ

**YOB 1969** 

FINED: \$500

OFFENSIVE/PROFANE LANGUAGE

Owner Neil Glasser is hereby fined the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. After his horse, "HE`S HALF NAKED", was scratched from the post parade of race #8 at The Meadowlands on July 19, 2025, Mr. Glasser approached the state veterinarian in an aggressive manner. He used improper, profane and indecent language to a racing official and disturbed the peace by acting in an obnoxious manner on the grounds of an association. Mr. Glasser`s actions are in violation of N.J.A.C. Rule 13:71-1.6 and N.J.A.C. 13.71-1.7. The payment of the fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before August 23, 2025.

GOLDIN, ALEXANDRA

**RcR** on 3/31/2025

HARTLY, DE

**YOB 1991** 

FINED: \$1,000 FULL - 30 DAYS, 8/10/2025 THRU 9/8/2025 HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

### **POSITIVE TEST- PRE RACE**

Trainer Alexandra Goldin, for being trainer of record on pre-race blood sample #E721646 taken from MARCO BEACH on March 31st, 2025 at Rosecroft Raceway, was found to contain a Total Carbon Dioxide (TCO2) concentration of 40.4+-1.9 mmol/L. This exceeds the maximum TCO2 concentration allowed per Maryland Racing Commission guidelines. As a result, Goldin is fined \$1,000.00, and must return all purse monies. Goldin will also be issued a 30-day full suspension from April 9th, 2025 through May 8th, 2025. During this suspension, she and all horses trained and/or owned by her are barred from the grounds, under jurisdiction of the Maryland Racing Commission. Additionally, MARCO BEACH is disqualified, finishing fifth and is placed eighth. MARCO BEARCH is also placed on the stewards list from April 9th, 2025 through May 8th, 2025. All purse monies must be returned within 72 hours of this issuance, and all fines are due within 10 days of the ruling. COMAR: 09.10.02 Addendum A-11. Four Multiple Medication Violation (MMV) points assessed.

Status as of 8/4/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - The Maryland Racing Commission has received notice that appellant, Alexandra Goldin, has withdrawn her appeal of Rosecroft Raceway judges' ruling RCR25-011. As a result, Goldin is fined \$1,000.00 and must return all purse monies. Goldin will also be issued a 30-day full suspension from August 10th, 2025 through September 8th, 2025. During this suspension, she and all horses trained and/or owned by her are barred from the grounds under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Racing Commission. Additionally, MARCO BEACH is disqualified, finishing fifth and placed eighth. MARCO BEACH will also be placed on the steward's list from August 10th, 2025 through September 8th, 2025. All purse monies must be returned within 72 hours of this issuance, and all fines are due within 10 days of the ruling. COMAR: 09.10.02 Addendum A-11. Four Multiple Medication Violation (MMV) points assessed.

**Bang** on 7/2/2025

FINED: \$500

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

### POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Ms. Grondin was the trainer of record for her horse Pembroke Junebug that raced at Bangor Raceway on July 2nd in race # 12. A blood sample taken from Pembroke Junebug after the 12th race disclosed an elevated level of Methocarbamol at 28.3 ng/mL, which is in violation of MSHRC Chapter 17. Ms. Grondin has entered into a consent agreement with the MSHRC, therefore, she has agreed to return the purse winnings of \$2,150.00 and pay a \$500.00 fine for this infraction.

HARMON, ROBERT W

MILFORD, PA

**YOB 1969** 

**PcD** on 5/12/2025

FINED: \$2,500

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

### **POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Fined: \$2500, Horse Disqualified, Loss of Purse \$7500 PA Code 7-203.22, 401.3(a)(b) Sample # 424031F collected from the horse RECKLESS REVIVER after race #1 on 5/12/2025 at Pocono Downs was found to contain Dexamethasone. This is in violation of the PA medication rules and was Rob Harmon's second class 4 positive within 365 days. After waiving the hearing/appeal, Mr. Harmon was fined \$2500. RECKLESS REVIVER finished 1st and has been Disqualified. There is also a loss of purse of \$7500. Fine has been paid. Purse money must be returned within 10 days of this ruling.

HORN, TALACY D

# MONROEVILLE, AL

YOB UNKN

**Mea** on 8/7/2025

**FINED: \$50** 

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 8/18/2025

# FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Code Title 7- 203.l(a)(I) 203.l(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 August 18, 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 ATTENTION: Anthony Salerno

KASH, KEITH J JR

MEDINA, OH

**YOB 1979** 

**Nfld** on 4/6/2025

FINED: \$1.000

# IMPROPER CONDUCT OR LANGUAGE TO AN OFFICIAL

Mr. Kash was unprofessional and rude towards the track Veterinarian in the paddock after race 1 on 4/6/25. His use of profanity and hostile behavior was against the best interest of racing. He 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)(10)&(15) 17-29 (B) (4) 17-35 The fine must be paid by 4/18/25.

Status as of 8/2/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Kash Appealed Ruling #25NFLD-100 and had a Hearing on 5/30/25, in-person hearing took place before Hearing Officer Margaret A Brewer. Hearing Officer found a violation of OSRC rules 3769-17-29 (B) and 3769-17-35 and recommended the commission uphold the judges' ruling of a fine of One Thousand Dollars (1000.00). On 7/15/25, the commission reviewed the report and recommendation of the hearing Officer. The fine must be paid by 8/12/25.

LINTON, ANJANICA

Mea on 4/1/2025

# **CINCINNATI, OH**

**YOB 1981** 

FINED: \$250

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 7, PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

# **POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

PA Code Title 7: 401.45 401.46 401.2(a)(1) 203.22(a) 203.22(b) 401.3(a) 401.3(b) 401.2(a)(3)(i) 401.41(e)(7) Ms. Linton was the trainer of the horse ANERAOFCLOWNS for The Meadows` third qualifying race on April 1, 2025. Blood samples post-race) from ANERAOFCLOWNS were tested and found to contain Levamisole. As the trainer, Ms. Linton is responsible for the positive test. ANERAOFCLOWNS is disqualified in the April 1, 2025, qualifier. Ms. Linton is fined \$250 (fines are due within ten days of ruling). Mitigating factors were considered in determining this penalty. Ms. Linton had an opportunity for a hearing but did not appear. Appeals are due within ten days of 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

MC DERMOTT, KEVIN C

**VD** on 5/9/2025

# **SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY**

**YOB 1967** 

FINED: \$1,000

FULL - 30 DAYS, 9/28/2025 THRU 10/27/2025

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

### **POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Trainer Kevin McDermott had 2 positive tests for PEIMINE at Vernon Downs, the first Positive being on 5/09/2025 in the 7th race with #7 REIGN OF HONOR (winner) and purse money won of \$2,250. The 2nd Positive for PEIMINE at Vernon Downs was on 5/17/2025 in the 7th race with #5 REIGN OF HONOR (winner), purse money won of \$2,750. The second positive test occurred before the result of the first positive was available to be reported to trainer Kevin McDermott and therefore they shall be treated as 2 individual first offences. Kevin McDermott, having met with a representative of the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) and waiving his right to appeal, is issued the following penalty: For each offence a 15 Day suspension (total of 30 days). The suspensions shall be served consecutively 09/28/25 through 10/27/2025, with a fine of \$500 for each offence (\$1,000 total). All purse money won (\$5,000) is ordered returned and redistributed. While under suspension, Kevin McDermott is denied access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the NYSGC. REIGN OF HONOR must provide a negative test and requalify before

racing. Any horse trained or owned by Kevin McDermott may only be transferred with the approval of the Presiding Judge.

MERKEL, JOHN R

# SHELBYVILLE, IN

**YOB 1947** 

**SbyvI** on 7/2/2025

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

# LOW OR EXCESS LEVEL OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION

Industrial Laboratories reported that sample #E541313 provided by the horse ROLL-ON MIDNITE trained by John Merkel following its first place finish in the 8th race at the Shelby County Fair (Shelbyville) on 7/2/25 contained Phenylbutazone in the blood at a level of 3.27 mg/mL which exceeds the level permitted in accordance with the standard used in Indiana County Fair Races as prescribed by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission Rules, 71 IAC 8-1-4.2. John Merkel, trainer of "ROLL-ON MIDNITE" was advised of this positive test and of his rights to split sample testing. Trainer Merkel chose to waive his right to send a split sample. The purse money won by ROLL-ON MIDNITE is hereby ordered forfeited and redistributed among the horses according to their order of finish.

MEZA, MICHAEL

# MIDDLETOWN, NY

**YOB 2000** 

**Aces** on 7/5/2025

FINED: \$500

# FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION RULES

RUNNING ACES Trainer Michael Meza is hereby fined a sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for allowing a groom to perform barn duties while on the grounds of a Licensed Association without first obtaining workers compensation for the groom to do such. This is a Violation of MN Rule 7877.0130 Subp 3 – E. All Fines are due within 120 Hours.

**Aces** on 7/5/2025

FINED: \$500

### OTHER

RUNNING ACES Trainer Michael Meza is hereby fined a sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for giving false statements to a Minnesota Racing Commission Investigator on numerous occasions in regard to a Workers Compensation violation. This is a Violation of MN Rule 7897.0100 Subp 7. All Fines are due within 120 Hours.

# PARADIS, PIERRE J

# HOP BOTTOM, PA

**YOB 1957** 

M on 6/18/2025

FINED: \$500

# **POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Pierre Paradis was the programmed trainer of the horse "HALFADOZEN" when she raced in the eleventh qualifying race at The Meadowlands Racetrack on June 18, 2025. Following the race, "HALFADOZEN" was required to submit blood for analysis. A report from Industrial Laboratories identified the presence of Flunixin above the allowable limit. As a result, Mr. Paradis is fined the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. The time from the qualifying race is disallowed. Mr. Paradis has waived his right to a hearing with the Board of Judges and has accepted the penalty associated with this ruling. The fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before August 16, 2025. Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.1 (a) (b) 14 Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.6 (a) (b) (c) (d)

PAVIA, JOSEPH C JR

**BOYNTON BEACH, FL** 

**YOB 1960** 

**PcD** on 5/27/2025

FINED: \$750 HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

#### POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Fined: \$750, Horse Disqualified, Loss of Purse \$3750 PA Code 7-203.22, 401.3(a)(b) Sample # 424174 F,C collected from the horse SHINKANSEN after race #2 on 5/27/2025 at Pocono Downs was found to contain Flunixin. This is in violation of the PA medication rules. After waiving the hearing/appeal, Joe Pavia Jr. was fined \$750. SHINKANSEN finished 2nd and has been Disqualified. There is a loss of purse of \$3750. Fine has been paid. Purse money must be returned within 10 days of this ruling.

**RUSH, TYLER JON** 

MARYSVILLE, OH

**YOB 1988** 

**ScD** on 8/6/2025

FINED: \$250

DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 8/12/2025 THRU 8/16/2025

# FAILURE TO PASS THE BREATH ANALYZER TEST

OSRC 3769-14-22-B. Mr. Rush registered a reading of .116 per cent of alcohol in the blood when asked to blow into the breath analyzer prior to driving #2 Bourbonontherocks in race 2 on 8/6/25 at Scioto Downs. Mr. Rush is fined \$500 and given a 10 day driving suspension. The penalty will be reduced to a \$250 fine and a 5 day driving suspension (8/12-8/16) if not appealed. The fine is due within 10 days of this ruling. This is Mr. Rush's first violation of this rule. Mr. Rush has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

SMITH, IVAN S

HARRINGTON, DE

**YOB 1967** 

**Har** on 7/17/2025

FULL - INDEFINITELY AS OF 8/4/2025

# FAILURE TO PASS THE BREATH ANALYZER TEST

Mr. Smith is indefinitely suspended until this matter is resolved. Mr. Smith must appear before the Judges, to resolve failing the breathalyzer.

**SPAHR, RENEE A** 

PARIS, KY

**YOB 1975** 

**PcD** on 2/7/2025

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF

8/1/2025

#### 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. Status as of 8/1/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Restored to good standing as of 8/1/2025. PA Title 7-203.11(e) Renee Spahr has fulfilled the financial obligations from ruling # 25009PD and complied with PA licensing requirements. As of 8/1/2025 Renee Spahr is restored to good standing in PA.

# STUTZMAN, AARON DALE

**HoP** on 7/9/2025

# **GOSHEN, IN**

FINED: \$1,000

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

#### POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

71 IAC 5-3-2(a)(1),(a)(2),(b); 8-1-1.5; 8-1-2 Sample No. E619512 taken from the horse PONDA LIME following the conclusion of race 8 on July 9, 2025 at Hoosier Park tested positive for Firocoxib (Class 4C). This positive was reported by Industrial Labs the contracted testing provider for the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. As trainer of record Aaron Stutzman is in violation of the IHRC trainer responsibility and medication rules. Mr. Stutzman waived his right to a hearing and split sample. For this violation Mr. Stutzman is fined \$1000.00 which is due within seven days of this ruling. PONDA LIME finished second placed eighth. The purse of \$16,875 is ordered returned and redistributed as follows: No. 1 CRUISEN HALLE finished third placed second No. 8 KEEPS MISS DIXIE finished fourth placed third No. 6 CHANGE OF ORDER finished fifth placed fourth No. 2 MARGARITA TINA finished sixth placed fifth No. 4 CHASER`S DIAMOND finished seventh placed sixth No. 7 IN THE PASSING LN finished eighth placed seventh No. 3 PONDA LIME finished second placed eighth

TOTH, MARK S

# **FARMINGDALE, NJ**

**YOB 1968** 

**YOB 1986** 

**M** on 4/1/2022 FINED: \$5,000...*STAYED* 

FULL - 30 DAYS, 8/8/2025 THRU

9/6/2025...STAYED

# CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE BEST INTEREST OF HORSE RACING

An administrative hearing was conducted before the Board of Judges at the Meadowlands Racetrack on May 4, 2022 with NJRC licensee, Mark Toth. As a result, the Board of Judges has determined that: On April 1, 2022, owner Mark Toth did willingly and intentionally throw an object onto the racetrack at the Meadowlands as the field of horses was approaching the finish line presenting a potentially dangerous situation for the horses and drivers; Mr. Toth did act in a manner detrimental to the sport of harness racing and to the integrity of the race itself as well as jeopardizing the health and safety of the horses and drivers competing in the race; Mr. Toth's actions are in violation of NJRC rules. As a result, Mr. Toth is hereby issued a full suspension of his NJRC license for a period of 180 days, July 5, 2022 through December 31, 2022 inclusive and is also fined the sum of \$5,000,00 dollars. The fine associated with ruling must be received by the NJRC on or before December 31, 2022. Status as of 8/6/2025 - Stay - The New Jersey Racing Commission "Commission" is in receipt of a Notice of Motion to Stay Pending Appeal from Christina Vassiliou Harvey, Esq. on behalf of her client Mark S. Toth, in connection with the 180-day suspension and \$5,000 fine imposed by the Board of Judges at the Meadowlands Racetrack for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-1.7, N.J.A.C. 13:71-1.19, and N.J.A.C. 13:71-7.32(a)3, 4 in relation to throwing a program during the running of the 4th race at Meadowlands Racetrack as the field of horses was approaching the finish line on April 1, 2022. On May 21, 2025, the New Jersey Racing Commission determined to

modify the initial decision, dated March 3, 2025, of Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Nanci G. Stokes. Although the ALJ found that Mr. Toth violated N.J.A.C. 13:71-1.7, N.J.A.C. 13:71-1.19, and N.J.A.C. 13:71-32(a)3, 4, she determined that the penalties imposed by the Board of Judges were excessive. As a result, the ALJ reduced the penalty to a 20-day suspension and a \$2,000 fine. By Ruling No. 25TRH8, dated July 14, 2025, the Commission found it appropriate to affirm the finding of violations but reject the ALJ's penalty. The Commission issued a Final Decision, dated July 15, 2025 which imposed a 30-day suspension and a \$5,000 fine. R. 2:9-7 provides that a party may file a motion for a stay on or after the filing of a notice of appeal from the state administrative agency decision with the Appellate Division. At this time, Mr. Toth has not yet filed a notice of appeal with the Appellate Division. The Acting Executive Director, having considered the Notice of Motion to Stay Pending Appeal, hereby grants a stay of the penalties subject to the filing by Mr. Toth of a notice of appeal with the Appellate Division and pending a final determination by the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division. Related rulings: 22MDH101, dated May 25, 2022; 22TRH46, dated June 20, 2022; 25TRH8, dated July 14, 2025

TRITTON, PETER J YR on 5/12/2025 PINE BUSH, NY

**YOB 1951** 

FINED: \$1,000

FULL - 60 DAYS, 6/2/2025 THRU 7/31/2025

APPEALED - 8/4/2025

### POSITIVE TEST- PRE RACE

On 05/12/2025, at Yonkers Raceway, Peter Tritton, was the trainer of the horse #5 SINBAD N in the 2nd race. Pre- race sample tag number CV3613033 showed TCO2 concentration of 40.9 millimoles per liter, which exceeded the allowable limit by the NYSGC. Peter Tritton is hereby assessed a penalty of \$1000.00 fine and 60-day suspension. SINBAD N finished 7th in a field of seven. The horse SINBAD N must submit to a 6-hour pre-race detention each time raced for a period of 6 months, 05/23/2025 through 11/23/2025 without regard to whether the horse is transferred to a new owner or trainer. During the term of suspension, Peter Tritton, will be denied the privilege of and access to all grounds under the supervision of the NYSGC.No trainer transfers of horse owned by or in his care will be permitted without the approval of the presiding judge. (1st offense in this category)

Status as of 8/4/2025 - Appeal - This ruling is under appeal.

**WEIDMAN, JODY B VD** on 7/11/2025

**NEW BERLIN, NY** 

**YOB 1963** 

FINED: \$500

FULL - 7 DAYS, 8/2/2025 THRU 8/8/2025 HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 6, PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

# **POSITIVE TEST- PRE RACE**

Jody Weidman, as trainer of record for the horse JESMACH ON TARGET in the 8th race at Vernon Downs on July 11, 2025, having appeared before a representative of the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) and waiving his rights to a formal hearing and appeal, and waiving the right to a referee sample test, is issued a 15 day suspension reduced to 7

(8/2/2025-8/8/2025), and a \$1,000 fine reduced to \$500. The pre-race blood sample collected from #3 JESMACH ON TARGET was found to contain TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE, a prohibited substance, at a concentration of 1.31 +/- 0.01 nanograms per milliliter of plasma. In addition, 3rd place money of \$780 won by JESMACH ON TARGET must be returned and re-distributed. All horses owned or trained by Jody Weidman are denied access to the grounds of any facility under the supervision of the NYSGC, and none may be transferred during his 7 day suspension.

**ZOMBICK, STANLEY J JR** 

**VERNON, NY** 

**YOB 1964** 

**VD** on 7/17/2025

FINED: \$250

# OFFENSIVE/PROFANE LANGUAGE

Trainer Stanley (Chip) Zombick Jr. is hereby assessed a fine of \$250 for conduct unbecoming a licensee of the New York State Gaming Commission on July 17, 2025, at Vernon Downs following the `NO CONTEST` (Race 4) on the program. Zombick did use improper language and public profanity in a loud manner in the presence of racing officials, horsemen and women, including family members in attendance in the area near the Paddock and racetrack. Any further occurrences will result in increases penalties.

# PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

ALLUMS, RODNEY J JR. RISINGSUN, OH Nfld on 8/2/2025 FINED: \$300

**YOB 1987** 

# **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

While driving #9 ALI Sweet Cake in race #7 on 8/2/25 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. Allums First offense within 365 days. Mr. Allums 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 8/13/25.

CHINDANO, JOSEPH J JR.

**BLOOMINGBURG, NY** 

**YOB 1999** 

**Btva** on 8/2/2025

FINED: \$250

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 8/16/2025 THRU 8/18/2025

# **USING THE WHIP IN UNCONVENTIONAL MANNER**

Joe Chindano, on Saturday, August 2, 2025, while driving the 2 horse, VILLIAM, in the 10th race at Batavia Downs, was observed breaking the New York State whipping rule. For this infraction, Mr. Chindano is hereby fined \$250.00 and suspended 3 days from August 16, 2025 until August 18, 2025. This is Mr. Chindano's second infraction of this nature in a 365-day period. Further infractions of this nature will result in escalated penalties.

FOSTER, RUSSELL H

CORDOVA, MD

**YOB 1989** 

**OD** on 8/3/2025

FINED: \$100

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP** 

Driver Russell Foster is fined \$100.00 for excessive use of the whip in the stretch while driving FREDERICKTOWN LAD in the 4th race on August 3rd, 2025 at Ocean Downs. All fines are due within 10 days of the ruling or the Maryland Racing Commission licensee will be suspended until payment is received. COMAR: 09.10.03.33.A(9)(a)

HERNANDEZ, WILLIAMS

WIND GAP, PA

**YOB 1986** 

**Aces** on 8/3/2025

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 8/7/2025 THRU 8/12/2025

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

Running Aces During Race 9 Driver WILLIAMS HERNANDEZ did use Other Than Wrist Action while driving #3 Brave by Design. This is a Violation of MN Rule 7884.0260 Subp 2 – T – 5. This is Williams Hernandez`s "2nd" Violation at Running Aces in 2025. Driver Williams Hernandez is hereby fined five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and issued a 3-day driving suspension at Running Aces which will consist of Thursday August 7th, 2025. Sunday August 10th, 2025, and Tuesday August 12th, 2025. All Fines are due within 120 Hours.

MCDONOUGH, SHAWN M

**BATAVIA, NY** 

**YOB 1990** 

**Btva** on 7/30/2025

FINED: \$500

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

# **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

Shawn McDonough, on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, as driver of the 8 horse, SAPPHIRE LOVE CHIP, in the 10th race at Batavia Downs, was observed using more than hand and wrist action while urging his horse in the stretch. For this infraction, Mr. McDonough is herby fined \$500.00 and suspended 7 days from August 2, 2025 until August 8, 2025. This is Mr. McDonough's third violation in a 365-day period. Further violations of this nature will result in an increased penalty.

MILLER, JOSIAH L

STREETSBORO, OH

**YOB 2007** 

**Aces** on 7/31/2025

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 8/7/2025 THRU 8/12/2025

# **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

Running Aces During Race 11 Driver JOSIAH MILLER did use Other Than Wrist Action while driving #4 Majors Miracle. This is a Violation of MN Rule 7884.0260 Subp 2-T-5. This is Josiah Miller`s "2nd" Violation at Running Aces in 2025. Driver Josiah Miller is hereby fined five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and issued a 3-day driving suspension at Running Aces which will consist of Thursday August 7th, 2025. Sunday August 10th, 2025, and Tuesday August 12th, 2025. All Fines are due within 120 Hours.

MILLER, MARCUS DREW

STROUDSBURG, PA

**YOB 1989** 

**HoP** on 7/31/2025

FINED: \$200

# **EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

71 IAC 7-3-13(d)(5) While driving No. 10 PARTY CENTRAL in race 7 at Hoosier Park on July 31, 2025 driver Marcus Miller was found to be in violation of the IHRC whipping rules.

For this violation Mr. Miller is fined \$200.00 which is due within seven days of this ruling. Mr. Miller waived his right to a hearing and accepted the penalty. (First violation of thie type during the 2025 Hoosier Park race meet.)

**MONTI, ANDREW** 

**DEPEW, NY** 

**YOB 1994** 

**PRc** on 8/4/2025

FINED: \$250

DRIVING - 1 DAY, 8/14/2025 THRU 8/14/2025

# **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

USTA 18.08 (b), #10: Urging Regulations, Prohibitions on Urging - Place the whip between a horse's legs. While on the racetrack at any time, the whip shall not be used in an inappropriate or unconventional manner. On 8/4/2025, Mr. Monti was observed in the stretch finish of race 1 repeatedly applying the whip in this manner. As a result of the violation, Mr. Monti is hereby fined the sum of \$250, first offense, plus one PRC race day to be served on Thursday, 8/14/2025. Subsequent violations of this nature will result in increased penalties. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition.

PATTON, JORDAN D

**CLINTON, MS** 

**YOB 1998** 

**Altmt** on 8/1/2025

FINED: \$100

# **EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

While driving DANDY`S STORM in the 3rd race at the Effingham County Fair in Altamont, IL on 8/1/2025, driver Jordan Patton violated USTA Rule 18.08 (c1)(urging regulations, prohibitions and penalties). Mr. Patton used his whip excessively during the whole race. Mr. Patton is assessed \$100 for the violation, which has been paid.

SILVA, MARK A

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP, NJ

**YOB 1964** 

**M** on 6/27/2025

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 7/5/2025 THRU 7/19/2025

# **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

Driver Mark Silva 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 July 5, 2025, July 11, 2025, July 12, 2025, July 18, 2025 and July 19, 2025. While driving #1, "GALLIE GETAWAY", in the 5th race at the Meadowlands Racetrack on June 27, 2025, Mr. Silva, during the stretch drive, used more than wrist action only and raised his whipping arm above shoulder height. That is a direct violation of the New Jersey Racing Commission rule regarding the restrictive use of the whip. Mr. Silva 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 July 19, 2025. Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-20.15 (c) 3.

**SOWERS, MCGWIRE P** 

WHITEFIELD, ME

**YOB 2000** 

**Tops** on 8/3/2025

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 8/6/2025 THRU 8/10/2025

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP** 

On 08/03/2025 at Topsham Fair Race Track while driving the horse Ainthobettor A, Mr. McGwire Sowers did use his Whip in an excessive manner. At the 5/8 mark Mr. McGwire Sowers switched his lines to one hand. Mr. McGwire Sowers did leave welt Marks on his horse.

STEVENSON, MICHAEL A NEW GLOUCESTER, ME

**YOB 1964** 

**Tops** on 8/4/2025

FINED: \$200

# **EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

on 08/04/2025 at Topsham Fair while driving the horse Midnight Macneill Mr. Michael Stevenson did raise his arm over his shoulder several times from the 5/8 mile to the finish of the race striking his horse with the whip.

SVENDSEN, LEMOYNE D

SACRAMENTO, CA

**YOB 1958** 

**Aces** on 7/29/2025

FINED: \$250

# **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

Running Aces During Race 2 Driver LEMOYNE SVENDSEN did use Other Than Wrist Action while driving #5 Breeze of Merit. This is a Violation of MN Rule 7884.0260 Subp 2 -T – 5. This is Lemoyne Svendsen's "1st" Violation at Running Aces in 2025. Lemoyne Svendsen did Sign the Waiver of Hearing. All Fines are due within 120 Hours.

WRENN, RONNIE H JR.

CHAGRIN FALLS, OH

**YOB 1986** 

**Mea** on 7/26/2025

FINED: \$200

# **EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

PA Code Title 7: 205.409(c) Mr. Wrenn, Jr. used his whip with more than wrist and elbow action driving #4, SWINGTOWN in The Meadows` fifteenth race on July 26, 2025. Mr. Wrenn, Jr. is fined \$200 (fines are due within ten days of ruling). Mr. Wrenn, Jr. had an opportunity for a hearing, but failed to appear. Appeals are due within 10 days of 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

# PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

BENDER, ATLEE E

NOBLESVILLE, IN

**YOB 1992** 

**Lex** on 8/3/2025

FINED: \$100

**JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS** 

**BERRY, PATRICK D** 

HARRINGTON, DE

**YOB 1976** 

**OD** on 8/5/2025

FINED: \$100

**FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED** 

BONGIORNO, JOSEPH R

MONROE, NJ

**YOB 1993** 

**M** on 6/20/2025

FINED: \$200

### FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED

BRABROOK, STEVEN P HARVEY'S LAKE, PA
VR on 7/24/2025 FINED: \$250 **YOB 1983** 

**YR** on 7/24/2025 FINED: \$250

**FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION** 

BRENNAN, GEORGE FREEHOLD, NJ **YOB 1967** 

**YR** on 7/19/2025 FINED: \$0

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 7/21/2025 THRU 7/23/2025

**HORSE PLACED 2** 

CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE

SLIPPERY ROCK, PA **YOB 1993** BROWN, BRADY

BROWN, BRADY Mea on 7/30/2025 FINED: \$100

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

**BUTER, TYLER L** MILFORD, PA **YOB 1985** 

**YR** on 6/14/2025 FINED: \$0

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 7/16/2025 THRU 7/18/2025

HORSE PLACED 7

CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE

CALLAHAN, COREY
OD on 8/5/2025 **YOB 1978** MIDDLETOWN, DE

FINED: \$200

FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED

CLEARY, ROBERT W M on 7/4/2025 EAST WINDSOR, NJ **YOB 1983** 

FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTION OF THE PADDOCK JUDGE

CUNMULAJ, SHERIF ScD on 8/5/2025 **YOB 1965** LEBANON, OH

FINED: \$100

**INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION** 

WATERVILLE, ME **YOB 1964** 

CUSHING, RONALD L FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS

DAILEY, MICHAEL PcD on 7/27/2025 RADFORD, VA **YOB 1966** 

FINED: \$200

HORSE PLACED 8

CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER

FLOMMERSFELD, JODY L **GREENVILLE, OH YOB 1959** 

**ScD** on 8/7/2025 FINED: \$100 LATE DRIVER CHANGE

GRAFFAM, NICHOLAS M **FALMOUTH, ME YOB 1990** 

**PRc** on 8/5/2025 FINED: \$200

SLOW QUARTER/HALF

HALL, GARY J **YOB 1952 NEWPORT, ME** 

**Tops** on 8/6/2025 FINED: \$100

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

HANNERS, AUSTIN B FRANKFORT, OH **YOB 1999** 

**ScD** on 8/1/2025 FINED: \$100

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

**YOB 2000** HANNERS, LUKE CHILLICOTHE, OH

**Chil** on 8/3/2025 FINED: \$500

KICKING A HORSE

JOHNSTON, SHAWN P
Mea on 7/24/2025 PROSPERITY, PA **YOB 1993** 

**Mea** on 7/24/2025 FINED: \$200

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

KASH, KEITH J JR MEDINA, OH **YOB 1979** 

**Nfld** on 8/3/2025 FINED: \$100

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

**KELLY, COLIN** CAMBRIDGE, ON **YOB 1993** 

**MR** on 8/4/2025 FINED: \$100

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

MCCARTHY, TODD P BORDENTOWN, NJ **YOB 1993** 

**M** on 7/12/2025 FINED: \$500

CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER

MERRIMAN, AARON E NORTHFIELD, OH **YOB 1978** 

**Mea** on 7/12/2025 FINED: \$200

FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED

**Mea** on 7/12/2025 FINED: \$200

FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED

**ScD** on 8/2/2025 FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED

MICALLEF, MICHAEL L **YOB 1973** LEBANON, OH

**ScD** on 8/1/2025 FINED: \$100

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

**ScD** on 8/1/2025 FINED: \$350

HORSE PLACED 7

IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE

MILLER, ERIC LEE ScD on 8/1/2025 **YOB 2005** MILLERSBURG, OH

FINED: \$100

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

MONTI, ANDREW DEPEW, NY **YOB 1994** 

**PRc** on 6/2/2025 FINED: \$100

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

PUTNAM, JOSEPH D MIDDLETOWN, IN **YOB 1998** 

**HoP** on 7/31/2025 FINED: \$200

HORSE PLACED 6

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

ROBERTS, JONATHAN W **YOB 1981** LAPLATA, MD

**OD** on 7/30/2025 FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS

**YOB 1994** BORDENTOWN, NJ

RYDER, PATRICK J M on 6/27/2025 FINED: \$300

OTHER

**YOB 1943** MARYDEL, DE

SAMPSON, ROBERT J Har on 8/6/2025 **Har** on 8/6/2025 FINED: \$200

**NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE** 

PcD on 8/5/2025 **SVANSTEDT, AKE** WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ **YOB 1958** 

FINED: \$400

FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED

**WOOLWICH TWP, NJ YOB 1981** TETRICK, TIM A

TETRICK, TIM A Mea on 7/26/2025 FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE

**YOB 1979** STOW. OH

THOMPSON, JASON R Nfld on 7/30/2025 FINED: \$100

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

URBANSKI, EDWARD J SAYREVILLE, NJ **YOB 1958** 

**M** on 7/18/2025 FINED: \$100

COMING TO THE GATE OUT OF POSITION

FINED: \$200 **Mea** on 7/30/2025 HORSE PLACED 7 **JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS WILFONG, KYLE J** ANDERSON, IN **YOB 1991 HoP** on 8/1/2025 FINED: \$100 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE WRENN, RONNIE H JR. CHAGRIN FALLS, OH **YOB 1986 Mea** on 7/25/2025 FINED: \$100 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE **ZABIELSKI, PAUL J GREENFIELD CENTER, NY YOB 1963** 

FINED: \$100

**WASHINGTON, PA** 

**YOB 2003** 

**WALTERS, JUSTIN T** 

**Stga** on 7/29/2025

LATE DRIVER CHANGE