

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Mar 13 - Thu, Mar 19

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.

BAKO, SCOTT L
PcD on 10/21/2025

LONDON, ON **YOB 1984**
FINED: \$50
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
3/14/2026

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Scott L. Bako 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. Scott Bako 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 3/19/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Scott Bako has paid the fine from ruling #25182PD and has completed all license requirements in PA. Mr. Bako is restored to good standing as of 3/14/2026.

CORNELISON, JENNA
PcD on 11/11/2025

BELMAR, NJ **YOB 1985**
FINED: \$50
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
3/14/2026

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.

Status as of 3/19/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Jenna Cornelison has paid the fine from ruling #26020PD and has completed all license requirements in PA. Ms. Cornelison is restored to good standing in PA as of 3/14/2026.

DEPIETRO, ANN L
M on 2/18/2026

CREAM RIDGE, NJ

YOB 1966

FINED: \$2,000

FULL - 282 DAYS, 3/25/2026 THRU 12/31/2026

OTHER

A hearing was held by the New Jersey Racing Commission ("NJRC") Board of Judges at The Meadowlands Racetrack on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 to discuss Ms. Depietro's participation in racing while unlicensed or licensed in the capacity of a groom. A report submitted by the NJRC Investigative unit was also reviewed during the hearing. In reviewing the investigative report and hearing the testimony at the February 18, 2026 hearing, the Board of Judges determined that Ann Depietro did violate several rules of the NJRC. Ms. Depietro acknowledged that while unlicensed by the NJRC, purse money was being deposited into a bank account that she controlled. Ms. Depietro also could not explain how a bank document had been altered to show a different date on information requested by the NJRC investigators. As a result, Ms. Depietro is hereby issued a fine of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars and a suspension of her groom's license from March 25, 2026 through and including December 31, 2026. The fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before December 31, 2026. Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-1.19, N.J.A.C. 13:71-2.2, N.J.A.C. 13:71-7.29 (a) 13, 14, N.J.A.C. 13:71-26.4, N.J.A.C. 13:71-26.5.

IRVINE, JUSTIN D

AURORA, OH

YOB 2001

Nfld on 3/15/2026

FINED: \$300

IMPROPER CONDUCT OR LANGUAGE TO AN OFFICIAL

Mr. Irvine was unprofessional and rude towards the Starter after race #2 on 3/15/26. He displayed hostile behavior which is not in the best interest of racing. He is hereby fined \$500. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$300 if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-2-26(A)(10) 3769-17-29 The fine must be paid by 3/26/26.

KRAMER, DIANA L

MANTUA, NJ

YOB 1984

M on 2/6/2026

FINED: \$500

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Diana Kramer was the programmed trainer of the horse "KID DID IT" when he raced in the fifth qualifying race at The Meadowlands Racetrack on February 6, 2026. Following the race, "KID DID IT" was required to submit blood for analysis. A report from Industrial Laboratories identified the presence of Flunixin above the allowable limit. As a result, Ms. Kramer is fined the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. The time from the qualifying race is disallowed. Ms. Kramer has waived her right to a hearing with the Board of Judges and has accepted the penalty associated with this ruling. The fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before March 28, 2026. 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)

SAGER, EDWARD M
PcD on 11/10/2025

PITTSTON, PA
FINED: \$500
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1964

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Fined: \$500, Horse Disqualified, Loss of purse \$6,250 PA Code 7-203.22, 401.3(a)(b) Sample # 434671 F collected from the horse BOARDWALK BET after race #6 on 11/10/2025 at Pocono Downs was found to contain Aminocaproic Acid. (Class 4) This is a violation of the PA medication rules. After waiving the right to appeal Eddie Sager is fined \$500 (which has been paid). BOARDWALK BET finished 1st and has been Disqualified. Purse money (\$6,250) must be returned within 10 days of this ruling to be redistributed. Subsequent violations may result in increased penalties.

PHL on 11/23/2025

FINED: \$500
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Fined: \$500, Horse Disqualified, Loss of purse \$880 PA Code 7-203.22, 401.3(a)(b) Sample # 41578 collected from the horse DECISION DAY after race #6 on 11/23/2025 at Harrah's Philadelphia was found to contain Aminocaproic Acid. (Class 4) This is a violation of the PA medication rules. After waiving the right to appeal Eddie Sager is fined \$500 (which has been paid). DECISION DAY finished 4th and has been Disqualified. Purse money (\$880) must be returned within 10 days of this ruling to be redistributed. Subsequent violations may result in increased penalties.

SALYER, JEFFREY TODD
MVR on 2/18/2026

URBANA, OH
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 3/19/2026

YOB 1964

FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION

OSRC 3769-2-26-A(7). Mr. Salyer is indefinitely suspended and placed on the Stop List in Ohio until he appears before the Judges in Ohio regarding the falsification of his 2026 OSRC Groom license application concerning his arrest record.

WARNICK, SCOTT A
RcR on 2/19/2026

SALUDA, VA
FINED: \$1,500
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1966

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Trainer Scott Warnick was the trainer of record on horse ROYAL BEEP BEEP in the 2nd race on February 19th, 2026 at Rosecroft Raceway. Post-race analysis of urine sample #E680263 taken from ROYAL BEEP BEEP identified the presence of 3-carboxydetomidine (active metabolite of detomidine) at a concentration of 4.43 ng/mL ± 0.25 ng/mL. The regulatory threshold for this controlled therapeutic medication is 2 ng/mL. As a result, Mr. Warnick shall be fined \$1,500.00 and must return all purse monies. Additionally, ROYAL BEEP BEEP 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

finer are due within ten (10) days of the ruling. COMAR: 09.10.03.04.B. Four Multiple Medication Violation (MMV) point assessed.

WILSON, MATTHEW

BRANDON, MS

YOB 1999

MVR on 2/23/2026

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 3/19/2026

FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION

OSRC 3769-2-26-A(7). Mr. Wilson is indefinitely suspended and placed on the Stop List in OHIO until he appears before the Judges in Ohio regarding the falsification of his 2026 OSRC Groom license application, concerning his arrest record.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

ATHEARN, MATTHEW M

CUMBERLAND, ME

YOB 1998

Stga on 3/15/2026

FINED: \$250

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 3/19/2026 THRU 3/21/2026

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

During the 11th Race on 03/15/2026 at Saratoga Raceway while driving #6 "FRONTIER DRAGON" Matthew Athearn did violate the whip rule by using the whip more than three times in succession without giving the horse time to respond and using more than wrist and forearm action. This is Matthews Athearn`s second offence within 365 days. Matthew Athearn is Suspended 3 Days (Driving Only) 03/19/2026 through 03/21/2026 and fined \$250.00. Future violations may result in increased penalties.

BURTON, BRIAN E

BERLIN, MD

YOB 1978

RcR on 3/18/2026

FINED: \$100

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Driver Brian Burton is fined \$100.00 for one-handed whipping after the ¾ pole while driving ALWAYS ON TOP in the 3rd race at Rosecroft Raceway. All fines are due within ten (10) days of the ruling; failure to pay will result in the suspension of the Maryland Racing Commission licensee until payment is received. COMAR: 09.10.02.33H(17)

CAMPOLONG, VINCENT J

FISHKILL, NY

YOB 1989

MR on 3/12/2026

FINED: \$100

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Rule 4117.8(D)(2) & 4117.8(H)(2) Driver Vincent Campolong 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 the horse time to respond, while driving ITZALLDOWNTOLUCK N in the 9th race on March 12, 2026, 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.

CARTER, WILLIAM R

PHILADELPHIA, PA

YOB 2004

RcR on 3/18/2026

FINED: \$100

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

Driver William Carter is fined \$100.00 for using exaggerated whipping motions after the ½ pole while driving RUN AROUND JOHN in the 7th race on March 18th, 2026 at Rosecroft Raceway. The violation includes failure to restrict whipping movements to wrist action with minimal elbow movement, and raising the whipping arm above shoulder height. All fines are due within ten (10) days of the ruling; failure to pay will result in suspension of the Maryland Racing Commission license until payment is received. COMAR: 09.10.02.33H(17)(b)

KASH, KEITH J JR**MEDINA, OH****YOB 1979****Nfld** on 3/14/2026

FINED: \$300

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

While driving #5 Two Pistol Annie in race #13 on 3/14/26 he whipped the horse in an exaggerated manner by raising his whipping arm above shoulder height and using more than elbow and wrist action. Mr. Kash Jr waived his right to a hearing and is hereby fined \$500. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$300 if not appealed. This is MR. Kash Jr's first whipping offense in the last 365 days. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-17(B)&(C) The fine must be paid by 3/26/26.

LOMBARDO, SALVATORE C**ASTORIA, NY****YOB 1969****MR** on 3/12/2026

FINED: \$100

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Rule 4117.8(D)(2) & 4117.8(H)(2) Driver Salvatore Lombardo 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 the horse time to respond, while driving HEREITTIZ in the 9th race on March 12, 2026, 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.

MACDONALD, ANTHONY A**MACEDONIA, OH****YOB 1976****Nfld** on 3/11/2026

FINED: \$750

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

While driving #4 Winter Soldier in race #14 on 3/11/26 he did whip the horse in an exaggerated manner by raising his whipping arm above shoulder height and using more than elbow and wrist action. This is Mr. Macdonald third whipping offense in Ohio in the last 365 days. Mr. Macdonald waived his right to a hearing and is hereby fined \$1000. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$750 if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-17 (B)&(C) The fine must be paid by 3/22/26.

NAPOLITANO, GEORGE JR**BOCA RATON, FL****YOB 1966****PcD** on 3/16/2026

FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

PA Title 205.409 (c) While driving #4 ROBBIE PEV in Race 7 on 3/16/2026 at Pocono Downs, George Napolitano Jr. used an exaggerated whipping motion raising his hand and

MVR on 3/19/2026	FINED: \$100	
INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION		
GRAY, MARK S	CHESTER, MD	YOB 1962
DD on 3/16/2026	FINED: \$200	
PASSING LANE VIOLATION		
HARMON, ROBERT W	MILFORD, PA	YOB 1969
NJRC on 3/3/2026	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL		
HAYNES, WALTER E JR	ALEXANDRIA, IN	YOB 1965
HoP on 3/13/2026	FINED: \$200	
LATE TO THE PADDOCK		
JOHNSON, WHITNEY R	NORTHFIELD, OH	YOB 1992
Nfld on 3/14/2026	FINED: \$500	
PARTICIPATING WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE		
KEIM, COTE J	CREAM RIDGE, NJ	YOB 1982
NJRC on 3/3/2026	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL		
KELLY, COLIN	MIDDLETWON, NY	YOB 1993
M on 2/21/2026	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED		
PcD on 3/9/2026	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE		
LUNA, MARVIN ALFREDO	LEXINGTON, KY	YOB 2001
MVR on 3/18/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
MCCOWN, CAMERON L	OSTRANDER, OH	YOB 1988
MVR on 3/16/2026	FINED: \$200	
	HORSE PLACED 3	
IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE		
MELANDER, MARCUS M	NEW EGYPT, NJ	YOB 1992
NJRC on 3/3/2026	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL		
MORGAN, ANTHONY N	WARWICK, MD	YOB 1958
DD on 3/12/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		

NORMAN, RICHARD J F NJRC on 3/3/2026 FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL	ALLENTOWN, NJ FINED: \$200	YOB 1960
PAGE, CHRIS L MVR on 3/18/2026 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS	DELAWARE, OH FINED: \$200	YOB 1983
PALONE, DAVID M Mea on 3/11/2026 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE	WASHINGTON, PA FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 8	YOB 1962
PAQUET, FERNAND A JR MR on 3/11/2026 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE	MIDDLETOWN, NY DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 3/15/2026 THRU 3/17/2026 HORSE PLACED 6	YOB 1968
POSNER, MICHAEL D NJRC on 3/3/2026 FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL	JACKSON, NJ FINED: \$200	YOB 1954
PRESTO, BRANDON J Nfld on 3/14/2026 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION	HOUSTON, PA FINED: \$300	YOB 1989
PYOTT, JOHN R NJRC on 3/3/2026 FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL	VINELAND, NJ FINED: \$200	YOB 1962
RHOADES, BILL Nfld on 3/15/2026 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$300	YOB 1987
SHERMAN, MICHAEL D JR NJRC on 3/3/2026 FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL	ENGLISHTOWN, NJ FINED: \$200	YOB 1942
SHULTS, MICHAEL M on 3/6/2026 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	FORDS, NJ FINED: \$300	YOB 1980
SMEDSHAMMER, TROND NJRC on 3/3/2026	ALLENTOWN, NJ FINED: \$200	YOB 1967

FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL

VALLEE, SHAUN F

JACKSON, NJ

YOB 1963

NJRC on 3/3/2026

FINED: \$200

FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL