

# FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Apr 3 - Thu, Apr 9

## PART ONE

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

**KARRAT, JOSEPH F**  
USTA on 10/23/2025

**NORTH EAST, MD** **YOB 1953**  
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
4/7/2026

### USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

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

**Status as of 4/7/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - The District 11 Directors recommend that Mr. Karrat 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.*

**BREWER, DANIEL J**  
MVR on 3/23/2026

**OREGONIA, OH** **YOB 1987**  
FINED: \$1,000  
FULL - 15 DAYS, 4/9/2026 THRU 4/23/2026  
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, 3769-17-30-B. Blood sample R016134 was tested by the Eqias Labs and contained TCO<sub>2</sub>, a Class 3 category, at a concentration of 41.3 mmol/L, which exceeds the Regulatory threshold of 37 mmol/L adopted by the OSRC. Blood sample R016134 was provided by #6 Stars Over Sydney, who finished 2nd in race 3 on 3/23/26 at MVR, and was trained by Mr. Brewer. This is Mr. Brewer's first medication violation in the last 365 days. Mr. Brewer waived his rights to a hearing. #6 is disqualified and placed 10th. Mr. Brewer is fined \$1000 and given a 30 day full suspension and the purse earnings of \$5500 are to be returned to MVR to be redistributed accordingly. The penalty will be reduced to a \$1000 fine and a 15 day full suspension (4/9/26-4/23/26) and return of \$5500 in purse earnings if not appealed. Both the fine and purse earnings are due within 10 days of this ruling. During his suspension, Mr. Brewer is denied the use and privileges of all the grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. All horses owned and/or trained by Mr. Brewer may only be transferred by permission of the Judges in Ohio. Mr. Brewer has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

**BROWN, NICK**  
Mea on 1/2/2026

**PITTSBURGH, TX** **YOB 1973**  
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
4/8/2026

### **FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Code Title 7: 203.11(a) 203.11(e) 203.23(b) Mr. Brown owns a horse called BETTER BE BABY that race at The Meadows on 10/24/2025. Mr. Brown has yet to complete the required The Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission`s licensing requirements for owners. Mr. Brown is fined \$50 (fines are due within ten days of this ruling) and issued an indefinite full suspension starting January 13, 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 17110 ATTN: Anthony Salerno

***Status as of 4/8/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Brown has completed his PA licensing requirements and is restored to good standing.***

**KUNCKEN, E.J.**

**FREEHOLD, NJ**

**YOB 1980**

**Nfld** on 2/3/2026

**FINED: \$250**

### **FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION**

Mr. Kuncken falsified his 2026 license application by failing to list his prior arrest record. Mr. Kuncken 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 must be paid by 4/15/26.

## **PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS**

**COLE, MICHAEL C**

**CAMDEN, DE**

**YOB 1979**

**DD** on 4/2/2026

**FINED: \$200**

### **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

Mr. Cole did use the whip inappropriately while driving #4 Discovery in the 12th race. Per DHRC rule 7.6.13.14.2.6 Mr. Cole was issued a \$200 fine, 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.

**DUNNING, BRYSON T**

**CARNEYS POINT, NJ**

**YOB 2003**

**RcR** on 4/6/2026

**FINED: \$100**

### **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

Driver Bryson Dunning is fined \$100.00 for using exaggerated whipping motions before and after the  $\frac{3}{4}$  pole and in the stretch while driving BEREAVED HANOVER in the 10th race on April 6th, 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. COMAR: 09.10.02.33H(17)(b)

**FLUET, PHILLIP JAMES**

**SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY**

**YOB 1978**

**Stga** on 3/31/2026

**FINED: \$100**

### **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

In the 11th race on 03/31/2026 at Saratoga Raceway while driving #6 "CAN AM" Phil Fluet did violate the whip rule by using the whip more than three times in succession with out giving the horse time to respond. This is Phil Fluet`s first offense within 365 days. Additional violations may result in increased penalties.

**HERSHBERGER, JOSEPH A.** **ALLARDT, TN** **YOB 1989**  
**OAKGR** on 3/30/2026 **FINED: \$250**

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Mr. Joseph Hershberger was the driver of #7 Social Theories who was in the 9th Race at Oak Grove on 3/30/2026. Mr. Hershberger did use the whip while no longer in contention violating 810 KAR 5:070 Section 9 – D – 7.

**KRAMP, JOSEPH M** **NORTHFIELD, OH** **YOB 1991**  
**Nfld** on 4/1/2026 **FINED: \$300**

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

While driving #2 Al Be Seeing You in race #3 on 4/1/26 he did whipped the horse in an exaggerated manner by raising his whipping arm above shoulder height and using more than elbow and wrist action. Mr. Kramp 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. Kramp`s first whipping offense in the last 365 days. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-17 (B)&(C) The fine must be paid by 4/12/26.

**LONG, WILLIAM F** **BERLIN, MD** **YOB 1954**  
**RcR** on 4/6/2026 **FINED: \$100**

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Driver William Long is fined \$100.00 for one-handed whipping in the stretch while driving TOUGH OLD HICKORY in the 3rd race on April 6th 2026, at Rosecroft Raceway. 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. COMAR: 09.10.02.33H(17)

**MACDONALD, ANTHONY A** **MACEDONIA, OH** **YOB 1976**  
**Nfld** on 4/1/2026 **FINED: \$1,000**

**DRIVING - 10 DAYS, 4/7/2026 THRU 4/16/2026**

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

While driving #1 Heart Of Rock in race #4 on 4/1/26 he whipped the horse in an exaggerated manner by raising his whipping arm above shoulder height and using more than elbow and wrist action. This is Mr. Macdonald`s fifth whipping offense in Ohio in the last 365 days. Mr. Macdonald waived his right to a hearing and is hereby fined \$1000 and given a 30 day driving suspension. The penalty will be reduced to a \$1000 fine and a 10 day driving suspension if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-17 (B)&(C) The fine must be paid by 4/15/26.

**PACHECO, JESSIE L** **RANCHO CORDOVA, CA** **YOB 1992**

**Stga** on 3/31/2026

FINED: \$250  
DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 4/2/2026 THRU 4/4/2026

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

In the 7th race at Saratoga Raceway on 03/31/2026 while driving #3 "LOVE TO FLIRT" Jessie Pacheco did violate the whip rule by using the whip more than three time in succession without giving the horse time to respond. This is Jessie Pacheco`s 2nd offense within 365 days. Jessie Pacheco is Suspended 3 days (Driving Only) 04/02/2026 through 04/04/2026. Additional violations may result in increased penalties.

**SMITH, PARKER R**

**WASHINGTON CH, OH**

**YOB 1998**

**MVR** on 4/6/2026

FINED: \$500

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

OSRC 3769-17-17-B. While driving #1 Ithaca Hanover during the stretch in race 3 on 4/6/26 at MVR, Mr. Smith did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action. This is Mr. Smith`s second whipping offense in the last 365 days. Mr. Smith is fined \$750, the penalty will be reduced to \$500 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**

**ALEXANDER, TRAVIS M**

**WIND GAP, PA**

**YOB 1979**

**PcD** on 4/6/2026

FINED: \$200

**NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE**

**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 4/1/2026

FINED: \$100

**FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED**

**BEATTIE, JASON R**

**OREGONIA, OH**

**YOB 1972**

**MVR** on 4/9/2026

FINED: \$100

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**BECKWITH, BRETT M**

**WILTON, NY**

**YOB 2003**

**M** on 3/28/2026

FINED: \$500

**CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE**

**BORJAS, ANIBAL**

**TRENTON, NJ**

**YOB 1982**

**PcD** on 4/4/2026

FINED: \$200  
HORSE PLACED 4

**CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE**

<b>BUTER, TYLER L</b> PcD on 3/28/2026 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>MILFORD, PA</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1985</b>
<b>GLISPIE, K DEAN</b> MVR on 4/8/2026 <b>INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION</b>	<b>SEDALIA, OH</b> FINED: \$300	<b>YOB 1962</b>
<b>HOLLIDAY, KENNETH R</b> MVR on 4/7/2026 <b>IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE</b>	<b>MARYSVILLE, OH</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1963</b>
<b>IRVINE, JUSTIN D</b> Nfld on 4/4/2026 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>AURORA, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 2001</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>KREISER, CORY</b> Nfld on 3/25/2026 <b>FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION</b>	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$300	<b>YOB 1993</b>
<b>MERRIMAN, AARON E</b> Nfld on 4/6/2026 <b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$350 HORSE PLACED 8	<b>YOB 1978</b>
<b>MOORE, RORY D</b> MVR on 4/9/2026 <b>FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED</b>	<b>GRAFTON, OH</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1959</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>NOBLE, DANIEL N</b> Nfld on 4/4/2026 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>XENIA, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1983</b>

<b>PACHECO, JESSIE L</b> MR on 4/2/2026 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	<b>RANCHO CORDOVA, CA</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1992</b>
<b>PAGE, CHRIS L</b> MVR on 4/7/2026 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	<b>DELAWARE, OH</b>	<b>YOB 1983</b>
<b>PETRELLI, JENNIFER A</b> MR on 4/1/2026 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	<b>HAINES CITY, FL</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1976</b>
<b>ST LOUIS, MARC E JR.</b> MVR on 4/9/2026 IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE	<b>SWARTZ CREEK, MI</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 7	<b>YOB 1988</b>
<b>WRENN, RONNIE H JR.</b> Mea on 3/26/2026 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	<b>CHAGRIN FALLS, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1986</b>