FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Sep 5 - Thu, Sep 11

PART ONE

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

CALCAGNI, RUTH A
USTA on 7/7/2025

BULLVILLE, NY

YOB 1968

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF

9/8/2025

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

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

Status as of 9/8/2025 - Subsequent Ruling

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.

ADAMCZYK, ANDREW W

YR on 8/11/2025

MIDDLETOWN, NY

YOB 1990

FINED: \$250

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

On August 11th,2025 at Yonkers Raceway, Andrew Adamczyk was trainer of the horse MANFERNO in the 4th race. Post race analysis of sample CV3558030 and seal number R2915849, showed the presence of RANITIDINE above the threshold permitted by the Commission (4120.3 (24). MANFERNO finished 2nd and is disqualified and placed 8th. All purse monies earned shall be returned and redistributed, and the horse must submit a negative test prior to entering to race. Having appeared before a representative of the NYSGC and waiving his right to a formal hearing and right to appeal, Andrew Adamczyk's \$500.00 fine is hereby reduced to \$250.00.

ALAGNA, TONY P Lex on 9/26/2024 HOWELL, NJ

YOB 1972

FINED: \$1,000

FULL - 30 DAYS, 9/22/2025 THRU 10/21/2025 HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 7, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Mr. Tony Alagna was the listed trainer of #1 Simply Perfect who was in the 1st race at The Red Mile on 9/26/2024. #1 Simply Perfect was 2nd and sent to the State Test Barn for Post Race Testing. Sample E706531 that was sent to Industrial Laboratories confirmed in the Urine an overage of Albuterol at a level of 32.5 ng/mL which is over the allowed 1 ng/mL violating 810 KAR 8:025. Mr. Alagna did request a split sample that was sent to the

University of Kentucky which confirmed a level of 27.296 ng/mL with Certificate Number 0216-2025 which was processed on 3/5/2025. Mr. Alagna was summoned to a hearing before the Board Of Judges on 9/8/2025. After hearing testimony and presented with evidence the Board of Judges hereby issue the following ruling. Mr. Alagna is hereby issued a 30 (Thirty) Day Suspension that will run from 9/22/2025 ? 10/21/2025 & a Fine of \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars). The Purse of \$19,375 (Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars) is hereby ordered to be returned within 30 Days of this ruling. During his Suspension Mr. Alagna is not allowed on any racetrack under the jurisdiction and control of the KHRG and any horses owned or trained by Mr. Alagna must require prior approval from the Board of Judges at the Red Mile prior to any and all transfers. Mr. Alagna has been made aware of his rights to an appeal with the KHRG and must submit his appeal and request for stay within 10 days of this ruling to the KHRG President & CEO.

BROWER, BURLIN W

KEVIL, KY

YOB 1971

Lex on 8/13/2025

FINED: \$1,500

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 7, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST-POST RACE

Mr. Burlin Brower was the listed trainer of #6 Whiskey Wow who was in the 3rd race at The Red Mile on 8/13/2025. #6 Whiskey Wow was 1st and sent to the State Test Barn for post-race analysis. Sample E620800 that was sent to Industrial Laboratories confirmed 2 positive levels. The first was Dexamethasone at a level of 76.0 pg/mL which is over the allowed 5 pg/mL. The second is Flunixin confirmed at a level of 6.9 ng/mL which is over the allowed 5 ng/mL which violates 810 KAR 8:025. Mr. Brower declined a split sample and was summoned to a hearing before the Board of Judges on 9/7/2025. After hearing testimony and presented with evidence the Board of Judges herby issue the following ruling. Mr. Brower is hereby issued a \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollar) Fine. The Purse of \$7,500 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) is hereby ordered to be returned within 30 Days of this ruling. Mr. Brower has been made aware of his right to an appeal which must be turned into the President & CEO of the KHRG within 10 days of this ruling.

CERASO, THOMAS JR

STAMFORD, CT

YOB 1952

YR on 8/25/2025

FINED: \$250

OFFENSIVE/PROFANE LANGUAGE

On 8/25/2025, at Yonkers Raceway, Thomas Ceraso Jr failed to conduct himself in a forthright gentlemanly manner while in the paddock by using profanity toward another licensee. Thomas Ceraso Jr is hereby assessed a penalty of \$250.00. Any further violations of this nature will result in greater penalties up to and including suspension.

DALEY, NOEL M

CHESTERFIELD, NJ

YOB 1961

PHL on 9/5/2025

FINED: \$1,000

POSSESSION OF HYPODERMIC NEEDLES, SYRINGES AND/OR INJECTABLE AND/OR OTHER DRUGS

PA Code 7-185.2 401.6 (a)(b) On September 5, 2025 the SHRC investigators at Harrah's Philadelphia Racetrack conducted a vehicle search of trainer Noel Daley's truck that shipped three of his horses in to race for this days race card. A previously used syringe without a needle attached was found. Mr. Daley is responsible for this and has been fined \$1000 which must be paid within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Daley has ten days to appeal this decision to the PSHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing. The address to appeal is 2301 N. Cameron St. Harrisburg, PA. 17110.

DE LONG, TABATHA M

ANDERSON, IN

YOB 1985

Frnft on 8/1/2025

FINED: \$1,000

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Industrial Laboratories reported that the test sample provided by the horse WINNING MACHINE trained by Tabatha DeLong followings its second place finish in the 5th race at the Clinton County Fair in Frankfort, IN on 8/1/25 contained Glycopyrrolate in the blood at a level that exceeds the level permitted with the standard used in Indiana County Fair races as prescribed by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission Rules 71 IAC 8-1-4.2. DeLong was advised of this positive test and of her rights to split sample testing, she chose to waive her right to send a split sample. Trainer DeLong is hereby ordered a fine in the amount of \$1,000. The purse money won by WINNING MACHINE is hereby ordered forfeited and redistributed among the horses according to their order of finish.

JURY, DAVID W Mea on 8/12/2025 **BUCYRUS, OH**

YOB 1960

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 9/11/2025

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Code Title 7-203.23(b) 203.11(a & e) Failure to complete PA owner licensing requirement. The penalties are a \$50 fine (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and an indefinite full suspension beginning August 23, 2025. 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 ATTN: Anthony Salerno Affidavit date: 4/22/2025 from the Meadows Horse: SILVERTON Status as of 9/11/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Jury has completed is PA licensing requirements and is restored to good standing.

JURY, PATRICIA A

BUCYRUS, OH

YOB 1951

Mea on 8/12/2025

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 9/11/2025

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Code Title 7-203.23(b) 203.11(a & e) Failure to complete PA owner licensing requirement. The penalties are a \$50 fine (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and an indefinite full suspension beginning August 23, 2025. 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 ATTN: Anthony Salerno Affidavit date: 4/22/2025 from the Meadows Horse: QUINTUPLET Status as of 9/11/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Ms. Jury has completed her PA licensing requirements and is restored to good standing.

MARTIN, MARK A

WILLARD, OH

YOB 1956

Mea on 8/12/2025

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF

9/4/2025

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Code Title 7-203.23(b) 203.11(a & e) Failure to complete PA owner licensing requirement. The penalties are a \$50 fine (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and an indefinite full suspension beginning August 23, 2025. 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 ATTN: Anthony Salerno Affidavit date: 4/22/2025 from the Meadows Horse: QUINTUPLET Status as of 9/8/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Restored to good standing.

RABER, MARVIN D

CRESTON, OH

YOB 1977

Mea on 7/8/2023

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 9/11/2025

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Code Title 7-203.23(b) 203.11(a & e) Failure to complete PA owner licensing requirement. The penalties are a \$50 fine (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and an indefinite full suspension beginning July 19, 2023. 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 ATTN: Anthony Salerno

Status as of 9/11/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Raber has completed his PA licensing requirements and is restored to good standing.

THOMAS, RUSSELL R JR

SEAFORD, DE

YOB 1960

Nfld on 8/9/2025

FINED: \$250

FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION

Mr. Thomas falsified his 2025 OSRC license application by failing to list his prior arrest record. Mr. Thomas 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 must be paid by 9/19/25.

WALLACH, BRIAN

CLOSTER, NJ

YOB 1960

YR on 8/25/2025

FINED: \$250

OFFENSIVE/PROFANE LANGUAGE

On 8/25/2025, at Yonkers Raceway, Brian Wallach failed to conduct himself in a forthright gentlemanly manner while in the paddock by using profanity toward another licensee. Brian Wallach is hereby assessed a penalty of \$250.00. Any further violations of this nature will result in greater penalties up to and including suspension.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

BARRERA, ENIO

MONTGOMERY, NY

YOB 1976

MR on 9/5/2025

FINED: \$100

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Rule 4117.8(C)(1); 4117.8(C)(3). Driver Roberto (Enio) Barrera is hereby assessed a fine of \$100.00 for failing to keep a line in each hand and failing to restrict the use of the whip to forearm and wrist action only, while driving the horse KASEY JOHN A in the 3rd race on September 5, 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.

BATESON, CASE A

CANONSBURG, PA

YOB 2001

Mea on 8/27/2025

FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

PA Code Title 7: 205.409(c) Mr. Bateson raised his whipping are above shoulder level and used his whip with more than elbow and wrist action driving #2, SPORTYTINO in The Meadows` 13th race on August 27, 2025. Mr. Bateson is fined \$200 (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and has waived his hearing/appeal rights.

DE LONG, JOHN J

ANDERSON, IN

YOB 1989

HoP on 9/5/2025

FINED: \$300

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

71 IAC 7-3-13(b) While driving No. 6 AVANTI in race 4 at Hoosier Park on September 5, 2025 driver John De Long violated the IHRC whipping rule by using more than minimal wrist and elbow action while whipping in the stretch. For this violation Mr. De Long is fined \$300.00 which is due within seven days of this ruling. Mr. De Long waived his right to a hearing and accepted the penalty.

FINN, JARED D

NEWTON, IL

YOB 1987

HoP on 9/3/2025

FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

71 IAC 7-3-13(d)(5) While driving No. 4 MELLOW FELLOW in race 14 at Hoosier Park on September 3, 2025 driver Jared Finn was found to be in violation of the IHRC whipping rules. For this violation Mr. Finn is fined \$200.00 which is due within seven days of this ruling. Mr. Finn waived his right to a hearing and accepted the penalty.

FLOWERS, DERRICK J

TIFFIN, OH

YOB 1983

ScD on 9/4/2025

FINED: \$750

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

OSRC 3769-17-17-B. While driving #7 Rockin Remme during the stretch in race 15 on 9/4/25 at Scioto Downs, Mr. Flowers did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action. This is Mr. Flowers third whipping offense in the last 365 days. Mr. Flowers is fined \$1000, the penalty will be reduced to \$750 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Flowers has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

MACDONALD, ANTHONY A

MACEDONIA, OH

YOB 1976

Mea on 8/30/2025

FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

PA Code Title 7: 205.409(c) Mr. MacDonald raised his whipping arm above shoulder level and used his whip with more than elbow and wrist action driving #5, TIMEISONMYSIDE in The Meadows` 11th race on August 30, 2025. Mr. MacDonald is fined \$200 (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and has waived his hearing/appeal rights.

MCCARTHY, TODD P

BORDENTOWN, NJ

YOB 1993

Lex on 8/31/2025

FINED: \$250

USING THE WHIP IN UNCONVENTIONAL MANNER

Mr. Todd McCarthy was the listed driver of #5 Nash who was in at The Red Mile on 8/31/2025. Mr. McCarthy did use the whip in an unconventional manner violating 810 KAR 5:070 Section 9-3-B. This is Mr. McCarthy's 2nd such violation in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 2025.

ROLAND, NICK ROYCE

GRINNELL, IA

YOB 1982

Aces on 8/12/2025

FINED: \$1,000

DRIVING - 15 DAYS, 8/19/2025 THRU 9/20/2025

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

RUNNING ACES Driver Nick Roland is hereby fined one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars and issued a 15-day driving suspension hear at Running Aces beginning on August 19th, 2025, through September 21st, 2025. While driving at Running Aces on Tuesday August 12, 2025 in the second race on #1 SPARKLINCHARDONNAY and in the third race on #2 HM MAGICAL MONEY Driver Nick Roland who was using the whip within the confines of the Minnesota Racing Commission whipping rule 7884.0260 Subp T did leave welts on both horses. Nick Roland did meet with the Board of Judges and did sign the Waiver of Hearing. All fines are due within 120 hours of this ruling.

THARPS, RANDY T

LEBANON, OH

YOB 1963

ScD on 9/10/2025

FINED: \$300

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

OSRC 3769-17-17-B. While driving #2 Barley Tricky during the stretch in race 14 on 9/10/25 at Scioto Downs, Mr. Tharps did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action. This is Mr. Tharps first whipping violation in the last 365 days. Mr. Tharps is fined \$500, the penalty will be reduced to \$300 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Tharps has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

ANGUS, TYLER C **YOB 2002** SAGAMORE HILLS, OH

Nfld on 9/6/2025 FINED: \$100

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

Nfld on 9/8/2025 FINED: \$200

HORSE PLACED 6

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

MONTGOMERY, NY **YOB 1976** BARRERA, ENIO

FINED: \$100 **MR** on 9/5/2025

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

BARTLETT, JASON JAMES GOSHEN, NY
PcD on 9/8/2025 FINED: \$100 **YOB 1981**

PcD on 9/8/2025 FINED: \$100

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

CALLAHAN, COREY MIDDLETOWN, DE **YOB 1978**

FINED: \$300 **M** on 8/9/2025

JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS

CIOCCA, JOHN JR. NORTHFIELD, OH **YOB 1993**

Nfld on 9/3/2025 FINED: \$200

HORSE PLACED 3

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

Nfld on 9/6/2025 FINED: \$100

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

CUSHING, MITCHELL D
PRc on 9/4/2025

BALLSTON SPA, NY
FINED: \$100 **YOB 1998**

FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POST PARADE

YOB 1964

CUSHING, RONALD L WATERVILLE, ME Bang on 9/6/2025 FINED: \$200 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS

DALIOUS, BARTON W HARRINGTON. DE **YOB 1998**

DRIVING - 2 DAYS, 8/29/2025 THRU 8/30/2025 **M** on 8/9/2025

JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS

DILL, ROBERT C MAYBROOK, NY **YOB 1952**

MR on 9/4/2025 FINED: \$100

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

DEFIANCE, OH YOB 1995 GALLIERS, BRADY E

Nfld on 9/6/2025 FINED: \$100 **INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** GASBARRO, LOUIS A III
Bang on 9/6/2025 SANFORD, ME **YOB 1978** FINED: \$200 **Bang** on 9/6/2025 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS GRAFFAM, MICHAEL S
PRc on 9/9/2025 FALMOUTH, ME **YOB 1963 PRc** on 9/9/2025 FINED: \$100 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN HENNESSEY, EDWARD V ScD on 9/6/2025 **GRAND BLANC, MI YOB 1956 ScD** on 9/6/2025 FINED: \$200 **IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE** HERSHBERGER, CRIST W CANTON, OH Nfld on 9/3/2025 FINED: \$100 **YOB 1976 Nfld** on 9/3/2025 FINED: \$100 **INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** RVINE, JUSTIN D AURORA, OH Nfld on 9/6/2025 FINED: \$100 IRVINE, JUSTIN D **YOB 2001** FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED JENSON, BRANDON
What on 8/31/2025 OTTOSEN, IA **YOB 1987 What** on 8/31/2025 FINED: \$100 **FAILURE TO WEAR/SECURE HELMET** MAROHN, JAMES JR YR on 8/29/2025 PARK RIDGE, NJ **YOB 1982** FINED: \$100 **HORSE PLACED 5 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** MCCOWN, CAMERON L
Nfld on 9/8/2025 **YOB 1988** OSTRANDER, OH **Nfld** on 9/8/2025 FINED: \$100 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED MERRIMAN, AARON E ScD on 9/6/2025 NORTHFIELD, OH **YOB 1978 ScD** on 9/6/2025 FINED: \$100 FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTION OF THE PADDOCK JUDGE **ScD** on 9/6/2025 FINED: \$100

KINROSS, IA

YOB 1983

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

MILLER, CLAYTON

What on 8/30/2025 FINED: \$150

DRIVING - 2 DAYS, 9/6/2025 THRU 9/7/2025

HORSE PLACED 3

INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK

MILLER, ZACHARY TY **YOB 1990** AMBOY, IN

HoP on 9/3/2025 FINED: \$100

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

MORGAN, VIRGIL V JR **GROVE CITY, OH YOB 1965**

ScD on 9/6/2025 FINED: \$300

FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION

O'MARA, DANIEL J GREENVILLE, OH **YOB 1955**

HoP on 8/26/2025 FINED: \$200

HORSE LATE TO THE PADDOCK

PAGE, CHRIS L **YOB 1983** DELAWARE, OH

ScD on 9/4/2025 FINED: \$200

IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE

PALONE, DAVID M
Mea on 8/29/2025 **YOB 1962** WASHINGTON, PA

Mea on 8/29/2025 FINED: \$200

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

YOB 2005 ASHLAND, OH

RHOADES, BRAIDEN M Nfld on 9/8/2025 **Nfld** on 9/8/2025 FINED: \$100

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

ROLAND, ROYAL R **YOB 1962** GRINNELL. IA

What on 8/30/2025 FINED: \$150

HORSE PLACED 2

CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE

ST LOUIS, MARC E JR. **YOB 1988 SWARTZ CREEK, MI**

Nfld on 9/6/2025 FINED: \$200

HORSE PLACED 7

CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE

STEVENSON, MICHAEL A

Bang on 9/6/2025 NEW GLOUCESTER, ME **YOB 1964**

Bang on 9/6/2025 FINED: \$200

INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK

SVANSTEDT. AKE WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ **YOB 1958**

PcD on 9/2/2025 FINED: \$100

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

SVRCEK, TOM BELLE VERNON, PA YOB 1953

Mea on 8/27/2025 FINED: \$100

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

SWITZER, KEVIN P JR E WATERBORO, ME YOB 1987

Bang on 9/7/2025 FINED: \$200 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS

Bang on 9/10/2025

FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE

WARREN, RIDGE J MILLVILLE, PA YOB 1988

TgDn on 7/20/2025 DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 9/13/2025 THRU 9/15/2025

HORSE PLACED 7

INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK

WHITNEY, TODD C AUBURN, ME YOB 1962

Bang on 9/6/2025 FINED: \$300 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS

WHITTEMORE, D JIMMY VERNON, NY YOB 1983

PRc on 9/4/2025 FINED: \$100

SLOW QUARTER/HALF