

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Dec 12 - Thu, Dec 18

PART ONE

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

LEND AHL-GONZALES, GENNIFER
USTA on 3/15/2023

ROCKLIN, CA
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
12/18/2025

YOB 1971

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

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

Status as of 12/18/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Ms. Gonzales is restored to good standing and eligible to apply for 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.

BUCCI, RICKY A
YR on 11/11/2025

CAMPBELL HALL, NY
FINED: \$1,000
FULL - 60 DAYS, 11/29/2025 THRU 1/27/2026

YOB 1959

POSITIVE TEST- PRE RACE

On 11/11/2025, at Yonkers Raceway, Ricky Bucci was the trainer of the horse #6 GINGRAS BEACH in the 2nd race. Pre-race sample tag number CV3553139 and Seal #R2852135, showed TCO2 concentration of 42.4 +/- 1.0 millimoles per liter, which exceeded the allowable limit by the NYSGC. Ricky Bucci is hereby assessed a penalty of \$1000.00 fine and a 60-day suspension, to be served (11/29/2025 -1/27/2026). GINGRAS BEACH finished DNF. The horse GINGRAS BEACH, must submit a negative test prior to entering to race. Furthermore, GINGRAS BEACH must also submit to a 6-hour pre-race detention each time raced for a period of 6 months, 11/11/2025 through 5/11/2026 without regard to whether the horse is transferred to a new owner or trainer. During the term of suspension, Ricky Bucci, will be denied the privilege of and access to all grounds under the supervision of the NYSGC. No trainer transfers of horses owned by or in his care will be permitted without the approval of the presiding judge. (1st offense in this category)

HAWK, ALEXANDER D
Nfld on 10/11/2025

CIRCLEVILLE, OH
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF
12/11/2025

YOB 1992

UNPAID OBLIGATION

Mr. Hawk is hereby suspended until he pays the fine (\$250.00) per ruling #25NFLD-377 at Northfield Park. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-36

KREISER, CORY
Nfld on 11/18/2025

NORTHFIELD, OH
FINED: \$1,000
FULL - 15 DAYS, 12/16/2025 THRU 12/30/2025
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1993

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Blood sample # 932076 Collected at Northfield Park on 11/18/25 from the horse Bounding Delight showed the TCO2 concentration to be 39.3 +- 1.7 millimoles per liter of serum. This exceeds the regulatory Threshold of 37.0 millimoles per liter adopted by the OSRC. TCO2 overage is a Class 3 penalty Category B violation. This is Mr. Kreiser's First medication violation within the last 365 days. Mr. Kreiser had a hearing with judges at Northfield Park on 12/6/25. He is hereby fined \$1000 and suspended for 30 days and return of purse for redistribution (\$2900.00). The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$1000 and a 15 day suspension if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01 (B) (10)&(13) 3769-18-02 3769-18-99 During his suspension Mr. Kreiser is barred from all grounds governed by the OSRC. Any horse under his care that he wants to transfer to another owner or trainer must be approved by the judges in the State of Ohio. The fine and purse money must be paid by 12/21/25.

MESSENGER, GARY L
MR on 11/17/2025

MONTICELLO, NY
FINED: \$1,000
FULL - 15 DAYS, 12/18/2025 THRU 1/1/2026
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1954

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Rule 4120.2, 4120.4, & 4120.5. On December 5, 2025, the New York Drug Testing and Research Program reported to the New York State Gaming Commission that post-race blood sample #CV3592002, submitted by the horse HP LUCAS, 2nd place finisher in race #3 on November 17, 2025, at Monticello Raceway, contained the presence of Altrenogest. Pursuant to New York State Gaming rules 4120.2 (Restricted use of drugs, medications and substances) and 4120.4 (Trainer responsibility), Gary Messenger, as trainer of record of HP LUCAS, is hereby fined \$2,000.00 and suspended for a period of 30 days. Further, pursuant to New York State Gaming Rule 4120.5, HP LUCAS is declared disqualified from said race and all purse earnings shall be returned and redistributed to appropriate finishers and must re-test negative for Altrenogest prior to being eligible to race. Having appeared before a representative of the NYS Gaming Commission on December 11, 2025, and waived the right to a formal hearing and appeal, the fine is hereby reduced to \$1,000.00 and the suspension to 15 days. During the term of his suspension, trainer Gary Messenger is denied access to all course and grounds under the jurisdiction of the New York State Gaming Commission.

MURRAY, BRANDON
DD on 11/26/2025

MILLSBORO, DE
FULL - INDEFINITELY AS OF 12/17/2025

YOB 1984

POSITIVE TEST - ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE TEST

Marijuana positive, Mr. Murray does not have a medical marijuana prescription or card. Mr. Murray is in violation of DHRC rules 5.1.8, 5.1.8.2.2, 5.1.8.2.7.1 Mr. Murray signed the waiver of hearing, the suspension starts Dec 17 2025 and goes through Jan 16 2026. During this time Mr. Murray is denied all access to the grounds of Bally's Dover Downs. All transfers of horses owned or trained by Brandon Murray must be approved by the DHRC presiding judge.

NEILL, DREW D
Lanc on 12/18/2025

ASHLEY, OH **YOB 1999**
FINED: \$100
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF
12/18/2025

FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)

OSRC 3769-17-36. Mr. Neill is fined an additional \$100 and suspended indefinitely for failing to pay his fine detailed in ruling 2025lanc02 from the Fairfield County fair in Lancaster, Ohio.

REID, MARIA G
M on 12/6/2024

CLARKSBURG, NJ **YOB 1975**
FINED: \$500
FULL - 15 DAYS, 2/14/2025 THRU 2/28/2025

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Maria Reid was the programmed trainer of the horse "ALMOST KAREN" when she raced in the second race at Freehold Raceway on December 6, 2024. Following the race, "ALMOST KAREN" was required to submit blood for analysis. A report from Industrial Laboratories identified the presence of Flunixin above the allowable limit. An administrative hearing was held on January 15, 2025 in the Judge's office at The Meadowlands Racetrack to accept evidence and testimony regarding this matter. As a result of this hearing, the Board of Judges have determined that NJRC licensee Maria Reid was the programmed trainer of the horse "ALMOST KAREN" when she raced in the second race at Freehold Raceway on December 6, 2024 and the presence of Flunixin above the allowable limit is in direct violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.8 (g). As a result, Ms. Reid is hereby issued a full suspension of her 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 February 14, 2025 and run through February 28, 2025 inclusive. During the period of suspension, Ms. Reid 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 "ALMOST KAREN" is disqualified from sharing in all purse monies earned on December 6, 2024. The fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before February 28, 2025. MMV Points incurred 1/2 point Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-1.19 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

Status as of 12/17/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Maria Reid withdrew her appeal in Maria Reid v. New Jersey Racing Commission, OAL Docket No. RAC 04081-25, which resulted in the OAL returning her case file to the New Jersey Racing Commission. At issue in the appeal was Ruling No. 25MDH10, dated January 23, 2025, in which the

Board of Judges at Meadowlands Racetrack imposed a 15 day suspension, \$500.00 fine, disqualification of the horse "Almost Karen" and 1/2 MMV point for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-1.19, N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.1 (a) (b) 14, N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.6 (a)(b)(c)(d), N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.7 (a)(b)(c)(d), and N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.8 (g)1 in connection with a post-race positive test result revealing the presence of Flunixin above the allowable limit in the horse "Almost Karen" after the 2nd race on December 6, 2024 at Freehold Raceway. Ms. Reid appealed the decision of the Board of Judges and requested a stay of the penalties. By Ruling No. 25TRH1, dated January 28, 2025, a stay was granted and the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case. Having withdrawn her appeal, the penalties issued in Ruling No. 25MDH10 by the Board of Judges at Meadowlands Racetrack are reinstated. Ms. Reid is hereby issued a 15 day suspension, fined \$500.00 and 1/2 MMV point is imposed. Said suspension will be served from December 28, 2025 through and including January 11, 2026. Payment of the fine is due on or before January 11, 2026. The horse "Almost Karen" is disqualified from sharing in the purse and the Horsemen's Bookkeeper is hereby ordered to redistribute the purse monies accordingly from the 2nd race on December 6, 2024 at Freehold Raceway. This matter is hereby referred to the Board of Judges for a hearing to determine if further disciplinary action is warranted in the event Ms. Reid fails to show good cause to the Board of Judges as to why the withdrawal of her appeal should not be deemed frivolous in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:71-3.6. Related rulings: 25MDH10, dated January 23, 20

SANDERS, DEDRICK
DTN on 12/18/2025

WALNUT GROVE, MS **YOB 2003**
FINED: \$100
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF
12/18/2025

FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)

OSRC 3769-17-36. Mr. Sanders is fined an additional \$100 and indefinitely suspended for failing to pay the fine detailed in Ruling DELA 001 at the Delaware County Fair.

SUMNER, ROBERT W
Tops on 8/4/2025

WINDSOR LOCKS, CT **YOB 1961**
FULL - 60 DAYS, 3/21/2026 THRU 5/19/2026
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Mr. Sumner was the trainer of record for his horse Bettor Cat, who raced at Topsham Fair on August 4th and August 7th. Blood samples were taken after the running of both races and the presence of Stanazolol was present in both samples taken. Stanazolol is a non-permitted medication. Mr. Sumner has entered into a consent agreement with the MSHRC. Bettor Cat finished 4th in the 5th race at Topsham Fair on August 4th. He has been disqualified, and the purse ordered returned. Bettor Cat finished 2nd in the 10th race at Topsham Fair on August 7th. He has been disqualified, and the purse ordered returned. Mr. Sumner has also been suspended from racing for a period of 60 days, March 21, 2026, through May 19, 2026.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

AVENATTI, MATTHEW T

CHRISMAN, IL

YOB 1993

Haw on 12/7/2025

FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Driver Matt Avenatti is hereby assessed a civil penalty of \$200 for excessive use of the whip during the 11th race while driving ALVIN HANOVER at Hawthorne Race Course on 12/7/25. IRB Rule 1318.90.

AVENATTI, WYATT A

CHRISMAN, IL

YOB 1996

Haw on 12/7/2025

FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Driver Wyatt Avenatti is hereby assessed a civil penalty of \$200 for excessive use of the whip during the 4th race while driving KEYSER SOZE at Hawthorne Race Course on 12/7/25. IRB Rule 1318.90.

HARVEY, DANIEL

POMPANO BEACH, FL

YOB 1960

MR on 12/11/2025

FINED: \$250

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 12/21/2025 THRU 12/23/2025

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Driver Daniel Harvey is hereby assessed a fine of \$250.00 and suspended from driving for 3 days, December 21, 2025, through and including December 23, 2025, 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 ROLLOVER BAYTHOVEN, in the 6th race on December 11, 2025, at Monticello Raceway. (This violation constitutes a 2nd violation in this category in a 365-day period.) Further violations in this category will result in increased penalties.

KELLY, COLIN

MIDDLETWON, NY

YOB 1993

YR on 12/10/2025

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 7 DAYS, 12/20/2025 THRU 12/26/2025

USING THE WHIP IN UNCONVENTIONAL MANNER

On 12/10/2025 at Yonkers Raceway in Race # 2 ,driver Colin Kelly on #8 Pink Floyd Hanover did use the whip more than 3 times in succession on a horse that was not visibly responding .Colin Kelly is hereby suspended from driving for 7- days(12/20/25 thru 12/26/25) and fined the sum of \$500.00(3rd offense) .Further violations may incur greater penalties.

QUEVEDO, BRYAN EMANUEL

ENGLISHTOWN, NJ

YOB 2003

MR on 12/9/2025

FINED: \$100

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Driver Bryan Quevedo is hereby assessed a fine of \$100.00 for using the whip in an indiscriminate manner, using the whip after the finish, while driving YNOTTHISHOS, in the 6th race on December 9, 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.

SAMPLE, DESHAWN O

LINCOLN, DE

YOB 1978

RcR on 12/11/2025

FINED: \$100

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Driver Deshawn Sample is fined \$100.00 for excessive use of the whip after the $\frac{3}{4}$ pole and in the stretch while driving A ROOMA ZOOM ZOOM in the 6th race on December 11th, 2025 at Rosecroft Raceway. All fines are due within 10 days of the ruling or the Maryland Racing Commission licensee will be suspended until payment is received. COMAR: 09.10.03.33.A(9)(a)

TSIPOURAS, FRANK W

PHILADELPHIA, PA

YOB 1980

PHL on 10/26/2025

OTHER

PA Code Title 7-205.401(11) 201.4 USTA rule 18.08(b)(8) (c) (2)(3)(4) On 10/26/25 at Harrah's Philadelphia Racetrack Frank Tsipouras did have an exaggerated urging motion not restricted to wrist and elbow action only and did raise his arm above shoulder height in the stretch while driving #3 UNCLE COZ in the 5th race, also in the seventh race while driving #2 CHEESE OMELET Mr. Tsipouras did raise his arm above shoulder height and had an exaggerated urging motion using more than wrist and elbow action and was flailing the lines over his horses back in the stretch in a careless and reckless manner.

Mr. Tsipouras has been given a sixty day driving suspension. Mr. Tsipouras will serve his suspension sometime after November 22, 2025. This is Mr. Tsipouras seventh urging violation in 2025 in seventy-two drives. Future urging violations will result in more severe penalties. Mr. Tsipouras has ten days to appeal this decision to the PSHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing. The address is 2301 N. Cameron St. Harrisburg, PA. 17110

Status as of 12/18/2025 - Appeal - RULING #25010C The request by Frank W.

Tsipouras for an appeal of the Harrah's Philadelphia Board of Judges Ruling No. 25087CD is hereby GRANTED. The supersedeas is also GRANTED.

PHL on 11/30/2025

FINED: \$1,000

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) Frank Tsipouras did have an exaggerated whipping motion not restricted to elbow and wrist action only and did raise his arm above shoulder height in the stretch while driving #8 DRINKIN AGAIN in the 13th race on 11/30/25 at Harrah's Philadelphia Racetrack. Mr. Tsipouras has been given \$1000 fine and a six month driving suspension. The suspension will be served and the fine will be paid sometime after December 19, 2025. This is Mr. Tsipouras eighth whipping or urging violation in 2025. Future whipping or urging violations will result in more severe penalties. Mr. Tsipouras has ten days to appeal this decision to the PSHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing. The address to appeal is 2301 N. Cameron St., Room 304, Harrisburg, PA. ATTN: Anthony Salerno

YODER, WILBUR L

WASHINGTON, PA

YOB 1964

Mea on 12/11/2025

FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

PA Code Title 7: 205.209(c) Mr. Yoder raised his arm above shoulder level and used his whip with more that wrist and elbow action driving #2, THE LAST TALE in The Meadows` 3rd race on December 11, 2025. Mr. Yoder is fined \$200 (this fine is due within ten days of this ruling) and he has waved his hearing/appeal rights.

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

ALAGNA, TONY P

YR on 12/5/2025

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

HOWELL, NJ

FINED: \$100

YOB 1972

ALVAREZ, MARIA G

YR on 11/13/2025

FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION

WIND GAP, PA

FINED: \$250

YOB 1996

BATES, BRANDON L

Haw on 12/7/2025

TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK

MONROE, IN

FINED: \$250

YOB 1975

BATESON, CASE A

Mea on 12/3/2025

FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE

CANONSBURG, PA

FINED: \$100

YOB 2001

CALCAGNI, FRANK

YR on 11/20/2025

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

MONTAGUE, NJ

FINED: \$100

YOB 1981

FINN, RICHARD S

Haw on 12/7/2025

TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK

ALTAMONT, IL

FINED: \$250

YOB 1989

FORTE, MICHAEL A

YR on 11/13/2025

LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN

DIX HILLS, NY

FINED: \$250

YOB 1958

GINGRAS, YANNICK

YR on 12/4/2025

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

YR on 12/4/2025

ALLENTOWN, NJ

FINED: \$100

HORSE PLACED 3

FINED: \$100

HORSE PLACED 4

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

YOB 1979

HALL, AARON C CUMB on 12/13/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	GARDINER, ME FINED: \$200	YOB 1993
HANNERS, AUSTIN B DTN on 12/12/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	FRANKFORT, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1999
INDOF, JEREMY F Mea on 12/12/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	BELLE VERNON, PA FINED: \$100	YOB 1996
IRVINE, JUSTIN D Mea on 12/3/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE Nfld on 12/9/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	AURORA, OH FINED: \$100 FINED: \$100	YOB 2001
JENSON, BRADY JO Mea on 12/3/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	WASHINGTON, PA FINED: \$100	YOB 1996
MACDONALD, ANTHONY A Mea on 11/28/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE Mea on 12/12/2025 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE DTN on 12/17/2025 IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE	MACEDONIA, OH FINED: \$100 FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 6 FINED: \$350 HORSE PLACED 3	YOB 1976
MACKENZIE, CAIN E CUMB on 12/7/2025 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	PLYMOUTH, ME FINED: \$100	YOB 1980
MCCOWN, CAMERON L DTN on 12/12/2025 IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE	OSTRANDER, OH FINED: \$200	YOB 1988
MYERS, CHRISTIAN J Mea on 12/5/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	HOUSTON, PA FINED: \$100	YOB 2002

NAPOLITANO, ANTHONY J PHL on 12/12/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	NESCOPECK, PA FINED: \$200	YOB 1981
SMITH, TREVOR GENE DTN on 12/16/2025 JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS	LEBANON, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 6	YOB 1996
SMITH, TYLER ALAN DTN on 12/12/2025 TAKE UP ABRUPTLY/SIT DOWN IN FRONT OF HORSES CAUSING CONFUSION AMONG TRAILING HORSES	ASHVILLE, OH FINED: \$350 HORSE PLACED 7	YOB 1993
TETRICK, TOM T DTN on 12/17/2025 INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION	GEFF, IL FINED: \$100	YOB 1978
THARPS, TRENT E JR DTN on 12/16/2025 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	LOVELAND, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1981
WIDGER, SAMUEL D DTN on 12/12/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	CLARKSVILLE, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1963