

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Jun 12 - Thu, Jun 18

PART ONE

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

GEORGE, DYLAN M

USTA on 6/17/2026

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

The USTA is indefinitely suspending the USTA membership of Mr. Dylan George for violations of USTA Rule 26.16 (failure to submit information) and USTA Article § 1.04(a)(7) (failure to furnish information requested to supplement a membership application). Mr. George failed to provide records and information requested by the Standardbred Racing Investigative Fund (SRIF) in collaboration with the USTA pursuant to an investigation into suspected violations of the USTA's Rules and Bylaws. As with the transfer of all ownership interests in a registered Standardbred horse, the USTA will scrutinize all attempted transfers of an interest in a Standardbred horse owned by Mr. George to ensure that such transfer complies with the USTA's Rules and Bylaws and reserves the right to not recognize any such transfer. In addition, as Mr. George is now indefinitely suspended, he is a "person not in good standing" under USTA Rule 4.130 and horses and USTA members associated with Mr. George are subject to the applicable restrictions under USTA Rules Rule 20.15, 20.17, 22.05, 22.06, and 26.12. To ensure compliance with the USTA's Rules and Bylaws, the USTA advises its members to consult with officials at the USTA before participating in transactions or engaging in business activities involving registered Standardbreds with Mr. George.

CORDOVA, MD

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 6/17/2026

YOB 2001

MCGUIRE, DAMIEN L

USTA on 6/17/2026

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

Membership denied pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Section 4(a) of the Association bylaws.

ANDERSON, IN

DENIAL(DEN) AS OF 6/17/2026

YOB 1997

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.

BAYLIS, LARRY J

PcD on 2/14/2026

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Larry J Baylis has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2025. PIRATES SHADOW raced on 2/14/2026 at Pocono Downs under a 30 day owner

CLARKSTON, MI

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 6/13/2026

YOB 1962

affidavit. Mr. Baylis was fined \$50 and is suspended indefinitely beginning 6/2/2026 and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and all licensing requirements have been met.

Status as of 6/13/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Larry Baylis has paid the fine from ruling #26080PD and has completed all license requirements. Mr. Baylis has been restored to good standing in PA as of 6/13/2026.

EATON, MARK W
PcD on 3/4/2026

MENDON, MA
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
6/13/2026

YOB 1994

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Title 7-203.11(e) Mark W Eaton has failed to complete licensing requirements in PA for 2026. CHAKRA raced on 3/4/2026 at Pocono Downs under a 30 day owner affidavit. Mr. Eaton was fined \$50 and is suspended indefinitely beginning 6/3/2026 and will remain suspended until the fine is paid and all licensing requirements have been met.

Status as of 6/13/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Mark Eaton has paid the fine from ruling #26082PD and has completed all license requirements. Mr. Eaton has been restored to good standing in PA as of 6/13/2026.

PRC on 6/12/2026

FINED: \$300

OTHER

Mass 205 CMR 3.11 (10). USTA Rule 22.00 (S22.05). On 06/12/2026 trainer/owner Mark Eaton was found to be under suspension as of 06/03/2026 by the Pennsylvania Racing Commission for failure to obtain a proper license and would remain indefinitely suspended until the fine is paid and all license requirements were met. The initial infraction date was 03/04/2026. During the suspension period Mr. Eaton entered and raced horses on 06/04/2026, 06/08/2026, 06/09/2026 and 06/11/2026 at PRC, totaling a number of five horses. There were an additional three horses he entered to race on 06/15/2026 and 06/16/2026 at PRC, that were scratched by the Board of Judges on 06/12/2026. In light of the fact Mr. Eaton entered and raced horses during his full suspension in Pennsylvania; this made him ineligible to participate at PRC. A hearing was conducted on 06/15/2026. As a result, Mr. Eaton is hereby fined the sum of \$300.00. In addition, the horses that participated on 06/04/2026, 06/08/2026, 06/09/2026 and 06/11/2026 are hereby disqualified and all purse monies earned are ordered forfeited and returned for redistribution. The total amount forfeited is \$18,240.00 and must be paid within 10 days of ruling. The \$300.00 is payable within 48 hours of imposition. Purse monies forfeited are payable to Plainridge Park and the fine payable to Comm. of Mass. This ruling is appealable within 10 days of ruling.

HOLTON, TYLER
ScD on 5/12/2026

DELAWARE, OH
FINED: \$250

YOB UNKN

FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION

OSRC 3769-2-26-A(7). Mr. Holton falsified his 2026 OSRC Groom`s license application regarding his arrest record. Mr. Holton is fined \$500, the penalty will be reduced to \$250 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Holton has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

HUDSON, LANCE H
YR on 8/29/2025

HUGUENOT, NY **YOB 1971**
FULL - 30 DAYS, 6/13/2026 THRU 7/12/2026
HORSE PLACED 8, PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

On August 29th, 2025 at Yonkers Raceway, Lance Hudson was the trainer of horse, TALENT TO SPARE A, in the 10th race. Post race analysis of sample CV3607392 and seal number R2915405 showed the presence of Phenacetin a prohibited substance. TALENT TO SPARE A finished 1st and is disqualified and placed 8th. All purse monies earned (\$8000.00) shall be returned and redistributed (purse returned), and the horse must submit a negative test prior to entering to race. (negative test submitted). Lance Hudson is hereby suspended 30 days and fined \$1000.00. The suspension shall be served June 13th, 2026 through and including July 12th, 2026. During the term of suspension, Lance Hudson is ruled off all grounds under the jurisdiction of the NYSGC and deemed a disqualified person. No trainer transfer of horses in his care will be permitted without the approval of the presiding judge. (the appeal on this matter has been withdrawn).

MACDONALD, ANTHONY A
Nfld on 6/7/2026

MACEDONIA, OH **YOB 1976**
FINED: \$1,000

UNSATISFACTORY DRIVE - CARELESSNESS

While driving #2 Tella Babe in race #5 on 6/7/26 Mr. Macdonald turned the horse clockwise at the Quarter causing the race to be declared a No Contest due to safety issues. His action was against the best interest of racing. Mr. Macdonald had a hearing with the judges at Northfield Park on 6/8/26. He is hereby fined \$1000 and a 7 day driving suspension. The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$1000 if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-2-26(A)(10) The fine must be paid by 6/21/26.

MILLER, BRIAN JAY
Nfld on 5/6/2026

DUNDEE, OH **YOB 1996**
FINED: \$500
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Blood sample #00873 collected at Northfield Park on 5/6/26 from the horse Queen Suzy was found to contain Dexamethasone at a concentration of 49.1 picograms per milliliter of plasma. This exceeds the regulatory Threshold of 5 picograms per milliliter of plasma adopted by the OSRC. Mr. Miller waived his rights to a split sample, DNA, and a hearing. This is Mr. Miller's first medication violation in the last 365 days. Mr. Miller is hereby fined \$1000 and return of purse (\$5,100) if not appealed the penalty will be reduced to a \$500 fine and return of purse. O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01 (A)(1,10,13,15,16) 3769-18-02 3769-17-43 The fine and purse has been paid.

ROSS, KASSANDRA
Har on 5/19/2026

LINCOLN, DE **YOB 1989**
FINED: \$250

LOW OR EXCESS LEVEL OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION

Kassandra Ross is the trainer of Burnin Roses who finished 1st in the first race on 5/19/26, sample E677131 was sent to Industrial Labs. Overage of furosemide was confirmed. Per DHRC rule 8.3.5.7.2 and 8.3.5.7.2.1 The DHRC board of judges took into account that this is Kassandra Ross's first and only rule violation. The judges agreed to issue Kassandra Ross a \$250 fine. Kassandra Ross signed the waiver of hearing and paid the fine immediately

SIMPSON, DIRK
Mea on 2/18/2026

MEADOWLANDS, PA **YOB 1957**
FINED: \$1,000
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

PA Code Title 7: 203.22(a) 203.22(b) 401.2(a)(1) 401.2(a)(3)(ii) 401.3(a) 401.3(b) Mr. Simpson was the trainer of the horse ONE MORE LIGHT that participated in The Meadows' fourth race on February 18, 2026. Blood samples drawn (post-race) were tested and found to contain Dexamethasone (a therapeutic drug) above the permitted level. As the trainer, Mr. Simpson is responsible for the positive test. ONE MORE LIGHT finished first and is now disqualified. Purse money earned (\$3,500) must be returned within ten days of this ruling. Mr. Simpson is fined \$1,000 (this fine is due within ten days of this ruling). Mr. Simpson has waived his hearing/appeal rights.

THARPS, TRENT E JR
MVR on 3/30/2026

LOVELAND, OH **YOB 1981**
FINED: \$1,000
FULL - 120 DAYS, 6/19/2026 THRU 10/16/2026
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 10, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

OSRC 3769-18-01-A(1,10,13,15,16), 3769-18-02, 3769-17-43, 3769-17-30-B. Urine sample RO15566 was tested by Eqias Labs and was found to contain Cathinone, a Class 1 drug. Sample RO15566 was provided by #4 YS Cheddar Wheel, who finished 1st in race 4 on 3/30/26 at Miami Valley Raceway, and was trained by Mr. Tharps. Mr. Tharps requested a split sample which was confirmed. #4 is disqualified and placed 10th. This is Mr. Tharps 2nd medication violation within the last 365 days. Mr. Tharps is fined \$1000 and given a 365 day full suspension, the penalty will be reduced to a \$1000 fine and 120 day full suspension (6/19/26-10/16/26) with 245 days held in abeyance provided he does not get another Class 1 or 2 medication violation during that period, if not appealed. Mitigating circumstances were considered in issuing this penalty. The purse earnings of \$3000 are to be returned to Miami Valley Raceway within 10 days of this ruling, to be redistributed accordingly. The fine is also due within 10 days of this ruling, payable to the OSRC. During his suspension, Mr. Tharps is denied the use and privileges of all grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. All horses owned and/or trained by Mr. Tharps may only be transferred by permission of the Judges in Ohio.

TRASK, HANNAH

FLUSHING, MI

YOB UNKN

Nfld on 5/7/2026

FINED: \$250

FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION

Ms. Trask falsified her 2026 license application by failing to list her prior arrest record. Ms. Trask waived her 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 6/21/26.

WILSON, MEGAN M

ALDEN, NY

YOB 1983

BR on 6/5/2026

FINED: \$250

OFFENSIVE/PROFANE LANGUAGE

Megan Wilson, on 06/05/2026 at Buffalo Raceway, was overheard using improper language in the paddock. For this violation, Megan Wilson is hereby fined \$250.00.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

BARTLETT, JASON JAMES

GOSHEN, NY

YOB 1981

VD on 6/12/2026

FINED: \$100

WHIP EXCEEDED LENGTH ALLOWED

In the 4th Race on 6/12/2026 at Vernon Downs while driving SPENCER HANOVER Jason Bartlett was observed during the post parade having a Snapper on the end of his whip that exceeded 6" in length. Per Rule 4117.8.A this is a violation and Jason Bartlett is Fined \$100. Future violations of this nature may result in increased fines and or suspension.

BELL, CLIFTON A

MARION, OH

YOB 1991

ScD on 6/16/2026

FINED: \$300

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

OSRC 3769-17-17-B. While driving #1 Range The Wish during the stretch in race 15 on 6/16/26 at Scioto Downs, Mr. Bell did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action. This is Mr. Bell's first whipping violation in the last 365 days. Mr. Bell is fined \$500, the penalty will be reduced to \$300 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Bell has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

CISCO, SCOTT R

CIRCLE PINES, MN

YOB 1979

Aces on 6/4/2026

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 6/14/2026 THRU 6/18/2026

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

RUNNING ACES Driver SCOTT CISCO is hereby fined five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and issued a 3-day driving suspension from Running Aces (Sunday, June 14th, Tuesday, June 16th and Thursday, June 18th) Mr. Cisco who was the driver of #5 FIFTYSHADESOF CRAY who was in the 5th Race on 6/4/2026 at Running Aces was sent to the test barn for post-race testing and it was noted by the State Veterinarian that numerous welts appeared on the right and left rear hindquarters of Fiftyshadesofcray which is a Violation of MN Rule 7884.0260 Subp A.(3) This is Scott Cisco's 1st offense of this nature in 2026 at Running Aces. All fines are due within 120 hours of this ruling.

CRAWFORD, BRETT LEE

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

YOB 1987

Stga on 6/13/2026

FINED: \$100

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

In the 4th Race on 06/13/2026 at Saratoga Raceway while driving #5 "BARTERTOWN" Brett Crawford did violate the whip rule but using more than wrist and forearm action. This is Brett Crawford`s first offence in 365 days. Brett Crawford is fined \$100.00. Future violations may result in increased fines and or suspension.

DUNNING, BRYSON T

CARNEYS POINT, NJ

YOB 2003

OD on 6/10/2026

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 6/12/2026 THRU 6/14/2026

WHIPPING OUT OF CONTENTION

Driver Bryson Dunning is suspended from driving for three (3) days (June 12, 2026 through and including June 14, 2026) for whipping ILLUSTRIOUSARDEN N while out of racing contention in the 9th race on June 10, 2026 at Ocean Downs. COMAR: 09.10.02.33.A(9)(a)

GIVENS, BRANDON A

SEAFORD, DE

YOB 1986

Har on 6/17/2026

FINED: \$200

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

Per DHRC rule 7.6.13.14.3.2 Brandon Givens is issued a \$200 fine for inappropriate use of the whip. Per DHRC rule 10.2.7.6 all fines are due within 10 days of this ruling. Brandon Givens signed the waiver of hearing.

NAPOLITANO, GEORGE JR

BOCA RATON, FL

YOB 1966

PHL on 9/21/2025

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 6/21/2026 THRU 6/25/2026

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) George Napolitano Jr did have an exaggerated whipping motion not restricted to elbow and wrist action only and did raise his arm above shoulder height in the stretch while driving #3 DANCE IT OUT in the 11th race on 9/21/25 at Harrah`s Philadelphia Racetrack. Mr. Napolitano Is fined \$500 and issued a five-day driving suspension. Mr. Napolitano`s fine and suspension will be served sometime after October 9th. This is Mr. Napolitano`s eighth whipping violation in 2025. Future whipping violations will result in more severe penalties. (FINES ARE DUE WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THIS RULING) Mr. Napolitano has ten days to appeal this decision to the PSHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing. The address to appeal is 2301 N. Cameron St. Harrisburg, PA. 17110.

Status as of 6/18/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - On June 5, 2026, George Napolitano Jr knowingly and voluntarily accepted the Board of Judges Ruling 25077CD which imposed a 5-day suspension and \$500 fine for violation of the whipping rule. Mr. Napolitano waived all his rights to a hearing on this matter and any appeal to the State Horse Racing Commission of the Judge's decision. Mr. Napolitano will serve his suspension on June 21, 2026 through and including June 25, 2026 and shall pay a \$500 fine.

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

AFFRUNTI, FRANK A Stga on 6/15/2026 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	DELEON SPRINGS, FL FINED: \$100	YOB 1989
BAILEY, LEON B Stga on 6/8/2026 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE	GREENWICH, NY DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 6/17/2026 THRU 6/19/2026	YOB 1986
BERRY, PATRICK D Har on 6/16/2026 CARRY A HORSE OUT	HARRINGTON, DE FINED: \$200	YOB 1976
CAPONE, CAMERON M PcD on 6/8/2026 INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION	CLARKSBURG, NJ FINED: \$200	YOB 1999
CLARK, WILLIAM J JR PHL on 6/14/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	MAPLE SHADE, NJ FINED: \$200	YOB 1963
COCCIOLONE, CARL R Mea on 6/5/2026 WARMING UP BEFORE PRE-RACE BLOOD TEST	MONESSEN, PA FINED: \$500	YOB 1956
CRUSE, BRANDON PHL on 6/5/2026 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	MILFORD, DE FINED: \$200	YOB 1994
DAVIS, MARTIN J Har on 6/16/2026 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	SMYRNA, DE FINED: \$200	YOB 1975
DERUNTZ, MICHAEL J Nfld on 6/10/2026 FAILURE TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE VEST	NOVA, OH FINED: \$200	YOB 1977
EBERSOLE, LUKE C. ScD on 6/13/2026 IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE	CHESTERVILLE, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 7	YOB 1990
ECKLEY, DEAN M PcD on 6/9/2026	PHILADELPHIA, PA FINED: \$200	YOB 1983

INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION

ENGBLOM, PER Mea on 6/5/2026 WARMING UP BEFORE PRE-RACE BLOOD TEST	CHESTERFIELD, NJ FINED: \$500	YOB 1980
FANNING, THOMAS W YR on 6/10/2026 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	JACKSON, NJ FINED: \$250	YOB 1958
FARMER, WYATT M Nfld on 6/10/2026 FAILURE TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE VEST	TOLEDO, OH FINED: \$200	YOB 2005
FLUET, PHILLIP JAMES Stga on 6/14/2026 FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED	SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY FINED: \$250	YOB 1978
GILLESPIE, RONNIE ScD on 6/16/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	MACON, MS FINED: \$100	YOB 1972
HANNERS, AUSTIN B ScD on 6/16/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	FRANKFORT, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 5	YOB 1999
IRVINE, JUSTIN D Mea on 6/13/2026 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE	AURORA, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 6	YOB 2001
JOHNSON, OSCAR LEE JR. Nfld on 6/8/2026 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION	CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MS FINED: \$300	YOB 1990
KIEL, MACKENZIE OD on 6/15/2026 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	DENTON, MD FINED: \$100	YOB 1997
LEAMON, JAKE PcD on 6/8/2026 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	NEW EGYPT, NJ FINED: \$200	YOB 1976
MILLER, ANDY RAY	CREAM RIDGE, NJ	YOB 1968

PcD on 6/9/2026	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED		
MILLER, BRETT A	COLUMBUS, OH	YOB 1973
ScD on 6/12/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
MILLMAN, RONALD LEE	SMYRNA, DE	YOB 1955
PHL on 6/11/2026	FINED: \$500	
FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION		
NADEAU, ROBERT L	SACO, ME	YOB 1937
CUMB on 6/7/2026	FINED: \$200	
	DRIVING - 2 DAYS, 6/10/2026 THRU 6/12/2026	
	HORSE PLACED 5	
IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE		
PALONE, DAVID M	WASHINGTON, PA	YOB 1962
Mea on 6/5/2026	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE		
PLANO, LUKE	SACRAMENTO, CA	YOB 1980
Aces on 6/7/2026	FINED: \$100	
LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN		
PODRES, JOHN C	QUEENSBURY, NY	YOB 1970
Stga on 6/15/2026	FINED: \$250	
FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED		
ROGLITZ, JACOB N	PARSONSBURG, MD	YOB 2000
OD on 6/15/2026	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS		
SMITH, VERNON T	LOCKWOOD, NY	YOB 1982
TgDn on 6/7/2026	FINED: \$250	
LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN		
SOWERS, MCKENZIE I	MONTICELLO, NY	YOB 1999
M on 5/9/2026	FINED: \$300	
FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION		
STEVENSON, MICHAEL A	NEW GLOUCESTER, ME	YOB 1964
PRc on 6/8/2026	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED		

SWITZER, KEVIN P JR PRc on 4/27/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	E WATERBORO, ME FINED: \$100	YOB 1987
WARREN, RIDGE J TgDn on 6/13/2026 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	MILLVILLE, PA FINED: \$100	YOB 1988
WIDGER, SAMUEL D ScD on 6/13/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	CLARKSVILLE, OH FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 7	YOB 1963