

# FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Feb 27 - Thu, Mar 5

## PART ONE

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

**WAGNER, KELSEY A**  
USTA on 5/29/2025

**FAIRFAX, VA**  
FINED: \$67,500

**YOB 1991**

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 3/4/2026

### USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

The USTA is indefinitely suspending Kelsey Wagner's USTA membership and imposing a fine against her in the amount of \$217,500 for violations of USTA Rule 26.06 (Fraudulent Misconduct by Member), USTA Rule 7.01 (Bona Fide Owner or Lessee), and USTA Rule 20.07 (Conspiracy to Commit Violation of Rules). Evidence gathered in an investigation overseen by the Standardbred Racing Investigative Fund established that Kelsey Wagner acted as a fictitious owner on behalf of her parents, John and Pamela Wagner.

Standardbreds were registered in Kelsey's Wagner's name to establish a fraudulent ownership arrangement in response to John Wagner's unapproved medication violations and resulting suspension and Pamela Wagner's related disqualification by state regulators. John and/or Pamela Wagner were, in every relevant respect, the actual owners of the horses registered in Kelsey Wagner's name. Kelsey Wagner, individually and in concert with others, fraudulently and corruptly effected a false registration with respect to the 87 Standardbred horses registered in her name, in violation of USTA Rule 20.06. Horses that raced while registered in Kelsey Wagner's name did not do so in the name of the bona fide owner, in violation of Rule 7.01. Kelsey, Pamela, and John Wagner entered an agreement to violate USTA Rules 20.06 and 7.01 and each engaged in multiple acts in furtherance of this agreement/conspiracy, in violation of Rule 20.07. Because Kelsey Wagner is now indefinitely suspended, she is a "person not in good standing" under USTA Rule 4.130 and related rules.

***Status as of 3/4/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - The Executive Committee has affirmed the indefinite suspension of Kelsey Wagner; the penalty has been modified to \$67,500.***

**WAGNER, PAMELA E**  
USTA on 5/29/2025

**FAIRFAX, VA**  
FINED: \$135,000

**YOB 1958**

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 3/4/2026

### USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

The USTA is indefinitely suspending Pamela Wagner's USTA membership and imposing a fine against her in the amount of \$435,000.00 for violations of USTA Rule 26.06 (Fraudulent Misconduct by Member), USTA Rule 7.01 (Bona Fide Owner or Lessee), and USTA Rule 20.07 (Conspiracy to Commit Violation of Rules). Evidence gathered in an investigation overseen by the Standardbred Racing Investigative Fund established that Pamela Wagner's daughter, Kelsey Wagner, acted as a fictitious owner on behalf of her parents, John and Pamela Wagner. Standardbreds were registered in Kelsey's Wagner's name to establish a fraudulent ownership arrangement in response to John Wagner's unapproved medication violations and resulting suspension and Pamela Wagner's related

disqualification by state regulators. John and/or Pamela Wagner were, in every relevant respect, the actual owners of the horses registered in Kelsey Wagner's name. Pamela Wagner, individually and in concert with others, fraudulently and corruptly effected a false registration with respect to at least the 62 Standardbred horses she transferred to Kelsey Wagner, in violation of USTA Rule 20.06. Horses that raced while registered in Kelsey Wagner's name did not do so in the name of the bona fide owner, who in many instances was Pamela Wagner, in violation of Rule 7.01. Pamela, Kelsey, and John Wagner entered an agreement to violate USTA Rules 20.06 and 7.01 and each engaged in multiple acts in furtherance of this agreement/conspiracy, in violation of Rule 20.07. Because Pamela Wagner is now indefinitely suspended, she is a "person not in good standing" under USTA Rule 4.130 and related rules.

**Status as of 3/4/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - The Executive Committee has affirmed the indefinite suspension of Pamela Wagner; the penalty has been modified to \$135,000.**

## 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.*

**BLACKMON, DONRICUS L**

**Mea** on 2/17/2026

**CANTON, MS**

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
3/5/2026

**YOB 1979**

### **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 February 28, 2026. 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: 11/12/2025 from The Meadows Horse: MRS MADISON COUNTY

**Status as of 3/5/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Blackmon has completed his PA licensing requirements and is restored to good standing from a penalty imposed in ruling #26015M.**

**BROOKS, DAVID S**

**Mea** on 2/17/2026

**CAMBRIDGE, IL**

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
3/4/2026

**YOB 1972**

### **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 February 28, 2026. 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: 11/28/2025 from The Meadows Horse: **PARK OFFICIAL Status as of 3/4/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Brooks has completed his licensing requirements and is restored to good standing.**

**CALIMERI, SEBASTIAN**  
Mea on 2/17/2026

**KENNEDY, NY** **YOB 1967**  
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
2/27/2026

**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 February 28, 2026. 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: 12/16/2025 from The Meadows Horse: **INITIAL CONCEPT Status as of 2/27/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Calimeri has completed his Pennsylvania licensing requirements and is restored to good standing.**

**CLARK, WILLIAM J JR**  
PHL on 12/21/2025

**MAPLE SHADE, NJ** **YOB 1963**  
FINED: \$1,000  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Fined: \$1000 - Horse Disqualified, Loss of Purse \$1875 PA Code 7-203.22, 401.3(a)(b) Sample # 428508 F collected from the horse UNCLE COZ after race #4 on 12/21/2025 at Harrah's Philadelphia was found to contain Flunixin. This is a violation of the PA medication rules. After waiving the hearing and right to appeal, Mr. Clark was fined \$1000. UNCLE COZ finished 2nd and has been Disqualified. There is a loss of purse of \$1875 which must be returned for redistribution.

**CORNELISON, JENNA**  
PcD on 11/11/2025

**BELMAR, NJ** **YOB 1985**  
FINED: \$50  
FULL - INDEFINITELY AS OF 3/8/2026

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

Suspension Begin: 3/8/2026 PENALTY DESCRIPTION Fined: \$50, Suspended: Full - Indefinitely as of 3/8/2026 PA Title 7-203.11(e) Jenna Cornelison has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2025. OPTRIX raced on 11/11/2025 at Pocono Downs under a 30 day owner affidavit. Ms. Cornelison has been fined \$50 and is suspended indefinitely beginning 3/8/2026 and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and all licensing requirements have been met.

**FISHER, JUSTIN D**

**CAMBRIDGE, ON** **YOB 1996**

**PcD** on 6/4/2025

FINED: \$50  
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
3/3/2026

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Justin D. Fisher has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2025. ABORIGINAL BLUE CHIP raced on 6/4/2025 at Pocono Downs under a 30 day owner affidavit. Mr. Fisher was fined \$50 and is suspended indefinitely beginning 10/22/2025 and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and all licensing requirements have been met.

***Status as of 3/3/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Justin D. Fisher has paid the fine and completed all PA license requirements from ruling #25183PD. Mr. Fisher has been restored to good standing in PA as of 3/3/2026.***

**GARCIA, JOSUE**  
**PHL** on 12/28/2025

**BORDENTOWN, NJ**  
FINED: \$2,500  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

**YOB 1982**

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Fined: \$2500 - Horse Disqualified, Loss of Purse \$4000 PA Code 7-203.22, 401.3(a)(b) Sample # 428562 F collected from the horse GRANITE after race #1 on 12/28/2025 at Harrah`s Philadelphia was found to contain Flunixin. This is a violation of the PA medication rules and was Mr. Garcia`s second class 4 positive within 365 days. After waiving the hearing and right to appeal, Josue Garcia was fined \$2500. GRANITE finished 1st and has been Disqualified. There is a loss of purse of \$4000 which must be returned for redistribution.

**GUERTIN, DARRICK G**  
**RcR** on 11/17/2025

**NORTHEAST, MD**  
FINED: \$500  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

**YOB 1974**

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Trainer Darrick Guertin was the trainer of record on horse SEW MUCH SWAG in the 6th race on November 17th, 2025 at Rosecroft Raceway. Post-race analysis of blood sample #E722328 taken from SEW MUCH SWAG identified the presence of flunixin at a concentration of 9.37 ng/mL ± 0.57 ng/mL. The regulatory threshold for this controlled therapeutic medication is 5 ng/mL. This was identified by Industrial Laboratories, the primary laboratory of the Maryland Racing Commission. At Mr. Guertin`s request, a split sample was sent to University of California, Davis for confirmatory analysis. University of California, Davis also identified flunixin in the sample at a concentration of 8.6 ng/mL ± 0.7 ng/mL, which still exceeds the regulatory threshold of 5 ng/mL. As a result, Mr. Guertin shall be fined \$500.00 and must return all purse monies. Additionally, SEW MUCH SWAG is disqualified, finishing 1st and placed 8th; and there shall be a purse redistribution. All purse monies must be returned within 72 hours of this issuance, and all fines are due within

ten (10) days of the ruling. COMAR: 09.10.03.04.B. 1/2 Multiple Medication Violation (MMV) point assessed.

**RcR** on 11/24/2025

**HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE REDISTRIBUTION**

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Trainer Darrick Guertin was the trainer of record on horse SEW MUCH SWAG in the 9th race on November 24th, 2025 at Rosecroft Raceway. Post-race analysis of blood sample #E722359 taken from SEW MUCH SWAG identified the presence of flunixin at a concentration of 11.2 ng/mL ± 0.58 ng/mL. The regulatory threshold for this controlled therapeutic medication is 5 ng/mL. This was identified by Industrial Laboratories, the primary laboratory of the Maryland Racing Commission. At Mr. Guertin's request, a split sample was sent to University of California, Davis for confirmatory analysis. University of California, Davis also identified flunixin in the sample at a concentration of 9.8 ng/mL ± 0.7 ng/mL, which exceeds the regulatory threshold of 5 ng/mL. As a result, Mr. Guertin shall return all purse monies. Additionally, SEW MUCH SWAG is disqualified, finishing 1st and placed 9th; and there shall be a purse redistribution. All purse monies must be returned within 72 hours of this issuance, and all fines are due within ten (10) days of the ruling. COMAR: 09.10.03.04.B. One Multiple Medication Violation (MMV) point assessed.

**SEARLE, STEVEN J**

**MVR** on 1/22/2026

**GRANT PARK, IL**

**FINED: \$500**

**HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE REDISTRIBUTION**

**YOB 1959**

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

OSRC 3769-18-01-A(4b,15,16), 3769-18-02, 3769-17-43. Blood sample #938174 was tested by the Ohio Department of Agriculture ATL and was found to contain Furosemide at a concentration level of 129.4 nanograms per milliliter of plasma, which exceeds the Regulatory threshold of 100 nanograms per milliliter of plasma adopted by the OSRC. Blood sample #938174 was provided by #4 Lous Avalon, who finished 1st in race 3 on 1/22/26 at MVR, and was trained by Mr. Searle. Mr. Searle waived his rights to a hearing, split sample and DNA. This is Mr. Searles's first medication violation in the last 365 days. Mr. Searle is fined \$1000, the penalty will be reduced to \$500 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. #4 is disqualified and placed 9th, and the purse earnings of \$6500 is ordered to be returned to MVR to be redistributed accordingly, within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Searle has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

**SPAHR, RENEE A**

**PcD** on 9/23/2025

**PARIS, KY**

**RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 3/5/2026**

**YOB 1975**

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

**PENALTY DESCRIPTION** Fined: \$50, Suspended: Full - Indefinitely as of 2/18/2026 PA Title 7-203.11(e) Renee Spahr has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2025. MADE OF DREAMS raced on 9/23/2025 at Pocono Downs under a 30 day owner

affidavit. Ms. Spahr was fined \$50 and is suspended indefinitely beginning 2/18/2026 and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and all licensing requirements have been met. **Status as of 3/5/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Ms. Spahr has completed her PA licensing requirements and is restored to good standing from the penalty imposed in ruling #26011PD.**

### PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

**DAVIS, ALLAN W** **SMYRNA, DE** **YOB 1976**  
DD on 2/26/2026 FINED: \$200  
**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**  
Mr. Davis did use the whip more than 1x before the 3/4 mile marker. DHRC rule 7.6.13.14.1.3. Mr. Davis was issued a \$200 fine, Mr. Davis did sign the waiver of hearing. Per DHRC 10.2.7.6 all fines are due within 10 days of this ruling.

**TURLEY, NICHOLAS O** **ASHVILLE, OH** **YOB 1994**  
MVR on 3/2/2026 FINED: \$300  
**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**  
OSRC 3769-17-17-B. While driving #3 Sir Lloyd during the stretch in race 11 on 3/2/26 at MVR, Mr. Turley did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action. This is Mr. Turley`s first whipping violation in the last 365 days. Mr. Turley is fined \$500, the penalty will be reduced to \$300 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Turley has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

### PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

**CALLAHAN, COREY** **MIDDLETOWN, DE** **YOB 1978**  
DD on 3/3/2026 FINED: \$100  
**FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS**

**CIOCCA, JOHN JR.** **NORTHFIELD, OH** **YOB 1993**  
Nfld on 2/25/2026 FINED: \$100  
**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**CREVANI, STEPHEN** **BULLVILLE, NY** **YOB 1942**  
Stga on 3/1/2026 FINED: \$100  
**LATE DRIVER CHANGE**

**DEL CID, FRANCISCO** **AGUSTA, WV** **YOB 1960**  
Mea on 2/19/2026 FINED: \$200  
**NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE**  
Mea on 2/19/2026 FINED: \$200  
**NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE**

<b>Mea</b> on 2/19/2026	FINED: \$200	
<b>NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE</b>		
<b>GALE, JOSHUA E</b>	<b>WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ</b>	<b>YOB 1978</b>
<b>PcD</b> on 2/17/2026	FINED: \$100	
<b>NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE</b>		
<b>GINGRAS, YANNICK</b>	<b>ALLENTOWN, NJ</b>	<b>YOB 1979</b>
<b>YR</b> on 12/4/2025	FINED: \$100	
	HORSE PLACED 3	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>YR</b> on 12/4/2025	FINED: \$100	
	HORSE PLACED 4	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>HALL, MICHAEL P</b>	<b>OCEAN CITY, MD</b>	<b>YOB 1976</b>
<b>DD</b> on 3/4/2026	FINED: \$100	
<b>LATE TO THE PADDOCK</b>		
<b>HANNERS, AUSTIN B</b>	<b>FRANKFORT, OH</b>	<b>YOB 1999</b>
<b>MVR</b> on 3/4/2026	FINED: \$100	
<b>TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK</b>		
<b>IRVINE, JUSTIN D</b>	<b>AURORA, OH</b>	<b>YOB 2001</b>
<b>Mea</b> on 2/20/2026	FINED: \$100	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>KEIM, COTE J</b>	<b>CREAM RIDGE, NJ</b>	<b>YOB 1982</b>
<b>PcD</b> on 2/25/2026	FINED: \$100	
<b>NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE</b>		
<b>LACHANCE, PATRICK D</b>	<b>ALLENTOWN, NJ</b>	<b>YOB 1975</b>
<b>PcD</b> on 2/28/2026	FINED: \$200	
<b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>		
<b>LAWTON, DALE G</b>	<b>VERONA, NY</b>	<b>YOB 1948</b>
<b>Stga</b> on 3/1/2016	FINED: \$100	
<b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>		
<b>Stga</b> on 3/1/2026	FINED: \$100	
<b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>		
<b>MACDONALD, ANTHONY A</b>	<b>MACEDONIA, OH</b>	<b>YOB 1976</b>
<b>MVR</b> on 3/2/2026	FINED: \$200	
	HORSE PLACED 9	

**IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE**

<b>MERRIMAN, AARON E</b> Nfld on 2/24/2026	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 6	<b>YOB 1978</b>
<b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>		
<b>NOBLE, DANIEL N</b> Nfld on 2/24/2026	<b>XENIA, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1983</b>
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>PAGE, CHRIS L</b> MVR on 3/4/2026	<b>DELAWARE, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1983</b>
<b>TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK</b>		
<b>THOMPSON, JASON E</b> DD on 2/26/2026	<b>HARTLEY, DE</b> FINED: \$300	<b>YOB 1993</b>
<b>IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE</b>		
<b>TINCH, TYLER N</b> MVR on 3/5/2026	<b>LEBANON, OH</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1989</b>
<b>FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED</b>		
<b>VAN OTTERLOO, JUSTIN D</b> Nfld on 2/24/2026	<b>ROCK RAPIDS, IA</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1997</b>
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>WIDGER, SAMUEL D</b> MVR on 3/3/2026	<b>CLARKSVILLE, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1963</b>
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>WILCOX, KENT J</b> MVR on 3/3/2026	<b>HOLLANSBURG, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1958</b>
<b>FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OR PROPER DECLARATION INFORMATION</b>		