

# FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Apr 24 - Thu, Apr 30

## 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.

**ACOSTA, CAROLINA ORTIZ**

**Mea** on 4/25/2026

**RADNOR, OH**

FINED: \$50

**YOB 1982**

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 5/7/2026

### **FAILURE TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS.**

PA Code Title 7- 203.1(a)(1) 203.1(c) Failure to fulfill Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission fingerprint requirements. The penalties are a \$50 fine (this fine is due within ten days of ruling) and an indefinite full suspension beginning May 7, 2026. Appeals are due within ten days of this 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 Sale

**CALDERONE, MICHAEL A**

**M** on 4/10/2026

**POMPANO BEACH, FL**

FINED: \$100

**YOB 1960**

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

Trainer Michael Calderone is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). On April 10, 2026 Mr. Calderone did employ an individual in the capacity of Stable Employee in the paddock at the Meadowlands Racetrack while that individual was not properly licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission. Mr. Calderone's employment of a caretaker who is not licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission while on the grounds of a facility licensed by and under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Racing Commission is in direct violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-7.26(d), which states: "It shall be the responsibility of the trainer to insure that only individuals licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission are employed in any capacity of caretaker, groom or other attendant with respect to the care-custody and training of such horse." The payment of the fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before May 23, 2026.

**CALDWELL, CERINA M**

**PcD** on 10/21/2024

**MANALAPAN, NJ**

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
4/30/2026

**YOB 1996**

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

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Cerina Caldwell has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2024. (SCOTT ON THE ROCKS raced on 10/21/2024 at Pocono Downs). Cerina Caldwell is fined \$50 and as of 2/5/2025 is suspended indefinitely and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and licensing requirements have been met.

**Status as of 4/30/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - PA Title 203.11e Cerina Caldwell has paid her fine from ruling #25006PD and completed all PA license requirements. Ms. Caldwell has been restored to good standing in PA as of 4/30/2026.**

**DEL CID, FRANCISCO**

**AGUSTA, WV**

**YOB 1960**

**Mea** on 4/25/2026

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 5/7/2026

**FAILURE TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS.**

PA Code Title 7: 205.502 Mr. Del Cid has failed to pay the \$200 fines (\$600 total) from rulings #26022M, #26023M, & #26024M. Mr. Del Cid is issued an indefinite full suspension, beginning May 7, 2026, and running until these fines are paid in full. An appeal of this ruling is due within days 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

**FERRARI, JOSEPH EVAN**

**STREETSBORO, OH**

**YOB UNKN**

**Nfld** on 3/14/2026

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.

**FUSCO, PAUL N**

**JACKSON, NJ**

**YOB 1972**

**M** on 3/27/2026

FINED: \$100

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

Trainer Paul Fusco is hereby fined the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. On March 27, 2026, Mr. Fusco did employ an individual in the capacity of Stable Employee in the paddock at the Meadowlands Racetrack while that individual was not properly licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission. Mr. Fusco's employment of a caretaker who is not licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission while on the grounds of a facility licensed by and under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Racing Commission is in direct violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-7.26(d), which states: It shall be the responsibility of the trainer to insure that only individuals licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission are employed in any capacity of caretaker, groom or other attendant with respect to the care-custody and training of such horse. The payment of the fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before May 9, 2026.

**RHOADES, BILL**

**NORTHFIELD, OH**

**YOB 1987**

**Nfld** on 11/8/2022

FINED: \$1,000

FULL - 365 DAYS, 2/12/2023 THRU 2/11/2024

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION  
*APPEALED - 2/11/2023*

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Blood sample # 908099 collected at Northfield Park on 11/8/23 from the horse Sheswildnfree was found to contain D-Methamphetamine. All purse money (\$2,750.00) must be returned for redistribution. D-Methamphetamine is a Class 1 Category A offense. First offense in the last 365 days. If you choose not to appeal this ruling the suspension will be reduced to 60 days (with 305 days stayed) pending no Class 1 or 2 positives within the next 365 days. O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01(B)(10)&(13) 18-02 18-99 If the fine is not paid to the judges by 2/21/23 you shall be suspended. During his suspension Mr. Rhoades 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.

***Status as of 4/30/2026 - Amendment - This ruling has been vacated.***

**SAMPLE, DESHAWN O**

**LINCOLN, DE**

**YOB 1978**

**M** on 4/10/2026

**FINED: \$100**

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

Stable Employee Deshawn Sample is hereby fined the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. Mr. Sample was employed as a stable employee in the paddock area at the Meadowlands Racetrack on April 10, 2026 without first having secured the required license from the New Jersey Racing Commission. All persons working in or about the licensed premises shall be required to be licensed in their appropriate category by the New Jersey Racing Commission. The payment of the fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before May 23, 2026. Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-7.1(a) 4 Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-7.35(a) 1

**SWITZER, GARRETT**

**CUMBERLAND, ME**

**YOB UNKN**

**PRc** on 4/23/2026

**DENIAL OF LICENSE**

Mass 205 CMR 3.14 (5), (8). On 04/14/2026, Garrett Switzer applied for a 2026 Grooms license with the Massachusetts State Gaming Commission/Racing Division at Plainridge Park Racecourse. Subsequently the application was reviewed by both the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Massachusetts Racing Division and the Board of Judges at Plainridge Park. After full review it has been determined that the applicant, Garrett Switzer does not meet the standards for licensure and is hereby denied. This action can be appealed online with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission within 10 days of this ruling.

**WAXMAN, AARON D**

**CARLISLE, ON**

**YOB 1979**

**Mea** on 4/25/2026

**FINED: \$50**

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**WITHROW, DOREEN ANN**  
PcD on 10/21/2024

**MANALAPAN, NJ** **YOB 1964**  
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
4/30/2026

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Doreen Withrow has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2024. (SCOTT ON THE ROCKS raced on 10/21/2024 at Pocono Downs). Doreen Withrow is fined \$50 and as of 2/5/2025 is suspended indefinitely and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and licensing requirements have been met.

***Status as of 4/30/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Doreen Withrow paid the fine from ruling #25005PD and has completed PA license requirements. Ms. Withrow has been restored to good standing in PA as of 4/30/2026.***

**PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS**

**BERRY, PATRICK D**  
Har on 4/27/2026

**HARRINGTON, DE** **YOB 1976**  
FINED: \$200

**FAILURE TO KEEP A LINE IN EACH HAND**

While driving #4 Cerulean Hanover in the 5th race at Harrington Raceway, Mr. Berry did use the whip in a one handed fashion before the quarter pole. this is a violation of DHRC rule 7.6.13.14.1.2, The penalty is \$200, this is Mr. Berry`s second violation of this rule in 2026, any further violations of this rule will result in a more severe penalty. Mr. Berry did sign the waiver of hearing. Per DHRC rule 10.2.7.6 all fines are due within 10 days of this ruling.

**CIUFFETELLI, ANTHONY A**  
MR on 4/22/2026

**GANSEVOORT, NY** **YOB 1962**  
FINED: \$100

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Rule 4117.8(C)(3) Driver Tony Ciuffetelli is hereby assessed a fine of \$100.00 for failing to restrict the use of the whip to forearm and wrist action only, while driving the horse REEL EM IN in the 7th race on April 22, 2026, at Monticello Raceway. (This violation constitutes a 1st violation in this category in a 365-day period.) Further violations in this category will result in increased penalties.

**GALE, TRUMAN E**  
VD on 4/24/2026

**BOONVILLE, NY** **YOB 1989**  
FINED: \$100

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Rule 4117.8(C)(3). Driver Truman Gale is hereby assessed a fine of \$100.00 for failing to restrict the use of the whip to forearm and wrist action only, while driving the horse EASY



<b>AUSTIN, MICHAEL DALE</b> M on 4/4/2026 <b>FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL</b>	<b>PINE BUSH, NY</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1964</b>
<b>BAKO, JARED W</b> PcD on 4/21/2026 <b>LATE TO THE PADDOCK</b>	<b>WALLKILL, NY</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1993</b>
<b>BOYD, BRAXTEN B</b> PcD on 4/18/2026 <b>FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE</b>	<b>JONESVILLE, MI</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 2000</b>
<b>BURKE, RONALD J</b> PcD on 4/21/2026 <b>FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION</b>	<b>CANONSBURG, PA</b> FINED: \$250	<b>YOB 1969</b>
<b>CHISHOLM, BRADLEY W</b> PcD on 4/18/2026 <b>IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE</b>	<b>FREEHOLD, NJ</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 3	<b>YOB 1997</b>
<b>COX, WENDY</b> Nfld on 4/26/2026 <b>NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>OAKWOOD VILLAGE, OH</b> FINED: \$300	<b>YOB 1966</b>
<b>CRISSMAN, TIM D</b> Har on 4/27/2026 <b>LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN</b>	<b>DOVER, DE</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1960</b>
<b>DEVITA, NICHOLAS F</b> PcD on 4/20/2026 <b>LATE TO THE PADDOCK</b>	<b>MIDDLETOWN, NY</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1985</b>
<b>DUNN, DEXTER J</b> M on 4/18/2026 <b>FAILURE TO BE PROPERLY DRESSED</b>	<b>WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1989</b>
<b>EDMONSON, PHILLIP A</b> OAKGR on 4/28/2026 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>SHELBYVILLE, TN</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1966</b>
<b>FARMER, WYATT M</b> MVR on 4/27/2026 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>TOLEDO, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 2005</b>

<b>FOSTER, RUSSELL H</b> Har on 4/27/2026 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>CORDOVA, MD</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1989</b>
<b>GRAY, SHAWN T</b> PRc on 4/27/2026 <b>FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL</b>	<b>SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1973</b>
<b>GRISMORE, GREG G</b> Nfld on 4/26/2026 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>GROVE CITY, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1970</b>
<b>HARDY, JAMES E</b> PRc on 4/23/2026 <b>SLOW QUARTER/HALF</b>	<b>NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1964</b>
<b>HARMON, LAUREN M</b> Nfld on 4/25/2026 <b>KICKING A HORSE</b>	<b>BROOKLYN, MI</b> FINED: \$300	<b>YOB 2000</b>
<b>HARMON, ROBERT W</b> M on 4/10/2026 <b>FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION</b>	<b>MILFORD, PA</b> FINED: \$300	<b>YOB 1969</b>
<b>KASH, KEITH J JR</b> Nfld on 4/18/2026 <b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>	<b>MEDINA, OH</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 5	<b>YOB 1979</b>
<b>MACINTOSH, BLAKE C</b> PcD on 4/21/2026 <b>LATE TO THE PADDOCK</b>	<b>ST. GEORGE, ON</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1975</b>
<b>MCCARTHY, TODD P</b> M on 4/18/2026 <b>FAILURE TO BE PROPERLY DRESSED</b>	<b>BORDENTOWN, NJ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1993</b>
<b>MELANDER, MATTIAS V</b> M on 4/18/2026 <b>FAILURE TO BE PROPERLY DRESSED</b>	<b>NEW EGYPT, NJ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1996</b>
<b>MERRIMAN, AARON E</b> Nfld on 4/19/2026 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1978</b>

<b>Mea</b> on 4/22/2026	FINED: \$100	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>Nfld</b> on 4/22/2026	FINED: \$200	
	HORSE PLACED 2	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>Nfld</b> on 4/26/2026	FINED: \$100	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>MILLER, DAVID S</b>	<b>WILMINGTON, OH</b>	<b>YOB 1964</b>
<b>MVR</b> on 4/26/2026	FINED: \$350	
	HORSE PLACED 10	
<b>IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE</b>		
<b>MVR</b> on 4/30/2026	FINED: \$200	
	HORSE PLACED 5	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>MOEYKENS, JOSEPH E</b>	<b>BEACH LAKE, PA</b>	<b>YOB 1969</b>
<b>PcD</b> on 4/20/2026	FINED: \$100	
<b>LATE TO THE PADDOCK</b>		
<b>MOORE, DARRELL D</b>	<b>FORREST, MS</b>	<b>YOB 1981</b>
<b>Nfld</b> on 4/26/2026	FINED: \$100	
<b>SMOKING</b>		
<b>PANTALEANO, JAMES R</b>	<b>HARVEYS LAKE, PA</b>	<b>YOB 1962</b>
<b>PHL</b> on 4/19/2026	FINED: \$200	
<b>TAKE UP ABRUPTLY/SIT DOWN IN FRONT OF HORSES CAUSING CONFUSION</b>		
<b>AMONG TRAILING HORSES</b>		
<b>PELLING, BRETT G</b>	<b>CREAMRIDGE, NJ</b>	<b>YOB 1958</b>
<b>PcD</b> on 4/25/2026	FINED: \$200	
<b>LATE TO THE PADDOCK</b>		
<b>RANDALL, JAY L</b>	<b>BALLSTON SPA, NY</b>	<b>YOB 1961</b>
<b>PRc</b> on 4/27/2026	FINED: \$100	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>RHOADES, BILL</b>	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b>	<b>YOB 1987</b>
<b>Nfld</b> on 4/19/2026	FINED: \$250	
<b>PARTICIPATING WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE</b>		
<b>SKINNER, TERRY L</b>	<b>STARKVILLE, MS</b>	<b>YOB 1988</b>
<b>OAKGR</b> on 4/21/2026	FINED: \$200	
<b>INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK</b>		

<b>SMITH, TYLER ALAN</b> MVR on 4/26/2026	<b>ASHVILLE, OH</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 9	<b>YOB 1993</b>
<b>IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE</b> MVR on 4/30/2026	FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 4	
<b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>		
<b>SODANO, JUSTIN M</b> M on 4/17/2026	<b>CHESTERFIELD, NJ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1996</b>
<b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>		
<b>SPRIGGS, DEIN P</b> OAKGR on 4/14/2026	<b>JUPITER, FL</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1958</b>
<b>SLOW QUARTER/HALF</b>		
<b>SULLIVAN, JAMIE LEE</b> PcD on 4/25/2026	<b>HARRINGTON, DE</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1969</b>
<b>DELAYING THE START</b>		
<b>SVANSTEDT, AKE</b> M on 4/18/2026	<b>WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1958</b>
<b>FAILURE TO BE PROPERLY DRESSED</b>		
<b>SWARTZENTRUBER, ELI J</b> Nfld on 4/26/2026	<b>BEACH CITY, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 2001</b>
<b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>		
<b>SWITZER, KEVIN P JR</b> PRc on 4/27/2026	<b>E WATERBORO, ME</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1987</b>
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>WATSON, WALLACE R</b> PRc on 4/27/2026	<b>DRESDEN, ME</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1970</b>
<b>SLOW QUARTER/HALF</b>		
<b>WILSON, JERMARRIO D</b> Nfld on 4/25/2026	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1989</b>
<b>FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS</b>		