

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Apr 17 - Thu, Apr 23

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.

BOOTSMAN, JOHN F
PHL on 4/15/2026

EKERO
FINED: \$50
FULL - INDEFINITELY AS OF 4/15/2026

YOB 1964

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

Fined \$50 Indefinite Suspension as of 4/15/26 PA Code Title 7-203.23(b) 203.11(a & e)
John Bootsman Failed 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 April 15, 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 5/20/25
From Harrah`s Philadelphia Horse: Romeo Y Julieta

CASSAUAUGH, ANDREW
Nfld on 4/6/2026

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

YOB UNKN

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).

CIUFFETELLI, ALBERT
PcD on 11/4/2025

MAHOPAC, NY
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
4/20/2026

YOB 1966

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Albert Ciuffetelli has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2025. KEVLAR CCL raced on 11/4/2025 at Pocono Downs under a 30 day owner affidavit. Mr. Ciuffetelli was fined \$50 and is suspended indefinitely beginning 2/18/2026 and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and all licensing requirements have been met.

Status as of 4/20/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Albert Ciufetelli paid his fine from ruling #26014PD and has completed PA license requirements. He has been restored to good standing in PA as of 4/20/2026.

CIUFFETELLI, JOSEPH
PcD on 11/4/2025

YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NY **YOB 1969**
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
4/20/2026

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Joseph Ciuffetelli has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2025. KEVLAR CCL raced on 11/4/2025 at Pocono Downs under a 30 day owner affidavit. Mr. Ciuffetelli was fined \$50 and is suspended indefinitely beginning 2/18/2026 and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and all licensing requirements have been met.

Status as of 4/20/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Joseph Ciufetelli paid his fine from ruling #26015PD and has completed PA license requirements. He has been restored to good standing in PA as of 4/20/2026.

DAVIS, DYLAN P
NYRWB on 1/22/2026

HARRINGTON, DE **YOB 1977**
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF
4/28/2026...**STAYED**

REFUSAL TO COOPERATE WITH AUTHORITIES DURING AN INVESTIGATION

On January 22, 2026, the New York State Gaming Commission issued a Subpoena Duces Tecum to Dylan P. Davis. By failing to comply with the Subpoena, Dylan P. Davis is in violation of Commission Rules 4101.24(k) and 4119.7(d) and the occupational licenses/receipts of Dylan P. Davis are hereby suspended indefinitely beginning April 28, 2026, until such time that Dylan P. Davis substantively complies with the Subpoena. While suspended, Dylan P. Davis is deemed a disqualified person and is hereby ruled off all grounds under the jurisdiction of the New York State Gaming Commission. Any ownership or trainer transfers of horses under the care, control, or custody of Dylan P. Davis will not be permitted without the prior approval of the New York State Gaming Commission, Division of Horse Racing.

Status as of 4/21/2026 - Stay - The stay of suspension has been granted until the Commission's decision on the pending adjudication.

FERRARI, JOSEPH EVAN
Nfld on 3/14/2026

STREETSBORO, OH **YOB UNKN**
FINED: \$250

FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION

Mr. Ferrari falsified his 2026 license application by failing to list his prior arrest record. Mr. Ferrari 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 5/1/26.

GINGERICH, DAVID E
PHL on 4/16/2026

CHARITON, IA **YOB 1978**
FINED: \$50
FULL - INDEFINITELY AS OF 4/16/2026

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

Fined \$50 Indefinite Suspension as of 4/16/26 PA Code Title 7-203.23(b) 203.11(a & e) David Gingerich Failed 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 April 16, 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 9/12/23
From Harrah`s Philadelphia Horse: Yoders Gracey

KOZAR, NICHOLAS
Mea on 3/20/2026

CLAYSVILLE, PA **YOB 1981**
FINED: \$1,500
FULL - 10 DAYS, 5/2/2026 THRU 5/11/2026

OTHER

Mr. Kozar was the trainer of the horse TWICE THE ICE for The Meadows' tenth race on March 20, 2026. Mr. Kozar submitted a claim on TWICE THE ICE and submitted the claim form with another trainer listed as the new trainer and forged this trainer's signature. After the race, Mr. Kozar picked up the horse from the test and returned it to his own stable. The PA State Horse Racing Commission rules grant trainers important and powerful duties and responsibilities when it comes to the relationship with their owners. These include the power to represent owners in making entries, scratches, and in ALL OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING TO RACING. Such duties and responsibilities granted to trainers create a critical sense of trust between the trainer and owner. Mr. Kozar's actions concerning this claim have betrayed this trust with his owner and this panel of judges' rule this to be conduct injurious to racing. The claim has been voided. Mr. Kozar is issued a 10-day full suspension (May 2, 2026, up to and including May 11, 2026) and a \$1,500 fine (fine is due within ten days of this ruling). Mr. Kozar has waived his appeal rights. During the time of the suspension all horses owned and/or trained by Mr. Kozar shall also be suspended unless transferred to an owner or trainer in good standing. During the time of the suspension all owner/trainer transfers from Mr. Kozar must be approved by the PSHRC Judges at the Meadows or the PSHRC.

PAGE, CHRIS L
MVR on 4/15/2026

DELAWARE, OH **YOB 1983**
FINED: \$100

LATE FOR THE BREATH ANALYZER TEST

OSRC 3769-14-22-A, 3769-17-29-A(1). Mr. Page was late for the breathalyzer test prior to the first race on 4/15/26 at MVR. Mr. Page is fined \$200, the penalty will be reduced to \$100 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Page has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

PUTNAM, JOSEPH W
OAKGR on 4/20/2026

PENDLETON, IN **YOB 1963**
FINED: \$100

OTHER

Mr. Joseph W Putnam did employee and unlicensed person at Oak Grove on 4/20/2026 in the Paddock violating 810 KAR 3:020 Section 11 – 1 – A.

AVENATTI, WYATT A
OAKGR on 4/14/2026

CHRISMAN, IL
FINED: \$250

YOB 1996

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Mr. Wyatt Avenatti was the listed driver of #7 Rock Party who was in the 4th Race on 4/14/2026 at Oak Grove. Mr. Avenatti did use the whip excessively violating 810 KAR 5:070 Section 9 – 3 – A.

DE LONG, JOHN J
HoP on 4/16/2026

ANDERSON, IN
FINED: \$200

YOB 1989

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

71 IAC 7-3-13(b) While driving No. 7 ROCKIN REDBULL in race 14 at Hoosier Park on April 16, 2026 driver John DeLong violated the IHRC whipping rule by using more than minimal wrist and elbow action while whipping near the finish. For this violation Mr. DeLong is fined \$200.00 which is due within seven days of this ruling. Mr. DeLong waived his right to a hearing and accepted the penalty.

HANNERS, AUSTIN B
DTN on 4/21/2026

FRANKFORT, OH
FINED: \$750

YOB 1999

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

OSRC 3769-17-17(B&L). While scoring down #5 Top Shelf Sherry prior to the start of race 8 on 4/21/26 at MVR, Mr. Hanners did raise his whip in an exaggerated and indiscriminate manner and strike the horse. This is Mr. Hanner`s third whipping offense in the last 365 days. Mr. Hanners is fined \$1000, the penalty will be reduced to \$750 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Hanners has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

LONG, CHRIS H
Stga on 4/13/2026

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY
FINED: \$500

YOB 1967

FAILURE TO KEEP A LINE IN EACH HAND

In the 5th race on 04/13/2026 At Saratoga Raceway while driving #3 "SUPER SARAH" Chris Long did fail to conduct himself in a forthright, gentlemanly manner and demonstrated conduct detrimental to the best interest of racing and failed to keep a line in each hand while driving a horse on the track. Future violations of this nature may result in increased penalties including Fines, Suspension or revocation of his New York State Gaming Commission license.

PLANO, LUKE
HoP on 4/16/2026

SACRAMENTO, CA
FINED: \$200

YOB 1980

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

71 IAC 7-3-13(b) While driving No. 8 I`M A SKOLDIER in race 14 at Hoosier Park on April 16, 2026 driver Luke Plano violated the IHRC whipping rule by using more than minimal wrist and elbow action while whipping in mid-stretch. For this violation Mr. Plano is fined \$200.00 which is due within seven days of this ruling. Mr. Plano waived his right to a hearing and accepted the penalty.

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

ALLARD, SIMON PcD on 4/13/2026 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	GILBERTSVILLE, PA FINED: \$200	YOB 1982
ATHEARN, MATTHEW M PRc on 4/16/2026 SLOW QUARTER/HALF	CUMBERLAND, ME FINED: \$100	YOB 1998
AVENATTI, WYATT A HoP on 4/15/2026 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	CHRISMAN, IL FINED: \$100	YOB 1996
BENDER, ATLEE E HoP on 4/15/2026 FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION	NOBLESVILLE, IN FINED: \$100	YOB 1992
BETTS, SCOTT R Nfld on 4/12/2026 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	WASHINGTON, PA FINED: \$100	YOB 1992
BONGIORNO, JOSEPH R PHL on 4/16/2026 NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE	MONROE, NJ FINED: \$100	YOB 1993
BROWN, BRADY Mea on 4/17/2026 PASSING LANE VIOLATION	SLIPPERY ROCK, PA FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 5	YOB 1993
CAPONE, CAMERON M PHL on 4/19/2026 NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE	CLARKSBURG, NJ FINED: \$100	YOB 1999
CRISLER, RANDY D OAKGR on 4/14/2026 TAKE UP ABRUPTLY/SIT DOWN IN FRONT OF HORSES CAUSING CONFUSION AMONG TRAILING HORSES	CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MS FINED: \$300	YOB 1981
CUMMINGS, KEVIN J BR on 4/17/2026 INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK	HAMBURG, NY DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 4/21/2026 THRU 4/23/2026	YOB 1970
CUSHING, MITCHELL D	BALLSTON SPA, NY	YOB 1998

PRc on 4/20/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
ENGBLOM, PER	WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ	YOB 1980
PHL on 4/19/2026	FINED: \$100	
NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE		
HANNERS, AUSTIN B	FRANKFORT, OH	YOB 1999
MVR on 4/21/2026	FINED: \$200	
HORSE PLACED 3		
IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE		
MVR on 4/23/2026	FINED: \$200	
HORSE PLACED 3		
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
HUSTED, AMY	ANDERSON, IN	YOB 1996
HoP on 4/15/2026	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO DESIGNATE RESPONSIBLE PERSON/TRAINER IN PADDOCK		
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		
<i>APPEALED - 4/20/2026</i>		
CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER		
LAKE, DAVID R	JACKSON, MI	YOB 1970
Nfld on 4/18/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
MACKENZIE, WILLIAM J	CRANBURY, NJ	YOB 1972
PHL on 4/19/2026	FINED: \$100	
NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE		
MERRIMAN, AARON E	NORTHFIELD, OH	YOB 1978
MVR on 4/16/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
Nfld on 4/18/2026	FINED: \$100	
TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK		
Nfld on 4/19/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
MILLER, ERVIN M	DEBARY, FL	YOB 1966

MVR on 4/22/2026	FINED: \$100	
INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION		
NOBLE, DANIEL N	XENIA, OH	YOB 1983
Nfld on 4/18/2026	FINED: \$100	
TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK		
PANTALEANO, JAMES R	HARVEYS LAKE, PA	YOB 1962
PcD on 4/14/2026	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE		
RANGER, BRUCE W	WEST GARDINER, ME	YOB 1959
PRc on 4/21/2026	DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 4/27/2026 THRU 5/2/2026	
	HORSE PLACED 8	
INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK		
RHOADES, BRAIDEN M	ASHLAND, OH	YOB 2005
Nfld on 4/12/2026	FINED: \$100	
JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS		
SCHADEL, TODD M	SPRING GLEN, PA	YOB 1967
PcD on 4/13/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
SHEHAN, TYLER G	HOPKINSVILLE, KY	YOB 1982
OAKGR on 4/21/2026	DRIVING - 2 DAYS, 4/27/2026 THRU 4/28/2026	
FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS		
ST LOUIS, MARC E JR.	SWARTZ CREEK, MI	YOB 1988
Nfld on 4/18/2026	FINED: \$300	
KICKING A HORSE		
STRATTON, CORY	GOSHEN, NY	YOB 1992
PRc on 4/21/2026	FINED: \$100	
SLOW QUARTER/HALF		
SWITZER, KEVIN P JR	E WATERBORO, ME	YOB 1987
PRc on 11/14/2025	FINED: \$200	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
VICKERSON, ZACHARY T	PORTLAND, ME	YOB 2000
CUMB on 4/19/2026	FINED: \$50	
LATE DRIVER CHANGE		
WARREN, RIDGE J	MILLVILLE, PA	YOB 1988

PHL on 4/19/2026 FINED: \$200
FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS

WELLER, JAYME M **RISING SUN, OH** **YOB 1985**
Nfld on 4/15/2026 FINED: \$100
LATE DRIVER CHANGE

WRENN, RONNIE H JR. **CHAGRIN FALLS, OH** **YOB 1986**
Mea on 4/17/2026 FINED: \$100
FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE