

## FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Mar 27 - Thu, Apr 2

### PART ONE

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

**CARTER, WILLIAM D**  
USTA on 10/23/2025

**PHILADELPHIA, PA** **YOB 1971**  
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
3/27/2026

#### USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

Membership suspended for violation of Rule 20.10 (financial responsibility).

**Status as of 3/27/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - The District 7 Directors recommend that Mr. Carter be restored to full membership status pending the final adjudication of any remaining legal proceedings.**

### 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.*

**ANDREWS, WILLIAM F**  
RcR on 3/9/2026

**EASTON, MD** **YOB 1979**  
FINED: \$500  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

#### POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Trainer William Andrews was the trainer of record on horse NEVADA VACATION in the 12th race on March 9th, 2026, at Rosecroft Raceway. Post-race analysis of blood sample #E680346 taken from NEVADA VACATION identified the presence of dexamethasone at a concentration of 18.9 pg/mL ± 0.80 pg/mL. The regulatory threshold for this controlled therapeutic medication is 5 pg/mL. As a result, Mr. Andrews shall be fined \$500.00 and must return all purse monies. Additionally, NEVADA VACATION 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 must be paid within ten (10) days of the ruling. COMAR: 09.10.03.04.B. 1/2 Multiple Medication Violation (MMV) point assessed.

**CHINDANO, JOSEPH J JR.**  
BR on 3/21/2026

**BLOOMINGBURG, NY** **YOB 1999**  
FINED: \$500  
FULL - 30 DAYS, 4/1/2026 THRU 4/30/2026

#### FIGHTING

On Saturday, March 21, 2026, as driver of the 2 horse, FLAG PARTY, in the 7th race at Buffalo Raceway, Joe Chindano Jr. did instigate a physical altercation after the race's conclusion. This is conduct detrimental to the best interest of racing. Having appeared before a representative of the New York State Gaming Commission and waving his right to a formal hearing and right to appeal, Joe Chindano Jr. is issued a Sixty (60) day (reduced

to Thirty (30) days without appeal) full suspension of his occupational license beginning 4/1/2026 through and including 4/30/2026. Furthermore, Joe Chindano Jr. is fined One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) (reduced to Five hundred (\$500.00) without appeal). Further violations of this nature may result in increased penalties.

**MEANEY, JOSEPH M**  
PcD on 7/30/2025

**CRESTWOOD, NY** **YOB 1968**  
FINED: \$50  
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
3/30/2026

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Joseph M Meaney has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2025. BJM'S LIL MAN raced on 7/30/2025 at Pocono Downs under a 30 day owner affidavit. Mr. Meaney was fined \$50 and is suspended indefinitely beginning 2/17/2026 and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and all licensing requirements have been met.

***Status as of 3/30/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Joseph Meaney has completed all license requirements in PA and paid the fine from ruling #26009PD. Joseph Meaney is restored to good standing in PA as of 3/30/2026.***

**MILLER, ELSON L**  
MVR on 3/15/2026

**JAMESTOWN, OH** **YOB 2001**  
FINED: \$1,000  
FULL - 15 DAYS, 4/5/2026 THRU 4/19/2026  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 10, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

OSRC 3769-18-01-A(1,4d,10,13,15,16), 3769-18-02, 3769-17-43. Blood sample #RO15506 was tested by the Eqias Labs and was found to contain TCO<sub>2</sub>, a class 3 category, at a concentration of 40.6 mmol/L, which exceeds the Regulatory threshold of 37 mmol/L adopted by the OSRC. Blood sample RO15506 was provided by #1 Barley A Lie, who finished 1st in race 2 on 3/15/26 at MVR, and was trained by Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller waived his rights to a hearing. #1 is disqualified and placed 10th and the purse earnings of \$4750 are to be returned to Miami Valley Raceway within 10 days of this ruling to be redistributed accordingly. Mr. Miller is fined \$1000 and given a 30 day full suspension, the penalty will be reduced to a \$1000 fine and a 15 day full suspension (4/5/26-4/19/26) if not appealed. The fine is due within 10 days of this ruling. During his suspension, Mr. Miller is denied the use and privileges of all grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. All horses owned and/or trained may only be transferred by permission of the Judges in Ohio. Mr. Miller has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

**TROYER, FIRMAN E**  
Nfld on 3/7/2026

**SUGARCREEK, OH** **YOB 1970**  
FINED: \$1,000  
FULL - 15 DAYS, 3/29/2026 THRU 4/12/2026  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Blood sample #R015954 Collected at Northfield Park on 3/7/26 from the horse April Shadows showed the TCO2 concentration to be 43.7+-2.25 millimoles per liter of serum, a class 3 category, which exceeds the regulatory threshold of 37.0 millimoles per liter of serum that was adopted by the OSRC. This is Mr. Firman first medication violation within the last 365 days. Mr. Firman waived his right to a hearing. He is hereby fined \$1000 and suspended for 30 days and return of purse for redistribution (\$4300.00). The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$1000 and a 15 day suspension and return of purse if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01-A(1,4d,10,13,15,16) 3769-18-02 3769-17-43. During his suspension Mr. Firman 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 has been paid.

### PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

**BERRY, PATRICK D** **HARRINGTON, DE** **YOB 1976**  
DD on 3/26/2026 FINED: \$200

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

Per DHRC rule 7.6.1.13.14.1.2 no one handed use of the whip before the quarter pole. Mr. Berry did use the whip one handed before the quarter pole , while driving #9 Raw Power. Fine is \$200. Mr. Berry signed the waiver of hearing. Per DHRC rule 10.2.7.6 all fines are due within 10 days of this ruling.

**DERUE, JORDAN** **FT EDWARD, NY** **YOB 1990**  
Stga on 3/24/2026 FINED: \$250

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

During the 4th Race on 03/25/2026 at Saratoga Raceway while driving #5 "Rothko" Jordan Derue did violate the whip rule by using more than wrist and forearm action. This is Jordan Derue`s second offence within 365 days. Jordan Derue is Suspended 3 Days (Driving Only) 03/26/0206 through 03/28/2026 and fined \$250.00. Future violations may result in increased penalties.

**GASBARRO, LOUIS A III** **SANFORD, ME** **YOB 1978**  
CUMB on 3/29/2026 FINED: \$200

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

**KENNEDY, JAMES E** **HARVEY LAKE, PA** **YOB 1978**  
PcD on 3/23/2026 FINED: \$200

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

PA Title 205.409 (c) While driving #1 WILSONS VINNER in race 5 at Pocono Downs, James Kennedy used an exaggerated whipping motion by raising his whip hand above shoulder height and not restricted to forearm and wrist action only. Mr. Kennedy was fined \$200 which must be paid within 10 days of the ruling.

**LAKE, ANGUS D** **WOOSTER, OH** **YOB 1969**  
Nfld on 3/28/2026 FINED: \$300

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

While driving #9 Atlantic Star in race #1 on 3/28/26 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. Lake 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. Lake first whipping offense in the last 365 days. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-17 (B) The fine must be paid by 4/8/26.

**WILSON, STEVEN** **FARMINGTON, ME** **YOB 1991**  
CUMB on 3/29/2026 FINED: \$200

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

**PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES**

**ALLARD, SIMON** **GILBERTSVILLE, PA** **YOB 1982**  
PcD on 3/28/2026 FINED: \$200

**JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS**

**ANGUS, TYLER C** **SAGAMORE HILLS, OH** **YOB 2002**  
Nfld on 3/24/2026 FINED: \$100

**LATE TO THE PADDOCK**

**BECKWITH, BRETT M** **WILTON, NY** **YOB 2003**  
PcD on 3/28/2026 FINED: \$100

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**BUCCI, RICKY A** **CAMPBELL HALL, NY** **YOB 1959**  
YR on 3/25/2026 FINED: \$250

**FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION**

**BUTER, TYLER L** **MILFORD, PA** **YOB 1985**  
PcD on 3/28/2026 FINED: \$100

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**DAVIS, BRENDAN ALLAN** **SMYRNA, DE** **YOB 2000**  
DD on 3/25/2026 FINED: \$100

**LEAVING HORSE UNATTENDED**

**FARMER, WYATT M** **TOLEDO, OH** **YOB 2005**  
HoP on 3/27/2026 FINED: \$100

**FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE**

<b>GRAFFAM, NICHOLAS M</b> CUMB on 3/29/2026 <b>FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS</b>	<b>FALMOUTH, ME</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1990</b>
<b>GRAY, MARK S</b> DD on 3/30/2026 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>CHESTER, MD</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1962</b>
<b>GRIFFITH, SHANE M</b> DD on 3/30/2026 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b> DD on 4/1/2026 <b>OTHER</b>	<b>HOUSTON, DE</b> FINED: \$100  FINED: \$300	<b>YOB 2006</b>
<b>HANNERS, AUSTIN B</b> MVR on 3/31/2026 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b> MVR on 3/31/2026  <b>IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE</b>	<b>FRANKFORT, OH</b> FINED: \$100  FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 10	<b>YOB 1999</b>
<b>HERSHBERGER, CRIST W</b> Nfld on 3/25/2026 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>CANTON, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1976</b>
<b>HITCHCOCK, MICHAEL G</b> MVR on 4/1/2026 <b>FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED</b>	<b>SOUTH VIENNA, OH</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1975</b>
<b>JENSON, BRADY JO</b> Mea on 3/27/2026  <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>WASHINGTON, PA</b> FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 4	<b>YOB 1996</b>
<b>KELLY, COLIN</b> PcD on 3/23/2026  <b>CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER</b>	<b>MIDDLETOWN, NY</b> FINED: \$200 DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 4/11/2026 THRU 4/13/2026 HORSE PLACED 6	<b>YOB 1993</b>
<b>MACDONALD, ANTHONY A</b> Nfld on 3/29/2026  <b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>	<b>MACEDONIA, OH</b> FINED: \$350 HORSE PLACED 7	<b>YOB 1976</b>

<b>MERRIMAN, AARON E</b> Nfld on 3/29/2026 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1978</b>
<b>MILLER, DAVID S</b> MVR on 4/1/2026 <b>FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTION OF THE PADDOCK JUDGE</b>	<b>ROBBINSVILLE, NJ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1964</b>
<b>MILLER, LEWAYNE L</b> HoP on 3/27/2026 <b>FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE</b>	<b>DALEVILLE, IN</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1986</b>
<b>MOYER, JARED RAYMOND</b> DD on 3/30/2026 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>HENDERSON, MD</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1992</b>
<b>NAPOLITANO, GEORGE JR</b> PcD on 3/30/2026 <b>INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK</b>	<b>BOCA RATON, FL</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 8	<b>YOB 1966</b>
<b>SMITH, TYLER ALAN</b> MVR on 4/1/2026 <b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>	<b>ASHVILLE, OH</b> FINED: \$350	<b>YOB 1993</b>
<b>STRATTON, JORDAN D</b> YR on 3/27/2026 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>MONTGOMERY, NY</b> FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 5	<b>YOB 1987</b>
<b>SUGG, KURT D</b> MVR on 4/1/2026 <b>FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED</b>	<b>POLK, OH</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1969</b>
<b>ULRICH, JENNIFER</b> Nfld on 3/25/2026 <b>PARTICIPATING WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE</b>	<b>NORTHFIELD CENTER, OH</b> FINED: \$250	<b>YOB UNKN</b>
<b>WATIKER, LIONEL RAY</b> Nfld on 3/28/2026 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>ZANESVILLE, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1964</b>
<b>WRENN, RONNIE H JR.</b> Mea on 3/26/2026	<b>CHAGRIN FALLS, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1986</b>

**FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE**

**YODER, JAMES D**

**UPLAND, IN**

**YOB 1994**

**HoP on 3/27/2026**

**FINED: \$100**

**FAILURE TO DESIGNATE RESPONSIBLE PERSON/TRAINER IN Paddock**