

# FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, May 1 - Thu, May 7

## 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**

**RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
5/5/2026**

**YOB 1982**

### **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

**Status as of 5/5/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Carolina Acosta is restored to good standing.**

**BOWERS, JASON ALAN**

**Har** on 3/14/2024

**SUDLERSVILLE, MD**

**REVOCAION(REV) AS OF 5/6/2026**

**YOB 1986**

### **DENIAL OF LICENSE**

After review of Jason Bowers license status and his license status in Maryland, Jason Bowers DHRC license is revoked per DHRC rules: 5.1.16 Grounds for Refusal, Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of License. 5.1.15.2 A license suspension or revocation shall be reported in writing to the applicant and the United States Trotting Association whereby other racing jurisdictions shall be advised; 5.1.16.1.5 Has been found in violation of statutes or rules governing racing in this state or other racing jurisdictions; 5.1.16.1.8 Has been or is currently excluded from association grounds by a recognized racing jurisdiction; 5.1.16.1.9 Has had a license denied, suspended or revoked by any racing jurisdiction. 3.2.3 Disciplinary Action; 3.2.3.7 .2 the Board of Judges may suspend a license, or they may impose a fine in accordance with these rules for each violation, or they may suspend and fine, or they may order that a person be ineligible for licensing.

**BROCK, DONALD A**

**LOUISVILLE, KY**

**YOB UNKN**

**OAKGR** on 4/13/2026

FINED: \$1,000  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Mr. Donald Brock was the listed trainer of #2 I Got Six Shots who was in the 3rd race at Oak Grove on 4/13/2026. #2 I Got Six Shots was sent to the State Test barn where sample E620393 was sent to Industrial Laboratories. Report dated 4/29/2026 confirmed an overage of Methylprednisolone in the blood of 205 pg / mL over the allowed 100 pg / mL violating 810 KAR 8:025 Section 1 – 13 – C. Mr. Brock has waived his right to a split sample on 4/30/2026. After a hearing before the Board of Judges on 5/5/2026 #2 I Got Six Shots is hereby disqualified from 1st and placed 8th and the purse of \$7,000.00 (Seven Thousand Dollars) is hereby ordered to redistributed. Mr. Donald Brock is hereby issued a \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollar) Fine. This is Mr. Brock's 1st Class C violation in 365 Days.

**DEL CID, FRANCISCO**

**Mea** on 4/25/2026

**AGUSTA, WV**

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
5/5/2026

**YOB 1960**

**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

***Status as of 5/5/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Del Cid has paid his fines and is restored to good standing.***

**JOHNSON, OSCAR LEE JR.**

**Wdstk** on 4/19/2026

**CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MS**

FULL - 15 DAYS, 5/4/2026 THRU 5/18/2026

**YOB 1990**

**POSSESSION OF HYPODERMIC NEEDLES, SYRINGES AND/OR INJECTABLE  
AND/OR OTHER DRUGS**

On April 19, 2026, Virginia Racing Commission investigators conducted searches of stalls at Shenandoah Downs. During these searches, a hypodermic needle was discovered and confiscated from permit holder Oscar Johnson Jr., in violation of 11VAC10-180-25.B.4. Mr. Johnson admitted to administering Lasix to his horses for qualifying races on April 11, 2026, on Shenandoah Downs property, which is also in violation of 11VAC10-180-25.B.2. As a result, Mr. Johnson shall be issued a 15-day full suspension from May 4, 2026, through and including May 18, 2026. During this suspension, both Mr. Johnson and all horses owned and/or trained by him are prohibited from entering any grounds under the jurisdiction of the Virginia Racing Commission. All transfers to another trainer during Mr. Johnson's suspension must be approved by the Presiding Judge. Mitigating factors were considered in the determination of this penalty.

**JOHNSON, RICHARD**

**TOMS RIVER, NJ**

**YOB 1960**

**PHL** on 12/7/2025

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. ***Status as of 5/6/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Richard Johnson is restored to good standing***

**LITT, THOMAS**  
MVR on 4/14/2026

**ASHVILLE, OH** **YOB 1994**  
FINED: \$1,000  
FULL - 15 DAYS, 5/12/2026 THRU 5/26/2026  
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 #T00104 was tested by the Eqias Labs and was found to contain TCO2, a Class 3 category at a concentration of 41.6 mmol/L, which exceeds the regulatory threshold of 37 mmol/L, adopted by the OSRC. Blood sample #T00104 was provided by #3 Chronicle, who finished 1st in race 4 on 4/14/26 at MVR, and was trained by Mr. Litt. Mr. Litt waived his rights to a hearing. This is Mr. Litt`s 2nd medication violation in the last 365 days. Mr. Litt is fined \$1000 and given a 60 day full suspension. The penalty will be reduced to a \$1000 fine and a 15 day full suspension (4/12/26-4/26/26) and a return of purse earnings of \$5,250, which is to be returned to MVR within 10 days of this ruling, to be redistributed accordingly. Mitigating circumstances reduced this penalty. The fine is also due within 10 days of this ruling. During his suspension, Mr. Litt is denied the use and privileges of all the grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. All horses owned and/or trained by Mr. Litt may only be transferred by permission of the Judges in Ohio. Mr. Litt has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

**MALADY, PEYTON C**  
Nfld on 4/22/2026

**RIVES JUNCTION, MI** **YOB 2004**  
FINED: \$250

**CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE BEST INTEREST OF HORSE RACING**

Ms. Malady forged the signature of another person on Sample Identification Tag #00275 on 4/22/2026 for the TCO2 testing of Born Wild. This constitutes falsification of a legal document. Ms. Malady is hereby fined \$500. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$250 if not appealed. 3769-2-26(A)(4,5,10). The fine must be paid by 5/10/26.

**VINCENT, JUSTIN OWEN**

**MILFORD, DE**

**YOB 1987**

**Wdstk** on 5/2/2026

**FINED: \$250**

**FAILURE TO PASS THE BREATH ANALYZER TEST**

Driver Justin Vincent, in violation of 11VAC10-60-10.V., was found to have a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) exceeding the limit permitted under Virginia Racing Commission regulations during routine breathalyzer testing on May 2, 2026 at Shenandoah Downs. As a result, Mr. Vincent is hereby assessed a fine of \$250.00 and was removed from all programmed drives. 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.

**WRENN, RONNIE H JR.**

**CHAGRIN FALLS, OH**

**YOB 1986**

**MVR** on 5/2/2026

**FINED: \$100**

**LATE FOR THE BREATH ANALYZER TEST**

OSRC 3769-14-22(B), 3769-19-29-A(1). Mr. Wrenn was late for his breath analysis test prior to driving #1 Rose Run Brooke in race 8 on 5/2/26 at MVR. Mr. Wrenn is fined \$200, the penalty will be reduced to \$100 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Wrenn has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

**PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS**

**CRUSE, BRANDON**

**MILFORD, DE**

**YOB 1994**

**PHL** on 5/2/2026

**FINED: \$250**

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

PA Code Title 7-205.409(b)(c) Brandon Cruse did have an exaggerated whipping motion not restricted to elbow and wrist action only and did raise his arm above shoulder height, also whipped one handed at the top of the stretch while driving #7 GIDGET LAUXMONT in the 8th race on 5/2/26 at Harrah's Philadelphia Racetrack. Mr. Cruse is fined \$250 fines are due within 10 days of this ruling 5/14/26.

**HORSEY, CEBA M**

**LAUREL, DE**

**YOB 1976**

**Har** on 5/4/2026

**FINED: \$200**

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

Mr. Horsey 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. Mr. Horsey is issued a \$200 fine. Taking into consideration, Mr. Horsey`s history of whipping violations, any future violations will receive more severe penalties. Per DHRC rule 10,2,7.6 all fines are do within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Horsey did sign the waiver of hearing.

**IRVINE, BRAD D**

**MOUNTAINTOP, PA**

**YOB 1971**

**PRC** on 5/5/2026

**FINED: \$250**

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

USTA Rule 18.00 S18.08 (b)2 and (c)3. On 05/05/2026 at PRC, driver Brad Irvine was observed using other than wrist and elbow action and did not pause after three consecutive strikes while driving No.7 BREWSTER BAKER in Race 3. As a result of the violation Mr. Irvine is fined the sum of \$250.00 and is suspended from driving only for one day, 05/07/2026. Subsequent violations of this nature will result in increased penalties. All fines are payable within 48 hours of imposition.

**PLANO, LUKE**

**SACRAMENTO, CA**

**YOB 1980**

**HoP** on 5/2/2026

**FINED: \$300**

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

71 IAC 7-3-13(b) While driving No. 1 MAJOR TRIP in race 1 at Hoosier Park on May 2, 2026 driver Luke Plano violated the IHRC whipping rules by using more than minimal wrist and elbow action while whipping in the stretch. For this violation Mr. Plano is fined \$300.00 which is due within seven days of this ruling (second offense of the 2026 race meet). Mr. Plano waived his right to a hearing and accepted the penalty.

**POLANSKY, MIKE R**

**MILLSTONE, NJ**

**YOB 1958**

**YR** on 4/30/2026

**FINED: \$100**

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

On 4/30/2026, in the 2nd race at Yonkers Raceway, Mike Polansky, as the driver of #8 CERTIFY, violated 4117.8(D)(2) by using his whip more than 3 times in succession without giving the horse time to respond. Having reviewed previous penalties (1st offense in the category in 365 days). Mike Polansky is hereby fined \$100.00. Future violations may result in increased penalties. (this is a driving suspension only)

## **PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES**

**ANGUS, TYLER C**

**SAGAMORE HILLS, OH**

**YOB 2002**

**Nfld** on 4/28/2026

**FINED: \$100**

### **INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**Nfld** on 4/28/2026

**FINED: \$100**

### **JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS**

**Nfld** on 5/2/2026

**FINED: \$100**

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

<b>AUKER, WESLEY STAUFFER</b> PcD on 4/28/2026 <b>LATE TO THE PADDOCK</b>	<b>SELINGROVE, PA</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 2000</b>
<b>BATES, BRANDON L</b> HoP on 4/24/2026 <b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>	<b>MONROE, IN</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 7	<b>YOB 1975</b>
<b>BOYD, BRAXTEN B</b> PcD on 4/28/2026 <b>INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION</b>	<b>JONESVILLE, MI</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 2000</b>
<b>CLABAUGH, LARRY L</b> Nfld on 5/3/2026 <b>FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL</b>	<b>MEDINA, OH</b> FINED: \$500	<b>YOB 1962</b>
<b>CROSS, JAY D</b> HoP on 5/2/2026 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>MIDDLEBURY, IN</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1955</b>
<b>CUSHING, RONALD L</b> MR on 5/4/2026 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>WATERVILLE, ME</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1964</b>
<b>FANNING, THOMAS W</b> PcD on 4/28/2026 <b>INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION</b>	<b>JACKSON, NJ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1958</b>
<b>GILBERT, SALLY J</b> HoP on 5/2/2026 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>COCHRAN, GA</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1967</b>
<b>GINGRAS, YANNICK</b> YR on 4/15/2026 <b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>	<b>ALLENTOWN, NJ</b> FINED: \$0 DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/3/2026 THRU 5/5/2026 HORSE PLACED 8	<b>YOB 1979</b>
<b>GRAFFAM, NICHOLAS M</b> PRc on 5/5/2026 <b>SLOW QUARTER/HALF</b>	<b>FALMOUTH, ME</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1990</b>

<b>GRAY, MARK S</b> RcR on 5/7/2026 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>CHESTER, MD</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1962</b>
<b>IRVINE, JUSTIN D</b> Nfld on 4/28/2026 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>AURORA, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 2001</b>
<b>KAKALEY, MATTHEW DON</b> YR on 4/21/2026 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>MOUNTAIN TOP, PA</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1988</b>
<b>LEE, DALTON</b> Bang on 4/26/2026 <b>FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION</b>	<b>WHITEFIELD, ME</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 2000</b>
<b>MOORE, DARRELL D</b> Nfld on 4/26/2026 <b>SMOKING</b>	<b>FORREST, MS</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1981</b>
<b>NADEAU, ROBERT L</b> CUMB on 5/1/2026 <b>INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK</b>	<b>SACO, ME</b> DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/3/2026 THRU 5/9/2026	<b>YOB 1937</b>
<b>OOSTING, MICHAEL J</b> PRc on 5/5/2026 <b>SLOW QUARTER/HALF</b>	<b>BEECHER, IL</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1962</b>
<b>RHOADES, BILL</b> Nfld on 4/19/2026 <b>PARTICIPATING WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE</b>	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$250	<b>YOB 1987</b>
<b>RIDEOUT, DOUGLAS J</b> HoP on 4/29/2026 <b>INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK</b>	<b>WINCHESTER, IN</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 7	<b>YOB 1967</b>
<b>SUGG, KURT D</b> Nfld on 5/3/2026 <b>FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL</b>	<b>POLK, OH</b> FINED: \$500	<b>YOB 1969</b>
<b>TAKTER, NANCY C</b> MVR on 5/2/2026 <b>FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED</b>	<b>ALLENTOWN, NJ</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1981</b>

<b>WALDRON, KIWON A</b> HoP on 4/29/2026 <b>FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE</b>	<b>WARWICK</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 2000</b>
<b>WEAVER, ROSY E</b> MVR on 5/2/2026 <b>INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION</b>	<b>BEACH CITY, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1986</b>
<b>WILFONG, KYLE J</b> HoP on 5/2/2026 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>ANDERSON, IN</b> FINED: \$300	<b>YOB 1991</b>
<b>WRENN, PETER M</b> HoP on 5/2/2026 <b>FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE</b>	<b>CARMEL, IN</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1962</b>