

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Apr 10 - Thu, Apr 16

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.

BRADFORD, CURTIS N

OAKGR on 7/13/2025

FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)

Mr. Curtis Bradford has an outstanding fine due to the KHRG for ruling KPS2025-006 for \$250.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Dollars). This is a violation of 810 KAR 3:020 Section 15 – 1 – CC and Mr. Bradford will be suspended indefinitely until such fines are paid to the KHRG.

FAYETTEVILLE, TN

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 4/14/2026

YOB 1987

BREWER, DANIEL J

MVR on 3/23/2026

OREGONIA, OH

FINED: \$1,000

FULL - 15 DAYS, 4/9/2026 THRU 4/23/2026

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 10, PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1987

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 TCO₂, 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.

BRINSON, JIM T

OAKGR on 4/5/2026

FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)

CLINTON, MI

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 4/14/2026

YOB 1979

Mr. Jim Brinson has two outstanding fines due to the KHRG from rulings RM2025-024 for \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) and CR2025-004 for \$250.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Dollars) for a total of \$5,250.00 (Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars). This is a violation of 810 KAR 3:020 Section 15 – 1 – CC and Mr. Brinson will be suspended indefinitely until such fines are paid to the KHRG.

CAMPOLONG, VINCENT J
MR on 3/17/2026

FISHKILL, NY **YOB 1989**
FINED: \$500
TRAINING - 7 DAYS, 4/19/2026 THRU 4/25/2026
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

On April 2, 2026, the New York Drug Testing and Research Program reported to the New York State Gaming Commission that post-race blood sample #CV2605696, submitted by the horse BEST CHOICE, 3rd place finisher in race 3 on March 17, 2026, at Monticello Raceway contained the presence of Cetirizine above the permitted threshold. Pursuant to New York State Gaming Rules 4120.2 (Restricted use of drugs, medications and substances), 4120.3 (Equine Drug Thresholds) and 4120.4 (Trainer Responsibility), Vincent Campolong, as trainer of record of BEST CHOICE, is hereby fined the sum of \$1,000.00 and suspended for a period of 15 days. Further pursuant to New York State Gaming rule 4120.5, BEST CHOICE, is declared disqualified from said race and all purse earnings shall be returned and redistributed to appropriate finishers and must re-test negative for Cetirizine prior to being eligible to race. Having appeared before a representative of NYSGC on April 13, 2026, and waived the right to a formal hearing and appeal, the fine is hereby reduced to \$500.00 and the suspension to 7 days, April 19, 2026, through and including April 25, 2026. During the term of his suspension, Trainer Vincent Campolong is denied access to all course and grounds under the jurisdiction of the New York State Gaming Commission. Trainer transfers are prohibited.

CASSAUAUGH, ANDREW
Nfld on 4/6/2026

NEW LONDON, OH **YOB UNKN**
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 4/14/2026

FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR A HEARING

Mr. Cassavaugh is indefinitely suspended and placed on the Stop list in Ohio until he appears before the Judges at Northfield Park. O.S.R.C.-3769-2-26 (A)(10).

JOHNSON, RICHARD
PHL on 12/7/2025

TOMS RIVER, NJ **YOB 1960**
FINED: \$2,500
FULL - 10 DAYS, 4/20/2026 THRU 4/29/2026
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

PA Code Title 7-203.22 (a) 203.22 (b) 401.2 (a)(1) 401.3(a)401.3 (b) Richard Johnson was the trainer of the horse TWIN B FRESH BET for the 7th race on December 7, 2025 at Harrah`s Philadelphia Racetrack. Blood samples drawn (post race) from TWIN B FRESH

BET were tested and found to contain d-Methamphetamine. A split sample was sent to EQIAS Labs and the presence of d-Methamphetamine was confirmed. As the trainer, Mr. Johnson is responsible for the positive test. TWIN B FRESH BET finished 2nd, but has been disqualified and placed 8th. Purse money earned (\$3000) must be returned within ten days of this ruling. Due to mitigating factors Mr. Johnson is issued a 10 day full suspension (April 20, 2026 up to and including April 29, 2026) and a \$2500 fine (fines are due within ten days of ruling). During the time of the suspension, any owner/trainer transfers from Mr. Johnson must be approved by the PSHRC. Mr. Johnson has waived his right to appeal.

LINZ, FREDERICK M

Mea on 4/10/2010

DYER, IN

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
4/11/2026

YOB 1968

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Code Title 58 - 183.251, Failure to comply with PA Harness Racing Commission licensing procedures.

Status as of 4/11/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Frederick Linz has completed all PA license requirements and paid his fine from ruling #10106M. Mr. Linz has been restored to good standing in PA as of 4/11/2026.

MAXWELL, PRAVI

Lex on 10/23/2025

MACON, MS

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
4/13/2026

YOB 1977

UNPAID OBLIGATION

Mr. Pravi Maxwell is hereby summarily suspended pending his appearance and payment in the sum of \$6,105.00 (Six Thousand One Hundred & Five Dollars) that was inadvertently paid in error due to his false purse authorization forms for the Kentucky Proud Series in the Commonwealth of Kentucky violating 810 KAR 3:020 Section 15 – 1 – W. Mr. Maxwell has been given a chance to pay in installments his remaining balance to the KHRG but has failed to meet these requirements. Due to this failure Mr. Maxwell is issued an immediate indefinite suspension until the full balance is paid with a certified check or cash and his appearance before the Board of Judges.

Status as of 4/13/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Concerning KPS2025-010, Mr. Pravi Maxwell has appeared before the Board of Judges of the KHRG and repaid the Debt of \$6,105.00 and his suspension has been lifted and has been restored to good standing.

MILLER, EDWARD J

Nfld on 3/7/2026

POLK, OH

FINED: \$1,000
FULL - 30 DAYS, 4/14/2026 THRU 5/13/2026
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1997

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Blood sample #RO15947 collected at Northfield Park on 3/7/26 from the horse Polk Salad Annie was found to contain D-Methamphetamine. D-Methamphetamine is a Class 1

Category A drug. Mr. Miller had a hearing with the judges on 4/8/26. Mr. Miller waived his rights to a split sample and DNA. He is hereby fined \$1000 and suspended 365 days. Polk Salad Annie is disqualified and as a result of that disqualification all purse money must be returned for redistribution (\$3,400.00). This is Mr. Miller`s first offense in the last 365 days. If this ruling is not appealed the suspension will be reduced to a \$1000 fine & 30 days suspension and return of purse (with 335 days stayed pending no Class 1 or 2 positives in the next 365 days). Mitigating circumstances were considered in lowering these penalties. O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01 (A)(1,10,13,15,16) 3769-18-02 3769-17-43 During his suspension Mr. Miller is barred from all grounds governed by the OSRC. Any horses that he wants to transfer to anther owner or trainer must be approved by the judges in OHIO or the OSRC. The fine and purse must be paid by 4/22/26.

Nfld on 3/17/2026

FINED: \$1,000
FULL - 30 DAYS, 4/14/2026 THRU 5/13/2026
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Blood sample #RO15108 collected at Northfield Park on 3/17/26 from the horse Johnnyreds Victory was found to contain D-Methamphetamine. D-Methamphetamine is a Class 1 Category A drug. Mr. Miller had a hearing with the judges on 4/8/26. Mr. Miller waived his rights to a split sample and DNA. He is hereby fined \$1000 and suspended 365 days. Johnnyreds Victory is disqualified and as a result of that disqualification all purse money must be returned for redistribution (\$3,400.00). If this ruling is not appealed the suspension will be reduced to a \$1000 fine & 30 days suspension to run concurrently with ruling 26NFLD-096 and return of purse (with 335 days stayed pending no Class 1 or 2 positives in the next 365 days). Mitigating circumstances were considered in lowering these penalties. O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01 (A)(1,10,13,15,16)3769-18-02 3769-17-43 During his suspension Mr. Miller is barred from all grounds governed by the OSRC. Any horses that he wants to transfer to anther owner or trainer must be approved by the judges in OHIO or the OSRC. The fine and purse must be paid by 4/22/26.

RAIMONDO, ANTHONY

SMYRNA, DE

YOB 1987

RcR on 4/13/2026

FINED: \$250

FAILURE TO PASS THE BREATH ANALYZER TEST

Maryland Racing Commission licensee Anthony Raimondo was observed to be intoxicated in the paddock area at Rosecroft Raceway on April 13th, 2026. After taking a breathalyzer test, Mr. Raimondo`s blood alcohol concentration (BAC) exceeded the limit permitted under Maryland Racing Commission regulations. Consequently, Mr. Raimondo is hereby assessed a fine of \$250.00. 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: 09.10.02.41.1(1)

SUGG, KURT D

POLK, OH

YOB 1969

Nfld on 3/15/2026

FINED: \$1,000

FULL - 30 DAYS, 4/14/2026 THRU 5/13/2026

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 6, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Blood sample #935243 collected at Northfield Park on 3/15/26 from the horse Get In And Go was found to contain D-Methamphetamine. D-Methamphetamine is a Class 1 Category A drug. Mr. Sugg had a hearing with the judges on 4/6/2026. Mr. Sugg waived his rights to a split sample and DNA. He is hereby fined \$1000 and suspended 365 days. Get In And Go is disqualified and as a result of that disqualification all purse money must be returned for redistribution (\$6,750.00). This is Mr. Sugg's First offense in the last 365 days. If this ruling is not appealed the suspension will be reduced to \$1000 fine & 30 days suspension and return of purse (with 335 days stayed pending no Class 1 or 2 positives in the next 365 days). Mitigating circumstances were considered in lowering these penalties. O.S.R.C-3769-18-01 (A)(1,10,13,15,16) 3769-18-02 3769-17-43 During his suspension Mr. Sugg is barred from all grounds governed by the OSRC. Any horses that he wants to transfer to another owner or trainer must be approved by the judges in OHIO or the OSRC. The fine and purse must be paid by 4/21/26.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

CARTER, WILLIAM D

PHILADELPHIA, PA

YOB 1971

Wdstk on 4/12/2026

FINED: \$100

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

Driver Billy Carter, having been found in violation of 11VAC10-150-90, is hereby assessed a fine of \$100.00 for using exaggerated whipping motions in the stretch while driving BLUEBIRD INA in the 8th race on April 12th, 2026, at Shenandoah Downs. The violation includes failure to restrict whipping movements to wrist action with minimal elbow movement, raising the whipping arm above shoulder height, and bringing the whip behind the head. Pursuant to 11VAC10-70-180, all fines must be paid within 72 hours of receipt of this ruling, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and government holidays. Failure to pay will result in the full suspension of the Virginia Racing Commission permit holder, and will remain in effect until full payment is received. Fines may be paid in person at the Virginia Racing Commission Shenandoah Downs office on Fridays between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM, Saturdays and Sundays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, and Mondays between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM, by credit card over the phone at (804) 966-7420, or by mail to: Virginia Racing Commission, ATTN: Licensing Department, 10700 Horsemens Road, New Kent, VA 23124.

DAY, JAMES E

MEDINA, OH

YOB 1996

Nfld on 4/8/2026

FINED: \$500

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

While driving #6 Ballard MR Coin on 4/8/26 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. Day's second whipping offense within 365 days. Mr. Day waived his

BECKWITH, BRETT M M on 4/4/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	WILTON, NY FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 2	YOB 2003
BETTS, SCOTT R Nfld on 4/12/2026 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	WASHINGTON, PA FINED: \$100	YOB 1992
CREWS, IRVIN Stga on 4/11/2026 CARRY A HORSE OUT	CLIFTON PARK, NY DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 4/28/2026 THRU 4/30/2026 HORSE PLACED 5	YOB 2004
CUSHING, RONALD L MR on 4/8/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	WATERVILLE, ME FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 3	YOB 1964
DAVIS, ERIC E CUMB on 4/12/2026 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS	HARTLY, DE FINED: \$200	YOB 1996
DERUE, JORDAN Stga on 4/12/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	FT EDWARD, NY FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 6	YOB 1990
FONSECA, JOSERT J OAKGR on 4/7/2026 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	ALLENTOWN, NJ FINED: \$100	YOB 1988
GRIFFITH, SHANE M Har on 4/14/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	HOUSTON, DE FINED: \$100	YOB 2006
HOWES, DEREK LEE CUMB on 4/12/2026 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS	AUGUSTA, ME FINED: \$200	YOB 1983
KAUFFMAN, KAYNE K MVR on 4/14/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	LEBANON, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1978
KELLY, COLIN	MIDDLETWON, NY	YOB 1993

PcD on 3/23/2026

FINED: \$200...**STAYED**

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 4/11/2026 THRU
4/13/2026...**STAYED**

HORSE PLACED 6

CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER

LONG, CHRIS H

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

YOB 1967

Stga on 4/13/2026

FINED: \$500

OTHER

MERRIMAN, AARON E

NORTHFIELD, OH

YOB 1978

Nfld on 4/6/2026

FINED: \$350

HORSE PLACED 8

CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE

MILLER, BRETT A

COLUMBUS, OH

YOB 1973

MVR on 4/8/2026

FINED: \$200

IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE

NAPOLITANO, ANTHONY J

NESCOPECK, PA

YOB 1981

PcD on 4/13/2026

FINED: \$250

OTHER

PAGE, CHRIS L

DELAWARE, OH

YOB 1983

MVR on 4/13/2026

FINED: \$200

FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS

PETRELLI, JENNIFER A

HAINES CITY, FL

YOB 1976

MR on 4/8/2026

FINED: \$250

FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION

RAMOS, JOSE IRAN

BRICK, NJ

YOB 1972

PHL on 4/9/2026

FINED: \$100

NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE

RHOADES, BRAIDEN M

ASHLAND, OH

YOB 2005

Nfld on 4/12/2026

FINED: \$100

JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS

SEEKMAN, TRAVIS J

GASTON, IN

YOB 1990

MVR on 4/14/2026

FINED: \$100

INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION

SMITH, CHARLES E

JACKSON, MS

YOB 1984

OAKGR on 4/13/2026

FINED: \$50

LATE DRIVER CHANGE