

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Jan 30 - Thu, Feb 5

PART ONE

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

*** NO RECORDS FOUND ***

PART TWO - MAJOR PENALTIES

The following actions published herein and imposed pursuant to the rules and regulations of the racing commissions of the various states and provinces are given full faith and credit and strictly enforced by the United States Trotting Association consistent with the provisions of USTA Rule 22, Sections 7 and 8 relative to RECIPROCITY OF PENALTIES. The fact that there is no separate action taken by the USTA in the form of a "ruling of reciprocity" shall not be construed as a failure to recognize and/or reciprocate with these published penalties. Please note that the following action is in an abbreviated form and that the USTA is not responsible for the accuracy or timeliness of reported penalties. Further information may be available by contacting the racing commission where the ruling was issued to determine the accuracy of the information.

SANDERS, DEDRICK

DTN on 12/18/2025

GROVEPORT, OH

**RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
2/2/2026**

YOB 2003

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.

Status as of 2/2/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Having paid his fines occurred in 2025, Mr. Sanders is restored to good standing in Ohio.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

CONRAD, CARSON M

MVR on 2/3/2026

MORRISTOWN, IN

FINED: \$300

YOB 2004

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

OSRC 3769-17-17-B&I. While driving #3 IMA Chic Magnet at the start and during the stretch of race 3 on 2/3/26 at MVR, Mr. Conrad did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action and while out of contention. This is Mr. Conrad's first whipping offense in the last 365 days. Mr. Conrad is fined \$500, the penalty will be reduced to \$300 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Conrad has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

CRUSE, BRANDON

DD on 2/4/2026

MILFORD, DE

FINED: \$200

YOB 1994

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Brandon Cruse was the driver of #5 River Of Fear in the 11 race. Mr. Cruse did use the whip excessively while the horse was out of contention. Mr. Cruse was issued a \$200 fine, for violation of DHRC rule 7.6.13.14.2.7. He did sign the waiver of hearing. Per DHRC rule 10.2.7.6 all fines are to be paid within 10 days of this ruling.

IRVINE, JUSTIN D

AURORA, OH

YOB 2001

Nfld on 1/21/2026

FINED: \$300

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

While driving #4 Kandy Sweet in race #12 on 1/21/26 he whipped the horse after the finish. Mr. Irvine 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(I) The fine must be paid by 2/9/26.

MCNEIL, JOHN C III

DEANSBORO, NY

YOB 1987

VD on 9/26/2025

FINED: \$250

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 2/8/2026 THRU 2/10/2026

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Excessive- beyond wrist and forearm action. 2nd whip violation in 365 days. (Driving only)
Status as of 1/30/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Having withdrawn his request for a hearing in this matter, the penalty is amended as follows: Mr. McNeil is hereby fined \$250 and issued a 3-day driving suspension to be served February 8, 2026, through and including February 10, 2026. This is a driving suspension only. Further violations of this manner will result in greater penalties.

PALONE, DAVID M

WASHINGTON, PA

YOB 1962

Mea on 1/28/2026

FINED: \$250

FAILURE TO KEEP A LINE IN EACH HAND

PA Code Title 7: 205.409(b) Mr. Palone used his whip in a one-handed fashion driving #1, MIKILOB ULTRA in the Meadows` 8th race on January 28, 2026. Mr. Palone is fined \$250 (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and has waived his hearing/appeal rights.

ROLAND, NICK ROYCE

GRINNELL, IA

YOB 1982

Mea on 1/28/2026

FINED: \$250

FAILURE TO KEEP A LINE IN EACH HAND

PA Code Title 7: 205.409(b) Mr. Roland used his whip in a one-handed fashion driving #3, TEN K OBO in the Meadows` 12th race on January 28, 2026. Mr. Roland is fined \$250 (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and has waived his hearing/appeal rights.

SMITH, TYLER ALAN

ASHVILLE, OH

YOB 1993

MVR on 2/2/2026

FINED: \$300

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

OSRC 3769-17-17-B&L. While driving #9 Rockinpoppin during the stretch in race 10 on 2/2/26 at MVR, Mr. Smith did excessively use the whip with other than wrist and elbow action. This is Mr. Smith`s first whipping violation in the last 365 days. Mr. Smith is fined \$500, the penalty will be reduced to \$300 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. MR. Smith has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

ANGUS, TYLER C Nfld on 1/28/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	SAGAMORE HILLS, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 2002
FARMER, WYATT M MVR on 2/5/2026 JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS	TOLEDO, OH FINED: \$350 HORSE PLACED 9	YOB 2005
HORSEY, CEBA M DD on 1/22/2026 JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS	LAUREL, DE FINED: \$100 DRIVING - 1 DAY, 2/3/2026 THRU 2/3/2026	YOB 1976
MERRIMAN, AARON E Nfld on 1/27/2026 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE Mea on 1/31/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 8 FINED: \$100	YOB 1978
MICALLEF, MICHAEL L MVR on 2/2/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	LEBANON, OH FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 9	YOB 1973
MILLER, DAVID S MVR on 2/1/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	ROBBINSVILLE, NJ FINED: \$100	YOB 1964
RHOADES, BILL Nfld on 1/20/2026 INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1987
SMITH, TYLER ALAN MVR on 2/3/2026 IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE	ASHVILLE, OH FINED: \$350 HORSE PLACED 9	YOB 1993
SMITHPETERS, SEAN G Nfld on 1/31/2026 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION	MT VERNON, OH FINED: \$300	YOB 1982