

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Nov 7 - Thu, Nov 13

PART ONE

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

MARTINEZ, ERNEST

USTA on 11/12/2025

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

Declared ineligible for membership for violation of Rule 20, Section 9 (financial responsibility).

PARIS, KY

INELIGIBLE(INE) AS OF 11/12/2025

YOB 1953

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 10/24/2025

OTHER

Trainer Tony Alagna is hereby fined the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. On October 24, 2025 Mr. Alagna did employ an individual in the capacity of Stable Employee in the paddock at the Meadowlands Racetrack while that individual was not licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission. Mr. Alagna's employment of a caretaker who is not licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission while on the grounds of a facility licensed by and under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Racing Commission is in direct violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-7.26(d), which states: It shall be the responsibility of the trainer to insure that only individuals licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission are employed in any capacity of caretaker, groom or other attendant with respect to the care-custody and training of such horse. The payment of the fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before November 29, 2025.

HOWELL, NJ

FINED: \$100

YOB 1972

CARTER, STEVEN M

Wlston on 7/11/2025

LONDONDERRY, OH

FINED: \$1,000

FULL - 15 DAYS, 11/16/2025 THRU 11/30/2025

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

APPEALED - 11/13/2025

YOB 1966

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

OSRC 3769-18-01-A(1,10,13,15,16), 3769-18-02, 3769-17-43. Blood sample #916930 was tested by the Ohio Department of Agriculture ATL and was found to contain Trenbolone, a Class 3 drug. Blood sample #916930 was provided by #3 VH Goldie who finished 1st in race 2 on 7/11/25 at the Jackson County Fair in Wellston, Ohio, and was trained by Mr. Carter. Mr. Carter requested a split sample which did confirm the presence of Trenbolone.

#3 is disqualified and unplaced from earnings. The purse earnings of \$5800 are to be returned to the Jackson County Fair within 10 days of this ruling to be redistributed accordingly. This is Mr. Carter's 2nd medication violation in the last 365 days. Mr. Carter is given a \$1000 fine and a 15 day full suspension (11/16/25-11/30/25). The penalty will be reduced to a \$500 fine and 7 day full suspension (11/16/25-11/22/25) if not appealed. Mitigating circumstances were considered in lowering these penalties. The fine must be paid within 10 days of this ruling. During his suspension, Mr. Carter is denied the use and privileges of all grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. All horses owned and/or trained by Mr. Carter may only be transferred by the Judges in OHIO or the OSRC. Mr. Carter has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

Status as of 11/13/2025 - Appeal - Mr. Carter appealed this ruling in a timely manner.

DEYERMAND, CORY G

YOUNGSTOWN, OH

YOB 1989

Wostr on 9/10/2025

FINED: \$500

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Blood sample #933914 collected at Wayne County Fair on 9/10/25 from the horse Extra Sweet was found to contain phenylbutazone at a concentration of 9.5 +/-0.6 micrograms per milliliter of plasma. This exceeds the Regulatory Threshold of 2.0 micrograms per milliliter in plasma, adopted by the OSRC. Mr. Deyermant waived his rights to a split sample, DNA, and a hearing. Mr. Deyermant was not notified in time of the first positive test this penalty will be the same as the first positive test. Mr. Deyermant is hereby fined \$1000.00 and return of purse. If not appealed the penalty will be reduced to a \$500.00 fine and return of purse (\$3,335.00) The horse #5 Extra Sweet is disqualified and unplaced. O.S.R.C.- 3769-18-01 (A) (1a,4e,10,13,15,16)3769-18-02 3769-17-43. The fine and purse has been paid.

FISHER, VERN H

THORNTOWN, IN

YOB 1966

HoP on 7/16/2025

FINED: \$1,000

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

LOW OR EXCESS LEVEL OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION

71 IAC 5-3-2(a)(1),(2); 8-1-1.5(a); 8-1-2(a); 8-1-4.2(10) 71 IAC 5-3-2(a)(1),(2); 8-1-1.5; 8-1-4.2(23); Sample No. E619616 taken from the horse FRANKIEPARK following the conclusion of race 3 on July 16, 2025 at Hoosier Park tested positive for triamcinolone acetonide (Vetalog) {Class 4C}. Industrial Labs reported a level of 124 pg/mL +/- 11 pg/mL which exceeds the IHRC threshold level of 100 pg/mL. Mr. Fisher waived is right to a split sample and waived his right to a hearing. As trainer of record Vern Fisher is in violation of the IHRC trainer responsibility and medication rules. For this violation Mr. Fisher is fined \$1000.00 which is due within seven days of this ruling. FRANKIEPARK finished fifth placed eighth. \$290 to be returned and redistributed as follows: No. 5 ROLL WITH JR finished sixth placed fifth No. 1 JULERICA finished seventh placed sixth No. 4 JOINT ACCOUNT finished eighth placed seventh No. 3 FRANKIEPARK finished fifth placed eighth Mr. Fisher is assessed one MMV point as a result of this ruling.

HUDSON, LANCE H
YR on 8/29/2025

HUGUENOT, NY **YOB 1971**
FINED: \$1,000
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION
APPEALED - 11/6/2025

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

On August 29th, 2025, at Yonkers Raceway, Lance Hudson the trainer of horse, TALENT TO SPARE A, in the 10th race. Post race analysis of sample CV3607392 and seal number R2915405 showed the presence of Phenacetin. TALENT TO SPARE A finished 1st 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. (negative test submitted). Lance Hudson is hereby suspended 30 days and fined \$1000.00. The suspension shall be served November 15th, 2025 through and including December 15th, 2025. During the term of suspension, Lance Hudson is ruled off all grounds under the jurisdiction of the NYSGC and deemed a disqualified person. No trainer transfer of horses in his care will be permitted without the approval of the presiding judge.

Status as of 11/6/2025 - Appeal - Stay of suspension has been granted

MC ILMURRAY, ARTHUR L
Hstng on 10/14/2025

RIVES JUNCTION, MI **YOB 1958**
FINED: \$500
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

MGCB Ruling 7690 - Arthur McIlmurray was the trainer of record for the horse Bobbie N Poppie, winner of the 4th race on 10/14/2025 at the Northville Downs meet at Barry Expo Center, when the post-race sample was found to contain tranexamic acid.

NEWBERRY, MATTHEW C
DTN on 11/7/2025

BEAVERCREEK, OH **YOB 2002**
FINED: \$1,000

REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO THE BREATH ANALYZER TEST

OSRC 3769-14-22-A, 3769-16-26-A(1)&B. Mr. Newberry failed to blow into the breath analyzer prior to leaving the paddock when driving #2 Western Ready prior to race 14 on 11/7/25 at Dayton Raceway, which resulted in the start of the race being delayed while waiting for him to return to the track. Mr. Newberry is fined \$1000 and given a 15 day driving suspension (11/14/25-11/28/25), the penalty will be reduced to a \$1000 fine if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Newberry has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

SORENSEN, JEFFREY L
Btva on 10/11/2025

ROME, NY **YOB 1964**
FINED: \$250

POSITIVE TEST - ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE TEST

Jeff Sorenson as trainer of record for the horse SEASIDE SUNSET 2nd place finisher in the 4th race on 10/11/2025 at Batavia Downs is hereby assessed a penalty of \$500.00. Post-race analysis of the sample submitted resulted in a positive finding for Ranitidine at a level

higher than the allowable threshold. SEASIDE SUNSET is hereby disqualified and unplaced. All purse monies paid must be returned and redistributed. Having appeared before a representative of the NYSGC and waiving the right to a formal hearing and appeal, the fine is reduced to \$250.00. The horse SEASIDE SUNSET will be required to submit a negative sample for the above mentioned substance before being allowed to participate. (1st offense in this category in a 365-day period.)

SUTTON, JOSHUA **CLARKSVILLE, OH** **YOB 1982**
DTN on 11/11/2025 **FINED: \$100**

LATE FOR THE BREATH ANALYZER TEST

OSRC 3769-17-29-A(1). Mr. Sutton was late for the breath analyzer test prior to post parading #5 Bossa Nova Star in race 1 on 11/11/25 at Dayton Raceway. Mr. Sutton is fined \$200, the penalty will be reduced to \$100 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Sutton has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

WEAVER, MARK C **W. FARMINGTON, OH** **YOB 1988**
Nfld on 9/26/2025 **FINED: \$500**

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Blood sample #930594 collected at Northfield Park on 9/26/25 from the horse Whywooddidthat was found to contain Dexamethasone at a concentration of 34+-10 picograms milliliter of plasma. This exceeds the regulatory Threshold of 5 picograms per milliliter adopted by the OSRC. Mr. Weaver waived his rights to a split sample, DNA, and a hearing. This is Mr. Weaver first positive test in the last 365 Days. Mr. Weaver is hereby fined \$1000.00 and return of purse (\$4500.00) If not appealed the penalty will be reduced to a \$500.00 fine and return of purse (\$4500.00) O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01 (A) (1,10,13,15,16) 3769-18-02 3769-17-43. The fine and purse has been paid.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

BOVAY, PIERRE **APPLEHILL, ON** **YOB 1964**
MR on 11/5/2025 **FINED: \$100**

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Rule 4117.8(D)(2) & 4117.8(H)(2) Driver Pierre Bovay 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 his horse time to respond, while driving EMMA TOWN BUD, in the 8th race at Monticello Raceway on November 5th, 2025. (This violation constitutes a 1st violation in this category in a 365-day period.) Further violations in this category will result in increased penalties.

DAVIS, ERIC E **HARTLY, DE** **YOB 1996**
RcR on 11/6/2025 **FINED: \$100**

FAILURE TO KEEP A LINE IN EACH HAND

Driver Eric Davis is fined \$100.00 for failing to keep a line in each hand in the stretch, using a taunting motion, while driving DOOBIE CRUZE in the 12th race on November 6th, 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: 09.10.02.33A(6)(a)

HALL, AARON C	GARDINER, ME	YOB 1993
CUMB on 11/8/2025	FINED: \$100	
EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP		

PAQUET, FERNAND A JR	MIDDLETOWN, NY	YOB 1968
PRC on 11/11/2025	FINED: \$250	
DRIVING - 1 DAY, 11/14/2025 THRU 11/14/2025		

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

USTA Rule 18.00 S18.08 (b) 2. On 11/11/2025 at PRC, while driving No.2 SWEET SALLY SUE in Race 5, driver Fern Paquet, Jr. was observed using his whip in an excessive manner, striking the horse 6 consecutive times in the stretch, failing to pause after three strikes (1st offense). As a result of the violation, Mr. Paquet is hereby fined the sum of \$250.00. In addition, Mr. Paquet is suspended from driving for one day, Friday, November 14, 2025. Subsequent violations of this nature will result in increased penalties. All fines are payable within 48 hours of imposition.

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

AHLE, JOHNATHAN P	MANCHESTER, NJ	YOB 1997
PHL on 11/7/2025	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED		

ANGUS, TYLER C	SAGAMORE HILLS, OH	YOB 2002
Nfld on 11/4/2025	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		

ASARA, JOHN	BOLTON, MA	YOB 1973
PRC on 11/7/2025	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED		

BENDER, ATLEE E	NOBLESVILLE, IN	YOB 1992
HoP on 10/31/2025	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION		

BRADEN, COREY J	IJAMSVILLE, MD	YOB 1970
DD on 11/10/2025	FINED: \$100	

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

BRENNAN, GEORGE FREEHOLD, NJ YOB 1967
YR on 11/3/2025 FINED: \$100

HORSE PLACED 5

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

CARTER, WILLIAM D PHILADELPHIA, PA YOB 1971
PHL on 11/7/2025 FINED: \$200

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

DUBOIS, TODD E SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY YOB 1965
Stga on 11/4/2025 FINED: \$100

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

ENGBLOM, PER WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ YOB 1980
YR on 11/6/2025 FINED: \$100

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

FINN, JARED D NEWTON, IL YOB 1987
HoP on 11/5/2025 FINED: \$200

HORSE PLACED 7

CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE

GERRY, PETER G CAMPBELL HALL, NY YOB 1945
PcD on 11/1/2025 FINED: \$200

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

GORTON, CHANNA L SALEM, NH YOB 1984
PRc on 11/6/2025 FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED

GRISMORE, GREG G GROVE CITY, OH YOB 1970
Nfld on 11/2/2025 FINED: \$200

FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED

HANNERS, AUSTIN B FRANKFORT, OH YOB 1999
DTN on 11/7/2025 FINED: \$100

HORSE PLACED 9

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

IRVINE, JUSTIN D AURORA, OH YOB 2001
Nfld on 11/10/2025 FINED: \$100

TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK

LACHANCE, PATRICK D PHL on 11/6/2025 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	ALLENTOWN, NJ FINED: \$200	YOB 1975
MACKENZIE, CAIN E CUMB on 11/9/2025 FAILURE TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE VEST	PLYMOUTH, ME FINED: \$100	YOB 1980
MERRIMAN, AARON E Nfld on 11/3/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION Nfld on 11/10/2025 TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$100 FINED: \$100	YOB 1978
MEZA, MICHAEL Stga on 11/9/2025 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	MIDDLETOWN, NY FINED: \$250	YOB 2000
MILLER, JOSIAH L DTN on 11/6/2025 JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS	JAMESTOWN, OH FINED: \$350 HORSE PLACED 7	YOB 2007
MORGAN, ANTHONY N DD on 11/5/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	WARWICK, MD FINED: \$100	YOB 1958
NOBLE, DANIEL N Nfld on 11/3/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	XENIA, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1983
PORFILIO, LUIS ALBERTO Btva on 11/7/2025 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	WASHINGTON, PA FINED: \$250	YOB 1964
PORTER, JAMES TRAE DD on 11/10/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	SMYRNA, DE FINED: \$100	YOB 2001
QUEVEDO, BRYAN EMANUEL MR on 11/4/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	ENGLISHTOWN, NJ FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 6	YOB 2003
ROSS, JORDAN M	COVINGTON, TN	YOB 1997

DTN on 11/11/2025	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED		
RUSSO, CHASE S	LAKEVIEW, NY	YOB 2008
Btva on 10/31/2025	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL		
RUSSO, CJ JR.	LAKEVIEW, NY	YOB 2000
Btva on 10/31/2025	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL		
SHETLER, DANIEL LEE	URBANA, OH	YOB 1979
DTN on 11/7/2025	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
SMITH, JEREMY R	WASHINGTON CH, OH	YOB 1980
DTN on 11/8/2025	FINED: \$100	
	HORSE PLACED 8	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
SODANO, JUSTIN M	CHESTERFIELD, NJ	YOB 1996
PcD on 11/1/2025	FINED: \$200	
LATE DRIVER CHANGE		
SUTTON, JOSHUA	CLARKSVILLE, OH	YOB 1982
DTN on 11/7/2025	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED		
TETRICK, TIM A	WOOLWICH TWP, NJ	YOB 1981
PHL on 11/6/2025	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED		
THOMPSON, JASON E	HARTLEY, DE	YOB 1993
DD on 11/10/2025	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
DD on 11/12/2025	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
TRIGG, ROSHUN DEREZ	BRANDON, MS	YOB 1977
HoP on 11/5/2025	FINED: \$200	
LATE DRIVER CHANGE		
VANDERVORT, CHASE J	WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ	YOB 1985
M on 10/24/2025	FINED: \$100	
LATE DRIVER CHANGE		

WATSON, WALLACE R

DRESDEN, ME

YOB 1970

Bang on 7/2/2025

DRIVING - 2 DAYS, 7/9/2025 THRU 7/11/2025

CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER

PRc on 11/11/2025

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 11/17/2025 THRU 11/20/2025

CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE