

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Jul 10 - Thu, Jul 16

PART ONE

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

DOWSE, GARETH W
USTA on 12/9/2025

MARSHALLS CREEK, PA
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF
12/9/2025...**STAYED**

YOB 1982

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

The USTA is indefinitely suspending the USTA membership of Mr. Gareth Dowse 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. Dowse 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. Dowse 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. Dowse 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. Dowse 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. Dowse.

Status as of 7/13/2026 – Appealed and a Stay has been granted.

GRABER, ALAN JAMES
USTA on 7/14/2026

NEW HAVEN, IN
INELIGIBLE(INE) AS OF 7/14/2026

YOB 2000

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

Declared ineligible for membership for violation of Rule 20, Section 9 (financial responsibility).

MILLER, ABRAHAM A
USTA on 7/14/2026

FREEDOM, NY
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
7/15/2026

YOB UNKN

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

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

Status as of 7/15/2026 - Subsequent Ruling – restored to good standing.

MOOR, ALFRED M JR
USTA on 7/14/2026

SMYRNA, DE
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 7/14/2026

YOB 1939

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

Indefinite suspension for violation of Rule 20, Section 9 (financial responsibility).

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.

BRINSON, JIM T

OAKGR on 7/8/2026

OTHER

Mr. Jim Brinson is suspended pending his appearance before the Board of Judges of the KHRG for his pending criminal charges. During this suspension Mr. Brinson is denied the privileges of all facilities under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation. Entry of all horses owned or trained by Jim Brinson is denied pending transfer to persons acceptable to the KHRG Judges.

CLINTON, MI

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 7/9/2026

YOB 1979

BURTON, LESLIE

OAKGR on 4/7/2026

SPRINGFIELD, KY

FINED: \$5,000

FULL - 180 DAYS, 7/22/2026 THRU 1/17/2027

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1962

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Mr. Leslie Burton is the listed trainer of #8 Giganthor who was in the 5th race at Oak Grove on 4/7/2026 and subject to post race testing. Sample E620379 that was sent to Industrial Laboratories confirmed on 5/4/2026 Suzetrigine in the blood which is listed as a Class A medication under ARCI guidelines, violating 810 KAR 8:020 Section 1 – 2 – B. Mr. Burton requested a split sample, that was sent on 5/27/2026 to EQIAS Labs. Their report dated 6/17/2026 confirmed Suzetrigine in the blood. In the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, a trainer shall be responsible for the presence of a prohibited drug, medication, substance, or metabolic derivative, including permitted medication in excess of the maximum allowable concentration, in a horse in his care as stated in 810 KAR 8:010 Section 16 – 2. After a hearing before the Board of Judges on 7/8/2026, and considering all the evidence and testimony, the Board of Judges do find that Mr. Burton has violated 810 KAR Chapter 8. Mr. Burton is fined \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) and issued a Suspension for 365 Days from 7/22/2026 through 7/21/2027. However, considering mitigating circumstances, the Board of Judges do hold \$5,000 (Five Thousand) Dollars and 185 (One Hundred Eighty-Five) Days in abeyance if no further medication violations of Class A, B, or C occur within the date range of 1/18/2027 through 7/21/2027. If a medication violation occurs within these dates, any penalty issued will include the fine and days held in abeyance. Furthermore, #8 Giganthor is disqualified and placed 9th and the purse of \$3,500 (Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) is ordered to be returned and redistributed. During the first 180 days of his suspension, Mr. Leslie Burton is denied the privileges of all facilities under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming

Corporation. Entry of all horses owned or trained by Mr. Burton is denied pending transfer to persons acceptable to KHRG judges.

CLARK, WILLIAM J JR

MAPLE SHADE, NJ

YOB 1963

OD on 7/9/2026

DENIAL(DEN) AS OF 7/9/2026

DENIAL OF LICENSE

A relicensing hearing in the matter of applicant William Clark Jr. was conducted before the Maryland Racing Commission on June 10, 2026. Upon consideration of the sworn testimony, evidence presented, and the record of the proceedings, it is ordered on July 9, 2026, by the Maryland Racing Commission that Mr. Clark's application for a license in the State of Maryland is hereby denied. It is also ordered that Mr. Clark may reapply for a license in the State of Maryland no sooner than three (3) years from the date of this order. It is further ordered that, pursuant to Business Regulation Article, §11-311 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, a party aggrieved by this decision may take an appeal as allowed by State Government Article, §§10-222 and 10-223 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

FARRIS, VOD J

LAS VEGAS, NV

YOB 1970

Aces on 7/9/2026

FINED: \$250

FAILURE TO PASS THE BREATH ANALYZER TEST

Groom / Trainer VOD FARRIS is hereby fined the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars and will be required to take the breathalyzer test each evening before being admitted inside the paddock area due to aggravating factors (prior history) The Running Aces security unit provides breath test prior to each racing performance. The testing is performed using a portable Intoximeter breath testing device. The date of the reported violation was July 9th, 2026. Groom / Trainer Vod Farris tested positive for alcohol with a reading of .118%. MRC Rule 7897.0110 Subpart 1 - Should a licensee with an alcohol concentration be greater than .004, The licensee is subject to disciplinary actions by the stewards. MRC Rule 7897.0200 Subpart 1 (A)(B) - Judges Authority MRC Rule 7897.0110 Subpart 1 - Use of Alcohol

HOCHSTETLER, JOHN I

DOVER, OH

YOB 1947

Nfld on 7/8/2026

FINED: \$1,000

FULL - 180 DAYS, 7/15/2026 THRU 1/10/2027

APPEALED - 7/13/2026

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

On July 08,2026 a search was conducted of the truck/trailer of John I and John L Hochstetler. During this search the investigator located a small cardboard box behind the drivers seat of the truck, it contained a needle, a needle with a syringe and an injectable bottle of SALIX. Mr. Hochstetler had a hearing with the judges at Northfield Park on 7/8/26. After considering all testimony and evidence he is hereby fined \$1000 and suspended 365 days, and referred to the commission for further action. (First offense in the last 365 days). If this ruling is not appealed, the penalty will be reduced to \$1000 fine and 180-day suspension (with the remaining 185 days stayed pending no further violations in the next

365 days). This is an action that is against the best interest of racing. O.S.R.C.-3769-18-07(A); 3769-2-26(A)(4),(10); 3769-2-99; 3769-17-30(B); 17-33(A) Mr. Hochstetler is barred from all grounds governed by the OSRC during his suspension. Any horses under his care that he wants to transfer to another owner or trainer must be approved by the judges in the state of Ohio. The fine must be paid by July 21, 2026. Mr. Hochstetler has 48 hours to appeal this ruling.

Status as of 7/13/2026 - Appeal - Mr. Hochstetler appealed this ruling in a timely manner.

LATIKER, JAMES E

CARTHAGE, MS

YOB 1952

Lcnt on 6/6/2026

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 7/13/2026

FAILURE TO PAY STARTING FEES

Mr. James Latiker was the listed trainer of Go Breeze Go who was entered and scratched at the McCracken County Fair on 6/6/2026. Mr. Latiker has failed to pay the entry fee of \$100 (One Hundred) Dollars violating 810 KAR 5:060 Section 2. After multiple failed attempts to contact and coordinate with Mr. Latiker, the Board of Judges hereby suspended his KHRG license until such payment has been made. During his suspension Mr. Latiker is denied the privileges of all facilities under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation. Entry of all horses owned or trained by Mr. Latiker is denied pending transfer to persons acceptable to the KHRG Judges.

LYLES, BRANDON R

JACKSON, MS

YOB 2006

Frld on 7/9/2026

FINED: \$100

OFFENSIVE/PROFANE LANGUAGE

Mr. Brandon Lyles is fined \$100 for violation of Rule 17.14(f) (offensive and profane language) for an incident which occurred with the starter after the 14th race on July 9, 2026, at the Wayne County Fair in Fairfield, IL. The fine is to be paid by July 31, 2026.

MULCAHY, JEFFREY T

KIRKVILLE, NY

YOB 1972

PcD on 6/23/2026

OTHER

PA Title 401.22, 401.23, 205.51 On 6/23/2026, Jeffrey Mulcahy made unauthorized entry into the post race detention and test barn and made contact with the claimed horse MIKI MINAJ prior to the collection of blood and urine samples, interrupting the chain of custody. Successful claimants do not have authorized access to the detention barn until after the veterinarians release the horse and the authorization of the judges. Mr. Mulcahy was fined \$1,500 for violation of the PA claiming and detention barn rules and interfering with the chain of custody. After waiving appeal rights, the fine has been reduced to \$1,000 which must be paid within 10 days of the ruling.

Status as of 7/11/2026 - Subsequent Ruling - Based upon new evidence presented at the hearing on Tuesday July 7, 2026 at Pocono Downs, the Board of Judges has determined that ruling #26103PD is hereby rescinded.

PINSKE, CARTER J

M on 6/12/2026

SORRENTO, FL

FINED: \$100

YOB 1995

OTHER

Trainer Carter Pinske is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). On June 12, 2026 Mr. Pinske 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. Pinske'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 August 1, 2026.

PINSKE, MAKENNA LYNN

M on 6/12/2026

SORRENTO, FL

FINED: \$100

YOB 1997

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

Stable Employee Makenna Pinske is hereby fined the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. Ms. Pinske was employed as a stable employee in the paddock area at the Meadowlands Racetrack on June 12, 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 August 1, 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

SCHNEIDER, QUENTIN G

Aces on 6/14/2026

SACRAMENTO, CA

FINED: \$500

YOB 1972

FULL - 15 DAYS, 7/2/2026 THRU 7/16/2026

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

On June 14th, 2026 in the first race at Running Aces, Mr. Schneider was the trainer of record for the horse TOO MUCH who finished 3rd and was sent to the test barn. After Sample #E-714328 was sent to Industrial Laboratories a confirmation of the drug Higenamine was detected in the urine which is a violation of MN Rule 7890.0100 Subp 13a. TOO MUCH is hereby disqualified from third place and placed last. Quentin Schneider waived his right for a split sample and did sign the Waiver of Hearing with the Judges. All fines are due within 120 hours of this ruling. Trainer Quentin Schneider is hereby fined five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, given a 15-day full suspension from Thursday July 2, 2026 through Thursday July 16th, 2026 and ordered to return the purse of five hundred seventy-six (\$576.00) dollars for this violation.

SWITZER, KEVIN P
PRC on 6/19/2026

CUMBERLAND, ME
FINED: \$1,000
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1957

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Mass CMR 205 3.29, ARCI. On 06/19/2026 at PRC, trainer Kevin Switzer was trainer of record for the horse HERO OF THE HUDSON, who participated in Race 1 and finished 4th. On 07/08/2026 Industrial Labs reported to the Massachusetts Gaming/Racing Division, a Post Race positive test for the horse HERO OF THE HUDSON which confirmed the drug Triamcinolone Acetonide in blood at 138 pg/mL. The measurement uncertainty of the method is 15 pg/mL at the threshold of 100 phg/mL. This is a Class 4C. Mr. Switzer was notified of the finding on 07/09/2026 and on 07/13/2026 waived his right to both a split sample and a formal hearing. As a result, Mr. Switzer is hereby fined the sum of \$1,000.00. In addition, the horse HERO OF THE HUDSON finished 4th and is disqualified. The monies won or \$880.00 is hereby forfeited and ordered returned for redistribution. The fine is payable within 48 hours of imposition. The purse monies are payable within 10 days of this ruling.

TIRELLA, CARL
M on 3/7/2026

PAWLING, NY
FINED: \$5,000
FULL - 365 DAYS, 8/1/2026 THRU 7/31/2027

YOB 1954

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Carl Tirella was the programmed trainer of the horse "SEEUINNASHVILLE A" when he raced in the fourteenth race at Meadowlands Racetrack on March 7, 2026. Following the race, "SEEUINNASHVILLE A" was required to submit blood and urine for analysis. A report from Industrial Laboratories identified the presence of Oxymorphone in the urine. At Mr. Tirella's request, split sample testing was performed at an independent laboratory. These testing results did confirm the presence of Oxymorphone. This is in direct violation of the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Racing Commission. Mr. Tirella appeared at a hearing before the Board of Judges at the Meadowlands Racetrack on June 3, 2026. As a result, Mr. Tirella is hereby issued a full suspension of his New Jersey Racing Commission license for a period of three hundred sixty-five days (365) and is fined the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars. Said suspension shall begin on August 1, 2026 and run through July 31, 2027 inclusive. During the period of suspension, Mr. Tirella is denied access to all grounds that are under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Racing Commission. Consistent with N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.7, the horse "SEEUINNASHVILLE A" is disqualified from sharing in all purse monies earned on May 7, 2026. The fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before July 31, 2027. MMV Points incurred 6 points Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.1 (a) (b) 14 Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.6 (a) (b) (c) (d) Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.7 (a) (b) (c) (d)

WILSON, MATTHEW
OAKGR on 6/19/2026

BRANDON, MS
FINED: \$1,000...**STAYED**
FULL - 365 DAYS, 7/1/2026 THRU
6/30/2027...**STAYED**

YOB 1999

CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE BEST INTEREST OF HORSE RACING

Mr. Matthew Wilson and his legal counsel appeared before the Board of Judges on 6/29/2026 at 10:30 AM. After hearing testimony and presented with evidence the Board of Judges do find that Mr. Wilson violated 810 KAR 3:020 Section 15 – 1 – Q by engaging in conduct detrimental to horse racing. Specifically, the Board of Judges found that Mr. Wilson was under the direction and control of an individual deemed ineligible to obtain a license by the KHRG. Additionally, Mr. Wilson made false statements during investigative proceedings and interviews jeopardizing the integrity of racing at tracks under the jurisdiction of KHRG. Mr. Wilson is hereby suspended 365 (Three Hundred Sixty-Five) Days and issued a \$1,000 (One Thousand) Dollar Fine. During his suspension Matthew M. Wilson is denied the privileges of all facilities under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation. Entry of all horses owned or trained by Matthew M. Wilson is denied pending transfer to persons acceptable to KHRG judges. Mr. Wilson is required to appear before the License Review Committee of the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation for any future license consideration.

Status as of 7/15/2026 - Stay - Mr. Wilson's Stay has gone into effect on 7/15/2026.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

BELL, CLIFTON A
Bftn on 7/14/2026

MARION, OH
FINED: \$750

YOB 1991

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

While driving #1 BEACHPARTY ATEIGHT in the 7th race at the Logan County Fair at Bellefontaine, OH on July 14, 2026, driver Clifton Bell did use the whip in an inappropriate way. Mr. Bell is fined \$1000, the penalty will be reduced to \$750 if not appealed, and is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Bell has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

CUSHING, MITCHELL D
PRC on 7/13/2026

BALLSTON SPA, NY
FINED: \$250
DRIVING - 1 DAY, 7/23/2026 THRU 7/23/2026

YOB 1998

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

USTA Rule 18.00 (S18.08) (c) 2. On 07/13/2026 at PRC, driver Mitchell Cushing was observed striking the horse using other than wrist and elbow action. (1st offense). As a result of the violation Mr. Cushing is hereby fined the sum of \$250.00. In addition, he is suspended from driving only for one day, 07/23/2026. Subsequent violations of this nature will result in increased penalties. All fines are payable within 48 hours of imposition.

DENSON, JAMAAL D
OAKGR on 7/13/2026

MADISON, MS
FINED: \$250

YOB 1996

USING THE WHIP IN UNCONVENTIONAL MANNER

Mr. Jamaal Denson was the listed driver of #4 Western Trevor who was in the 8th race at Oak Grove on 7/13/2026. Mr. Denson did use the whip in an unconventional manner not using wrist action only violating 810 KAR 5:070 Section 9 – 3 – B.

EATON, JULIA M
PRC on 7/13/2026

MENDON, MA
FINED: \$250
DRIVING - 1 DAY, 7/14/2026 THRU 7/14/2026

YOB 1996

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

USTA Rule 18.00 S18.08 (c) 2. On 07/13/2026 at PRC, driver Julia Eaton was observed striking the horse excessively, while using other than wrist and elbow action throughout the race, while driving No.6 LATE FOR COFFEE in Race 2. (1st offense). As a result of the violation Julia Eaton is hereby fined the sum of \$250.00 and is suspended from driving only for one day, 07/14/2026. Subsequent violations of this nature will result in increased penalties. All fines are payable within 48 hours of imposition.

GATES, ADARRYL JR.
OAKGR on 7/13/2026

CARTHAGE, MS
DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 7/27/2026 THRU 8/2/2026

YOB 2000

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Mr. Adarryl Gates Jr was the listed driver of #6 Beaumond Hanover who was in the 10th race at Oak Grove on 7/13/2026. Mr. Gates did use the whip in an indiscriminate manner leaving undesirable marks on Beaumond Hanover that was reported by the State Vets post-race, violating 810 KAR 5:070 Section 9 – 3 – C. This is Mr. Adarryl Gates Jr 1st such violation in 2026 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

HARPER, CURTIS A
Bftn on 7/13/2026

HILLIARD, OH
FINED: \$300

YOB 1989

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

While driving #5 FAMOUS NOW in the 5th race at the Logan County Fair at Bellefontaine, OH on July 13, 2026, Mr. Curtis Harper did use other than wrist and elbow action while whipping the horse. Mr. Harper is fined \$300 for the violation, which is due within 10 days of this ruling.

HARVEY, DANIEL
TgDn on 6/26/2026

POMPANO BEACH, FL
FINED: \$500
DRIVING - 7 DAYS, 7/16/2026 THRU 7/22/2026

YOB 1960

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Driver Daniel Harvey is hereby assessed a fine of \$500 and suspended from driving for seven days, July 16, 2026, through and including July 22, 2026, for failing to restrict the use of the whip to forearm and wrist action only and using the whip more than three times in succession, while driving #2 GIDDYUPANDGO in race 12 on Friday, June 26, 2026 at Tioga Downs.

KOZAK, PHILIP

PHL on 7/12/2026

QUEEN ANNE, MD

FINED: \$200

YOB 1957

FAILURE TO KEEP A LINE IN EACH HAND

PA Code Title 7-205.409.(b)(c) Philip Kozak did fail to keep a line in each hand for the entire race and did whip one handed in the stretch while driving #5 BUNGALOW BILL N in the eighth race on 7/12/26 at Harrah's Philadelphia Racetrack. Mr. Kozak is fined \$200(fines are due within ten days of this ruling). Mr. Kozak has waived his hearing and appeal rights.

LAMBRIGHT, KEVIN J

HoP on 7/3/2026

ANDERSON, IN

FINED: \$200

YOB 1992

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

71 IAC 7-3-13(d)(5) While driving No. 4 ARDENS ACE N in race 11 at Hoosier Park on July 3, 2026, driver Kevin Lambright was found to be in violation of the IHRC whipping rule. For this violation Mr. Lambright is fined \$200.00 which is due within seven days of this ruling. Mr. Lambright waived his right to a hearing and accepted the penalty. This is Mr. Lambright's first such violation of the 2026 race meet.

MILLER, JOSIAH L

Aces on 7/2/2026

JAMESTOWN, OH

FINED: \$500

YOB 2007

DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 7/14/2026 THRU 7/23/2026

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

UNNING ACES Driver Josiah Miller is hereby fined five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and issued a 5-day driving suspension from Running Aces (Tuesday, July 14th, Thursday, July 16th, Sunday, July 19th, Tuesday, July 21st and Thursday, July 23rd) Mr. Miller who was the driver of #3 NORABELLE who was in the 2nd Race on 7/2/2026 at Running Aces was sent to the test barn for post-race testing and it was noted by the State Veterinarian that a welt appeared on the right rear of NORABELLE which is a Violation of MN Rule 7884.0260 Subp A.(3) This is Josiah Miller's 2nd offense of this nature in 2026 at Running Aces. Josiah Miller did meet with the Board of Judges and did sign the Waiver of Hearing. All fines are due within 120 hours of this ruling.

NEAFUS, DEVIN MICHAEL

Crydn on 6/25/2026

MUNCIE, IN

FINED: \$200

YOB 2003

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Driver Devin Neafus is fined \$200 for violation of Rule 18.08 (Urging Regulations, Prohibitions and Penalties). While driving #3 ALVIN'S SHOW in the 7th race at the Harrison County Fair in Corydon, IN on 6/25/26, Mr. Neafus used the whip excessively leaving the gate and into the backstretch. Any further whipping violations will result in higher penalties and/or suspension. The fine has been paid.

PAQUET, FERNAND A JR

TgDn on 7/3/2026

MIDDLETOWN, NY

FINED: \$250

YOB 1968

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 7/12/2026 THRU 7/14/2026

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Driver Fern Paquet Jr. is hereby assessed a fine of \$250 and suspended from driving for three days, July 12, 2026 through and including July 14, 2026 for failing to restrict the use of the whip to forearm and wrist action only while driving #4 DON'T SHUT ME DOWN in race 15 on Friday, July 3, 2026 at Tioga Downs.

PARKER, JUSTIN S**MONROEVILLE, NJ****YOB 1982****OD** on 7/8/2026

FINED: \$100

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Driver Justin Parker is hereby assessed a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for one-handed whipping before the $\frac{3}{4}$ pole while driving TOOTSY ROLLS QUICK in the 10th race on July 8, 2026, at Ocean Downs, in violation of COMAR 09.10.02.33H(17). The fine assessed must be paid within ten (10) days of the issuance of this ruling. Failure to submit payment within this period shall result in the full suspension of the Maryland Racing Commission licensee and will remain in effect until full payment is received.

RATH, GARY A**MARENGO, IL****YOB 1961****Aces** on 7/12/2026

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 7/19/2026 THRU 7/23/2026

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

RUNNING ACES Driver GARY RATH is hereby fined five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and issued a 3-day driving suspension from Running Aces (Sunday, July 19th, Tuesday, July 21st and Thursday, July 23rd) Mr. Rath who was the driver of #4 BEST IN SHADOW who was in the 8th Race on 7/12/2026 at Running Aces was sent to the test barn for post-race testing and it was noted by the State Veterinarian that several welts appeared on the right rear of Best In Shadow which is a Violation of MN Rule 7884.0260 Subp A.(3). This is Gary Rath's 1st offense of this nature in 2026 at Running Aces. Mr. Rath did meet with the Board of Judges and did sign the Waiver of Hearing.

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES**AHLE, JOHNATHAN P****MANCHESTER, NJ****YOB 1997****OD** on 7/8/2026

FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION**ALLARD, SIMON****GILBERTSVILLE, PA****YOB 1982****PHL** on 7/12/2026

FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POST PARADE**ANDERSON, ROBERT L****BENNETT, CO****YOB 1961****What** on 6/28/2026

FINED: \$150

JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS

BAKO, JARED W PcD on 7/11/2026 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	WALLKILL, NY FINED: \$250	YOB 1993
BEACHY, VERNON J ScD on 7/14/2026 INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION	NEW PHILADELPHIA, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1987
BEATTY, HUGH J ScD on 7/11/2026 INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION	ORIENT, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1956
BECKWITH, BRETT M PRc on 7/14/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	WILTON, NY FINED: \$250	YOB 2003
BURKE, RONALD J Mea on 7/11/2026 HORSE LATE TO THE PADDOCK PcD on 7/11/2026 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	CANONSBURG, PA FINED: \$200 FINED: \$250	YOB 1969
BURKHOLDER, MATTHEW ScD on 7/11/2026 FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED	VIENNA, OH FINED: \$200	YOB 1997
BUTER, TODD L PcD on 7/13/2026 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	MILFORD, PA FINED: \$250	YOB 1959
CUSHING, RONALD L Bang on 7/12/2026 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS	WATERVILLE, ME FINED: \$200	YOB 1964
GERRY, PETER G PcD on 7/12/2026 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	CAMPBELL HALL, NY FINED: \$100	YOB 1945
GRAFFAM, NICHOLAS M CUMB on 7/11/2026 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE	FALMOUTH, ME FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 2	YOB 1990
GROEN, CHARLES N ScD on 7/10/2026	CHESTERFIELD, IN FINED: \$300	YOB 1992

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HARRISON, WILLIAM PHL on 7/12/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	HOWELL, NJ FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 8	YOB 1988
KEIM, COTE J M on 6/11/2026 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	CREAM RIDGE, NJ FINED: \$100	YOB 1982
KOPA, JESSE W Stga on 7/7/2026 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	BURNTHILLS, NY FINED: \$100	YOB 1990
LAKE, DAVID R BgRpd on 7/14/2026 KICKING A HORSE	JACKSON, MI FINED: \$100	YOB 1970
MACDONALD, ANTHONY A M on 6/12/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION ScD on 7/14/2026 FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTION OF THE PADDOCK JUDGE	MACEDONIA, OH FINED: \$100 FINED: \$100	YOB 1976
MCCOWN, JESSICA M Bftn on 7/13/2026 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION	OSTRANDER, OH FINED: \$300	YOB 1991
MILLER, BRETT A Nfld on 7/13/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	COLUMBUS, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1973
MILLER, DAVID S ScD on 7/14/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	WILMINGTON, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1964
MILLER, KARA R ScD on 7/14/2026 INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION	DUNDEE, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 2004
MORGAN, VIRGIL V JR Nfld on 7/6/2026 FAILURE TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE VEST ScD on 7/14/2026	GROVE CITY, OH FINED: \$200 FINED: \$100	YOB 1965

INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION

NAPOLITANO, GEORGE JR PHL on 7/12/2026 DELAYING THE START	BOCA RATON, FL FINED: \$100	YOB 1966
NOBLE, KOLTIN D ScD on 7/10/2026 FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED	XENIA, OH FINED: \$200	YOB 2004
OAKES, HUNTER WILLIAM PcD on 7/11/2026 LEAVING HORSE UNATTENDED	WILKES-BARRE, PA FINED: \$50	YOB 1998
QUEVEDO, EDWIN ALBERTO MR on 7/6/2026 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	ENGLISHTOWN, NJ FINED: \$100	YOB 1983
RANGER, BRUCE W PRc on 7/14/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	WEST GARDINER, ME FINED: \$100	YOB 1959
RHOADES, BRAIDEN M Nfld on 7/8/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	ASHLAND, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 2005
ROLAND, NICK ROYCE Aces on 7/5/2026 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS Aces on 7/7/2026 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS Aces on 7/12/2026 INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK	GRINNELL, IA FINED: \$200 FINED: \$300 FINED: \$300 DRIVING - 1 DAY, 7/19/2026 THRU 7/19/2026	YOB 1982
SCHMUCKER, MERVIN J BgRpd on 7/14/2026 WARMING UP HORSE WITHOUT SILKS	GRABILL, IN FINED: \$50	YOB 1973
SIMPSON, DIRK Mea on 7/11/2026 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	MEADOWLANDS, PA FINED: \$250	YOB 1957
SMEDSHAMMER, TROND M on 6/26/2026	ALLENTOWN, NJ FINED: \$300	YOB 1967

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SMITH, JEREMY R ScD on 7/11/2026 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	WASHINGTON CH, OH FINED: \$400	YOB 1980
SMITH, TYLER ALAN ScD on 7/11/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	ASHVILLE, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1993
ST LOUIS, MARC E JR. ScD on 7/10/2026 FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED	SWARTZ CREEK, MI FINED: \$200	YOB 1988
SWITZER, KEVIN P JR CUMB on 7/10/2026 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	E WATERBORO, ME FINED: \$100	YOB 1987
TAKTER, NANCY C PHL on 7/10/2026 WARMING UP BEFORE PRE-RACE BLOOD TEST	ALLENTOWN, NJ FINED: \$500	YOB 1981
THARPS, THOMAS ERIC JR. Nfld on 7/12/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	KETTERING, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1992
THOMPSON, JASON R Nfld on 7/6/2026 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	STOW, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1979
VICKERSON, SCOTT T CUMB on 7/11/2026 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION	PORTLAND, ME FINED: \$200	YOB 1971
WALLIS, KEVIN W PcD on 7/11/2026 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE	LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FL FINED: \$100	YOB 1956
WATSON, WALLACE R CUMB on 7/10/2026 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE	DRESDEN, ME FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 5	YOB 1970
WIDGER, SAMUEL D ScD on 7/10/2026	CLARKSVILLE, OH FINED: \$200	YOB 1963

FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED

WILDER, W MIKE

WASHINGTON, PA

YOB 1972

Mea on 6/27/2026

FINED: \$200

HORSE PLACED 7

**TAKE UP ABRUPTLY/SIT DOWN IN FRONT OF HORSES CAUSING CONFUSION
AMONG TRAILING HORSES**