

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Mar 20 - Thu, Mar 26

PART ONE

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

MILLER, MR. ARLIS EUGENE

USTA on 3/24/2026

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

Membership denied pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Section 4(a) of the Association bylaws.

TOPEKA, IN

DENIAL(DEN) AS OF 3/24/2026

YOB 1999

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.

AYOTTE, JOEY C

Mea on 2/17/2026

MINEEOLA, FL

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 3/23/2026

YOB 1975

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 3/23/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Ms. Ayotte has completed her PA licensing requirements and is restored to good standing.

BAKO, SCOTT L

PcD on 10/21/2025

LONDON, ON

**FINED: \$50
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 3/14/2026**

YOB 1984

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.

DANIELS, BLAKE R

DENVER, CO

YOB 1977

Nfld on 1/12/2026

FINED: \$250

FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION

Mr. Blake falsified his 2026 license application by failing to list his prior arrest record. Mr. Blake waived his right to a hearing and is hereby fined \$500. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$250 if not appealed. O.S.R.C.3769-2-26 (A)(7) The fine has been Paid.

EISENHOWER, JOSEPH M SR.

SEWELL, NJ

YOB 1951

Fhld on 10/5/2023

FINED: \$500

FULL - 15 DAYS, 4/3/2026 THRU 4/17/2026

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

As a result of the administrative hearing conducted on November 30, 2023 the Board of Judges has determined that: New Jersey Racing Commission (N.J.R.C.) licensee, Joseph Eisenhower Sr. was the programmed trainer of the horse THSWAYORTHEHIGHWAY when it competed in the 1st race at Freehold Raceway on Thursday October 5, 2023; The horse THISWAYORTHEHIGHWAY finished 1st in the 1st race on October 5, 2023: Following its performance in the 1st race at Freehold Raceway on October 5, 2023, the horse THISWAYORTHEHIGHWAY was selected to submit blood and urine samples for analysis; The blood sample collected from the horse THISWAYORTHEHIGHWAY on October 5, 2023 identified the presence of the substance 5-Hydroxydantrolene above the allowable threshold; The presence of 5-Hydroxydantrolene in the horse THISWAYORTHEHIGHWAY on October 5, 2023 above the allowable threshold is in direct violation of NJRC rule N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.1; Mr. Eisenhower waived his right to a split sample; As a trainer licensed by the NJRC, Mr. Eisenhower: is the absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of a horse within his care and custody; shall not enter or start a horse that has in its body any drug or substance foreign to the natural horse; Has the duty to be familiar with medication rules of the Commission and with any drug or substance foreign the natural horse administered to said horse at his direction or while in his custody and care. As a result of the positive post-race blood analysis, Mr. Eisenhower is in violation of N.J.A.C 13:71-23.6(a)(b)(c)(d) as such Mr. Eisenhower is suspended for a period of fifteen (15) days, Friday, January 5, 2024 through and including Friday, January 19, 2024. Mr. Eisenhower is also fined the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. Payment of the fine associated with this ruling must be received by the N.J.R.C. on or before January 19, 2024. Consistent with N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.7, the horse THISWAYORTHEHIGHWAY is hereby **Status as of 3/25/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - By Ruling No. 23FRE107, dated December 7, 2023, the Board of Judges at Freehold Raceway found Joseph M. Eisenhower, Sr. in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.1, N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.6(a)(b)(c)(d) and N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.7 in connection with a positive post-race blood sample for the prohibited substance 5-Hydroxydantrolene, collected from the horse "Thiswayorthehighway" following its performance in the 1st race on October 5, 2023. The Board of Judges imposed a fifteen day suspension, a \$500 fine and 1/2 Multiple**

Medication Violation (MMV) point. Mr. Eisenhower appealed the decision of the Board of Judges and requested a stay of the penalties. By Ruling No. 24TRH2, a stay was granted and the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") as a contested case. On September 29, 2025, Mr. Eisenhower failed to appear at the OAL for the scheduled hearing (on Zoom). On October 14, 2025, the Administrative Law Judge returned the case file to the New Jersey Racing Commission for failure to appear pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-14.4. Accordingly, the penalties issued in Ruling 23FRE107 by the Board of Judges at Freehold Raceway are reinstated. Mr. Eisenhower is hereby suspended for a period of fifteen days, from April 3, 2026 through and including April 17, 2026. Payment of the \$500 fine is due on or before April 17, 2026 and 1/2 MMV point is imposed. The horse "Thiswayorthehighway" is hereby disqualified from sharing in the purse from the 1st race on October 5, 2023 at Freehold Raceway. The Horsemen's Bookkeeper is hereby ordered to redistribute the purse monies from the 1st race on October 5, 2023 at Freehold Raceway accordingly. Related rulings: 23FRE107, dated December 7, 2023; 24TRH2, dated January 2, 2024

EUBANK, WAYLON H

ASHVILLE, OH

YOB 1997

MVR on 3/10/2026

FINED: \$500

CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE BEST INTEREST OF HORSE RACING

OSRC 3769-2-26-A(4,5&10). Mr. Eubank wrote down a fictitious license number while signing a claim slip on \$3 Rose Run Ari in race 7 on 3/10/26 at MVR. Mr. Eubank is fined \$1000, the penalty will be reduced to \$500 if not appealed, which is due by 3/24/26. Mr. Eubank has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

KLEINHANS, PETER

FLEMINGTON, NJ

YOB 1965

PcD on 6/1/2025

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 3/23/2026

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Peter Kleinhans has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2025. BIG LIMO raced on 6/1/2025 at Pocono Downs under a 30 day owner affidavit. Mr. Kleinhans was fined \$50 and is suspended indefinitely beginning 2/16/2026 and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and all licensing requirements have been met.

Status as of 3/23/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Kleinhans has completed his PA licensing requirements and is restored to good standing.

REDMON, KURT LEE

VIENNA, OH

YOB 1988

Nor on 11/23/2021

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 3/23/2026

FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)

MGCB Ruling 7406- Failure to pay fine in the amount of \$100.00 as ordered by MGCB Stewards Ruling #7389.

Status as of 3/23/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - MGCB Ruling 7696 - Having met the requirements set forth in MGCB Stewards' Ruling 7389, the suspension of the

occupational license issued to Kurt Redmon is hereby lifted and Kurt Redmon is restored to good standing.

TAYLOR, HOWARD A

PHILADELPHIA, PA

YOB 1959

Har on 10/1/2025

INELIGIBLE(INE) AS OF 3/24/2026

DENIAL OF LICENSE

After careful consideration, and in accordance with the State of Delaware Administrative Code, Delaware Harness Racing Rules and Regulations, the Delaware Harness Racing Commission ("DHRC") hereby denies Mr. Howard A. Taylor's (DHRC #2578) application for a license. During the course of a thorough review of Mr. Taylor's eligibility for a license, DHRC staff learned that the United States Attorney's office, Southern District of New York, presented evidence in United States v. Navarro, 20 Cr. 160 (MKV) that on multiple occasions Mr. Taylor purchased banned substances from individuals who were convicted in Federal Court with manufacturing and selling performance enhancing drugs. This conduct constitutes a serious violation of DHRC rules which prohibit a licensee from associating, directly or indirectly, with persons whose conduct is detrimental to the best interests of harness racing and who have been convicted of offenses related to the manufacture, distribution, or sale of illegal performance enhancing drugs. 5.1.7 Licensees' Obligation to Protect Horses. Each person licensed by the Commission shall do all that is reasonable and within his power and scope of duty to guard against and prevent the administration of any drug, medication or other substance, including permissible medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, to any horse entered or to be entered in an official workout or race, as prohibited by these rules. The United States Attorney's office, Southern District of New York, described United States v. Navarro, 20 Cr. 160 (MKV), as "a case arising from an investigation of widespread schemes by racehorse trainers, veterinarians, PED distributors, and others to manufacture, distribute, and receive adulterated and misbranded PEDs and to secretly administer those PEDs to racehorses competing at all levels of professional horseracing. **Contact DHRC for full ruling text**"

Status as of 3/24/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - At the conclusion of a public hearing, conducted by the Delaware Harness Racing Commission on November 18, 2025, March 10, 2026, and March 24, 2026, the members of the Commission voted unanimously to amend the ruling by which the Board of Judges denied Mr. Howard A. Taylor's (DHRC #2578) application for a license from a License Denial to a License Refusal. The Commissioners gave the applicant the option to withdraw his application, and he did. Mr. Taylor remains unlicensed and ineligible to participate in pari-mutuel racing in Delaware.

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.

Status as of 3/24/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Wilson contacted the Judges at MVR and surrendered his 2026 OSRC Groom's license. Thus, his 2026 OSRC Groom's license is rescinded. He may apply in 2027 for consideration provided there is a modification of his arrest record.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

ATHEARN, MATTHEW M
Stga on 3/15/2026

CUMBERLAND, ME

YOB 1998

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.

CRUSE, BRANDON
DD on 3/24/2026

MILFORD, DE

YOB 1994

FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Brandon Cruse did use the whio excessively while driving #4 Dinnerandashow in the 14 race on 3/24/26. This is a violation of DHRC rule 7.6.13.14.2.7. This is Mr. Cruse second whipping violation in approximately 60 days. Mr. Cruse signed the waiver of hearing. Per DHRC rule 10.2.7.6 all fines are to be paid within 10 days of this ruling.

DAVIS, ERIC E
RcR on 3/19/2026

HARTLY, DE

YOB 1996

FINED: \$100

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

Driver Eric Davis is fined \$100.00 for using exaggerated whipping motions after the 3/4 pole and in the stretch while driving ROLL THE MUSIC in the 12th race on March 19th, 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 must be paid 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.
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MACDONALD, ANTHONY A
MVR on 3/22/2026

MACEDONIA, OH

YOB 1976

FINED: \$1,000

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

OSRC 3769-17-17-B&C. While driving #6 Legendary Doowrah during the stretch in race 11 on 3/22/26 at MVR, Mr. MacDonald did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action and raising his arm above his shoulder. This is Mr. MacDonald`s fourth whipping

BATESON, CASE A Mea on 3/4/2026 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS	CANONSBURG, PA FINED: \$200	YOB 2001
BAUMEISTER, MICHAEL E BR on 3/7/2026 CARRY A HORSE OUT	BATAVIA, NY	YOB 1958
BECKWITH, BRETT M M on 3/13/2026 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	WILTON, NY FINED: \$200	YOB 2003
BOYD, BRAXTEN B PcD on 3/17/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	JONESVILLE, MI FINED: \$100	YOB 2000
CASE, WALTER H JR CUMB on 3/21/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	RICHMOND, ME FINED: \$100	YOB 1961
CIOCCA, JOHN JR. Nfld on 3/18/2026 JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1993
CRISLER, RANDY D OAKGR on 3/22/2026 NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE	CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MS FINED: \$250	YOB 1981
CUSHING, RONALD L PcD on 3/16/2026 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	WATERVILLE, ME FINED: \$100	YOB 1964
DENSON, JAMAAL D OAKGR on 3/24/2026 INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK	MADISON, MS FINED: \$200	YOB 1996
DERUE, JORDAN PcD on 3/17/2026 OTHER	FT EDWARD, NY FINED: \$300	YOB 1990
DUBOIS, CHRISTOPHER B CUMB on 3/23/2026 FAILURE TO WEAR/SECURE HELMET	MECHANIC FALLS, ME FINED: \$50	YOB 2002
FAGAN, DYLAN A	WASHINGTON COURT HOU, OH	YOB 1995

Nfld on 3/18/2026	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION		
GLISPIE, K DEAN	SEDALIA, OH	YOB 1962
MVR on 3/24/2026	FINED: \$100	
INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION		
HANNERS, AUSTIN B	FRANKFORT, OH	YOB 1999
MVR on 3/24/2026	FINED: \$100	
TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK		
MVR on 3/26/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
MVR on 3/26/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
HANNERS, LUKE	CHILLICOTHE, OH	YOB 2000
MVR on 3/26/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
HARRINGTON, ANDREW L	WINDSOR, ME	YOB 1990
CUMB on 3/21/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
IRVINE, JUSTIN D	AURORA, OH	YOB 2001
Nfld on 3/22/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
KINA, CAMERON L	MARYSVILLE, OH	YOB 2005
Nfld on 3/18/2026	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POST PARADE		
LEHMAN, AARON J	NORTHFIELD, OH	YOB 2002
Nfld on 3/17/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
LONEY, HARLA RENAE	NORTHFIELD, OH	YOB 1976
Nfld on 3/21/2026	FINED: \$300	
FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION		
LUTHER, TODD A	COMMERCIAL POINT, OH	YOB 1985
MVR on 3/24/2026	FINED: \$100	
INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION		
MACDONALD, ANTHONY A	MACEDONIA, OH	YOB 1976
MVR on 3/24/2026	FINED: \$350	

FAILURE TO MAINTAIN REASONABLE CONTROL OF THE HORSE

MARTIN, JOSEPH V M on 3/13/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	SOUTH AMBOY, NJ FINED: \$100	YOB 1958
MELLOY, PATRICK M JR HoP on 3/20/2026 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	EATON, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1967
MERRIMAN, AARON E Nfld on 3/18/2026 LATE TO THE PADDOCK Mea on 3/18/2026 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$100 FINED: \$100	YOB 1978
MILLER, DAVID S MVR on 3/24/2026 TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK	ROBBINSVILLE, NJ FINED: \$100	YOB 1964
PALONE, DAVID M Mea on 3/11/2026 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE	WASHINGTON, PA FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 8	YOB 1962
PORFILIO, LUIS ALBERTO BR on 3/7/2026 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	WASHINGTON, PA FINED: \$250	YOB 1964
QUEVEDO, BRYAN EMANUEL Stga on 3/21/2026 INTERFERENCE CAUSING AN ACCIDENT	ENGLISHTOWN, NJ DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 3/26/2026 THRU 3/28/2026	YOB 2003
SHEHAN, TYLER G OAKGR on 3/23/2026 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS	HOPKINSVILLE, KY FINED: \$100	YOB 1982
SMITH, TREVOR GENE MVR on 3/26/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	FRANKLIN, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1996
SMITH, TYLER ALAN MVR on 3/22/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	ASHVILLE, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1993

THOMPSON, JASON R Nfld on 3/17/2026 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE	STOW, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 5	YOB 1979
WARREN, RIDGE J PcD on 3/14/2026 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	MILLVILLE, PA FINED: \$200	YOB 1988
YODER, JOSEPH A Nfld on 3/17/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	MILLERSBURG, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 6	YOB 2003
YOUNG, DAVID A II Nfld on 3/18/2026 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	CHILLICOTHE, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1983