

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Jul 31 - Thu, Aug 6

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.

BEST, RONALD L

Lex on 7/28/2026

LEXINGTON, KY

FINED: \$1,500

FULL - 15 DAYS, 8/13/2026 THRU 8/27/2026

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 7, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1978

POSITIVE TEST- PRE RACE

Mr. Ronald Best was the listed trainer of #5 Ifudntnomebynow who was in the 3rd race at The Red Mile on 7/28/2026. Pre-race TCO2 testing of sample E724057 sent to Industrial Laboratories confirmed in the blood a total carbon dioxide level of 41.0 mm / mL over the allowed 37 mm / mL, which is a violation of 810 KAR 8:010 Section 21 – 8. #5

Ifudntnomebynow is hereby disqualified and is 2nd placed 7th and the purse of \$1,425 (One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Five) Dollars is ordered to be returned and redistributed. Mr. Best is issued a \$1500 (One Thousand Five Hundred) Dollar fine along with a 15 (Fifteen) Day suspension from 8/13/2026 through 8/27/2026 at which Mr. Best is denied access or privileges to any and all associations under the jurisdiction of the KHRG. Any and all horses trained or owned by Mr. Best are only allowed to transfer with prior approval of the Board of Judges of the KHRG.

KINA, CAMERON L

Ott on 6/23/2026

MARYSVILLE, OH

FINED: \$500

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 7, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 2005

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Blood sample #936723 collected at the Putnam County Fair on 6/23/26 from the horse Threefiftytwo was found to contain Furosemide at a concentration of 152.5 +/-18.2 nanograms per milliliter of plasma. This exceeds the Regulatory Threshold of 100 nanograms per milliliter of plasma adopted by the OSRC. Mr. Kina waived his rights to a split sample, DNA, and a hearing. This is Mr. Kina's first medication violation in the last 365 days. Mr. Kina is hereby fined \$1000.00 and return of purse (\$1350.00). The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$500.00 and return of purse if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01(A)(4b,15,16)3769-18-02 3769-17-43. The fine and purse must be paid by 8/12/26.

KREISER, CORY
Nfld on 6/24/2026

NORTHFIELD, OH
FINED: \$750
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1993

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Blood sample #935281 collected at Northfield Park on 6/24/26 from the horse Moved Bythe Spirit was found to contain Furosemide at a concentration of 142.9 +/-10.2 nanograms per milliliter of plasma. This exceeds the Regulatory Threshold of 100 nanograms per milliliter of plasma adopted by the OSRC. Mr. Kreiser waived his rights to a split sample, DNA, and a hearing. This is Mr. Kreiser's third medication violation in the last 365 days. Mr. Kreiser is hereby fined \$1000.00 and return of purse (\$3500.00). The penalty will be reduced to a fine of \$750.00 and return of purse if not appealed. O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01(A)(4b,15,16) 3769-18-02 3769-17-43. The fine and purse must be paid by 8/9/26.

BR on 7/3/2026 FINED: \$250

LOW OR EXCESS LEVEL OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION

Cory Kreiser was the trainer of record for MOVED BYTHE SPIRIT, in the 6th Race at Buffalo Raceway on July 3, 2026. Post Race analysis showed the presence of FUROSEMIDE (Lasix) above the level permitted in a Lasix horse. For this overage of a permitted medication, Mr. Kreiser is hereby fined \$250.

MACDONALD, RONALD A
BR on 6/27/2026

FREELTON, ON
FINED: \$500
FULL - 7 DAYS, 8/17/2026 THRU 8/23/2026

YOB 1967

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Ron MacDonald as trainer of record for the horse "SAULSBROOK IAN", first place finisher of the 6th Race on June 27, 2026, at Buffalo Raceway is hereby suspended 15 days and fined \$1,000. Post-race analysis of the sample(s) submitted resulted in a positive finding for Theophylline. "SAULSBROOK IAN" finished 1st is hereby disqualified and unplaced. All purse monies paid must be returned and redistributed. Having appeared before a representative of the NYSGC and waiving the right to a formal hearing and appeal, the suspension is hereby reduced to 7 days and the fine is reduced to \$500. "SAULSBROOK IAN" will be required to submit a negative sample for the above mentioned substance before being allowed to participate in further racing in the State of New York. During the term of suspension Mr. MacDonald will be denied the privilege of and access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the NYSGC. All horses owned or trained by Mr. MacDonald shall be denied the privilege of participating in any racing in New York State during the term of suspension. (1st offense in this category in a 365 day period.)

VALLEE, SHAUN F
M on 6/9/2026

JACKSON, NJ
FINED: \$100

YOB 1963

OTHER

Trainer Shaun Vallee is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). On June 9, 2026, Mr. Vallee did employ an individual in the capacity of Stable Employee at his farm in

Jackson, New Jersey while that individual was not properly licensed by the New Jersey Racing Commission. Mr. Vallee'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 29, 2026.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

ADAMS, BREWER

LEBANON, OH

YOB 1975

ScD on 8/4/2026

FINED: \$300

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

OSRC 3769-17-17-B&C. While driving #7 Fools Rush In during the stretch in race 10 on 8/4/26 at Scioto Downs, Mr. Adams did whip the horse in an exaggerated manner and other than wrist and elbow action. This is Mr. Adams first whipping violation in the last 365 days. Mr. Adams is fined \$500, the penalty will be reduced to \$300 if not appealed, which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Adams has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC

BECKWITH, BRETT M

WILTON, NY

YOB 2003

PRC on 8/3/2026

FINED: \$300

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

Penn Entertainment/PRC Horsemen's Rule Guide at PRC. On 08/03/2026 at PRC, driver Brett Beckwith did leave welts on the horse RIFLEMAN in Race 4. (1st offense). As a result of the violation Mr. Beckwith is hereby fined the sum of \$300.00. Subsequent violations of this nature will result in increased penalties. All fines are payable within 48 hours of imposition.

BUCCERI, DENNY S

OAKFIELD, NY

YOB 1983

Btva on 7/25/2026

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 7 DAYS, 8/3/2026 THRU 8/9/2026

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

Denny Bucceri, as driver of the 1 horse, PEPPER GUY, in the 10th race on July 25, 2026 at Batavia Downs, was observed using more than hand and wrist action while urging his horse in the stretch. For this violation, Mr. Bucceri is hereby fined \$500 and suspended 7 days from August 3, 2026 until August 9, 2026.

CONRAD, CARSON M

MORRISTOWN, IN

YOB 2004

Eaton on 8/2/2026

FINED: \$500

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

OSRC3769-17-17-B Mr. Conrad, while driving DELTA LADY at the Preble County Fair at Eaton, OHIO on 8/2/2026 in the 13th race whipped his horse inappropriately thru out the mile using other than wrist and elbow action. Mr. Conrad is fined \$750, this is his 2nd offense in 365 days. If not appealed, \$500, which is due with in 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Conrad has 48hrs to appeal his decision to the OSRC.

CRUSE, BRANDON

MILFORD, DE

YOB 1994

PHL on 7/31/2026

FINED: \$300

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) Brandon Cruse did have an exaggerated whipping motion not restricted to wrist and elbow action only and did raise his arm above shoulder height at the top of the stretch and in in the stretch while driving #6 GIDGET LAUXMONT in the 5th race on 7/31/26 at Harrah's Philadelphia Racetrack. Mr. Cruse Is fined \$300 (fines are due within 10 days of this ruling 8/12/26). Mr. Cruse has waived his hearing/appeal rights.

HAWK, ALEXANDER D

CIRCLEVILLE, OH

YOB 1992

Eaton on 8/2/2026

FINED: \$300

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

OSRC3769-17-17-B Mr. Hawk, while driving horse BAREFOOTONTHEEACH at the Preble County Fair in Eaton, Ohio on 8/2/2026 in the 11th race, did whip his horse inappropriately, using other than wrist and elbow action. Mr. Hawk is fined \$500, this is his 1st offense in 365 days from this date. If not appealed \$300, which is due within 10 days from this ruling. Mr. Hawk has 48hrs to appeal his decision to the OSRC.

LANCASTER, TIMOTHY N

COLUMBUS, NJ

YOB 1981

M on 7/24/2026

FINED: \$500

DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 8/1/2026 THRU 8/15/2026

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

Driver Tim Lancaster is hereby issued a driving suspension for a period of five (5) days and is also fined the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. Said suspension shall be served on five (5) consecutive New Jersey race days and will be served on August 1, 2026, August 6, 2026, August 7, 2026, August 8, 2026 and August 15, 2026. While driving #2 "ELLIE STATION" in the 12th race at the Meadowlands Racetrack on July 24, 2026, Mr. Lancaster used the whip more than three times in succession without giving the horse time to respond and used the whip when his horse was not advancing its position in the race. Those actions are a direct violation of the New Jersey Racing Commission rule regarding the restrictive use of the whip. Mr. Lancaster has waived his right to a hearing with the Board of Judges and has accepted the penalties associated with this ruling. The payment of the fine associated with this ruling must be received by the New Jersey Racing Commission on or before August 15, 2026. Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-20.15 (b) 2, 4.

MILLER, JORDON C

BURGETTSTOWN, PA

YOB 1989

Mea on 7/31/2026

FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Pa Code Title 7: 205409(c) Mr. Miller used his whip with more than wrist and elbow action driving #4 DONT GET SHOCKED in The Meadows` tenth race on July 31, 2026. Mr. Miller is fined \$200 (this fine is due within ten days of this ruling). An appeal of this ruling is due within ten 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: Walt Remmert

NISONGER, JEFFREY S	LEBANON, OH	YOB 1981
Eaton on 8/2/2026	FINED: \$500	

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

OSRC3769-17-17-B MR Nisonger while driving horse yournodaisyatall at the preble county fair in eaton ohio on 8/2/2026 in the 15th race. Mr Nisonger whipped his horse inappropriately thru out the mile using other than wrist and elbow.Mr Nisonger is fined \$750\$500 this is his 2nd offence in 365 days.if not appealed,which is do within 10 days of this ruling Mr Nisonger has 48hrs to appeal his decision to the OSRC.

PLANTE, ROGER B JR	BERLIN, MD	YOB 1967
OD on 8/3/2026	FINED: \$100	

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Driver Roger Plante Jr. is hereby assessed a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for one-handed whipping before the $\frac{3}{4}$ pole while driving FULL SEND in the eleventh race on August 3, 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.

WATSON, WALLACE R	DRESDEN, ME	YOB 1970
CUMB on 7/26/2026	FINED: \$200	

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

CUMB on 8/1/2026	FINED: \$500
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EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

ALAGNA, TONY P	HOWELL, NJ	YOB 1972
TgDn on 7/31/2026	FINED: \$100	

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

ANGUS, TYLER C	SAGAMORE HILLS, OH	YOB 2002
Nfld on 8/2/2026	FINED: \$200	

FAILURE TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE VEST

BARTLETT, JASON JAMES	GOSHEN, NY	YOB 1981
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M on 7/17/2026	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO BE PROPERLY DRESSED		
BECKWITH, BRETT M	WILTON, NY	YOB 2003
M on 7/24/2026	FINED: \$500	
INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK		
CARLSTROM, THOMAS E	REHOBOTH, MA	YOB 1962
PRc on 8/3/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
CARTER, STEVEN M	LONDONDERRY, OH	YOB 1966
ScD on 8/6/2026	FINED: \$100	
INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION		
CORELLI, THOMAS F	EAST MORICHES, NY	YOB 1966
YR on 7/22/2026	FINED: \$100	
LATE DRIVER CHANGE		
DAY, JAMES E	MEDINA, OH	YOB 1996
Nfld on 8/3/2026	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE VEST		
DUNN, DEXTER J	WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ	YOB 1989
M on 7/25/2026	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED		
FARMER, WYATT M	TOLEDO, OH	YOB 2005
Nfld on 8/3/2026	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE VEST		
FERRARI, LARRY H	MACEDONIA, OH	YOB 1965
Nfld on 7/29/2026	FINED: \$100	
INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION		
GODINEZ, JOSE LUIS	BULLVILLE, NY	YOB 1982
PcD on 7/27/2026	FINED: \$250	
LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN		
GREENWOOD, ROBERT	WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ	YOB 1957
PcD on 7/27/2026	FINED: \$50	
NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE		
HANNERS, LUKE	CHILLICOTHE, OH	YOB 2000

ScD on 7/30/2026	FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 8	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
HUCKABONE-MILLER, DYLAN M	UTICA, NY	YOB 2001
TgDn on 7/26/2026	DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 8/9/2026 THRU 8/11/2026 HORSE PLACED 5	
CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE		
IRVINE, JUSTIN D	AURORA, OH	YOB 2001
Nfld on 7/29/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
ScD on 7/31/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
KEIM, COTE J	CREAM RIDGE, NJ	YOB 1982
M on 7/18/2026	DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 7/25/2026 THRU 8/1/2026	
INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK		
LOMBARDO, SALVATORE C	ASTORIA, NY	YOB 1969
M on 7/25/2026	FINED: \$100	
LATE DRIVER CHANGE		
LOWE, MICHAEL D	MCCONNELSVILLE, OH	YOB 1959
ScD on 7/8/2025	FINED: \$500 HORSE PLACED 6	
JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS		
LUNA, MARVIN ALFREDO	LEXINGTON, KY	YOB 2001
ScD on 7/30/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
MILLER, DAVID S	WILMINGTON, OH	YOB 1964
ScD on 7/30/2026	FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 5	
IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE		
ScD on 7/31/2026	FINED: \$100	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
MILLER, ERVIN M	DEBARY, FL	YOB 1966
ScD on 8/4/2026	FINED: \$100	
INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION		
MILLER, LEWAYNE L	DALEVILLE, IN	YOB 1986

HoP on 7/24/2026	FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 2	
CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE		
MILLER, SUSAN MARIE Nfld on 8/3/2026	DALEVILLE, IN FINED: \$200	YOB 1998
FAILURE TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE VEST		
MOSHER, MARC G PcD on 7/27/2026	RIDLEY PARK, PA FINED: \$50	YOB 1968
NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE		
NAPOLITANO, GEORGE JR PcD on 7/25/2026	BOCA RATON, FL FINED: \$100	YOB 1966
FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE		
PENA, LUIS PcD on 7/27/2026	WINDGAP, PA FINED: \$50	YOB 1968
NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE		
PRESSEL, MIKAYLA ROSE OD on 8/5/2026	QUEEN ANNE, MD FINED: \$100	YOB 2004
LATE DRIVER CHANGE		
RAIA, FRANCIS II Stga on 8/3/2026	FORT EDWARD, NY FINED: \$100	YOB 1956
LATE DRIVER CHANGE		
SCHMUCKER, MELVIN Sid on 7/29/2026	OKEECHOBEE, FL FINED: \$100	YOB 1979
LATE DRIVER CHANGE		
SHAHAN, ROBERT R PHL on 7/26/2026	HARRINGTON, DE FINED: \$100	YOB 1953
NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE		
SMITH, JEFFREY A ScD on 8/4/2026	LEBANAON, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1959
INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION		
SVANSTEDT, AKE M on 7/17/2026	WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ FINED: \$200	YOB 1958
FAILURE TO BE PROPERLY DRESSED		
TETRICK, TIM A	WOOLWICH TWP, NJ	YOB 1981

PcD on 7/27/2026	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED		
PHL on 7/31/2026	FINED: \$200	
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED		
THARPS, THOMAS ERIC JR.	KETTERING, OH	YOB 1992
Nfld on 8/2/2026	FINED: \$200	
	HORSE PLACED 4	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION		
TORRO, KEITH D	FREEHOLD, NJ	YOB 1955
PHL on 7/30/2026	FINED: \$100	
NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE		
VALLEE, SHAUN F	JACKSON, NJ	YOB 1963
M on 8/1/2026	FINED: \$100	
LATE DRIVER CHANGE		
WATSON, WALLACE R	DRESDEN, ME	YOB 1970
CUMB on 8/1/2026	DRIVING - 2 DAYS, 8/5/2026 THRU 8/9/2026	
	HORSE PLACED 5	
CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE		
WIDGER, SAMUEL D	CLARKSVILLE, OH	YOB 1963
ScD on 8/6/2026	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED		
WITCHER, DALE L. II	TATUM, TX	YOB 1981
ScD on 7/31/2026	FINED: \$200	
LATE DRIVER CHANGE		
WRENN, RONNIE H JR.	CHAGRIN FALLS, OH	YOB 1986
Mea on 7/25/2026	FINED: \$100	
FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE		