

## FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Feb 25 - Thu, Mar 3

### PART ONE

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

**CODER, LISA MICHELLE**

**SUNBURY, OH**

**YOB 1982**

**USTA on 2/28/2022**

**DENIAL(DEN) AS OF 2/28/2022**

**USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION**

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

**COX, NANCE S**

**NAVARRE, OH**

**YOB 1959**

**USTA on 2/28/2022**

**INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/28/2022**

**USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION**

Indefinite suspension for violation of Rule 20, Section 9 - issuing a dishonored check to USTA in payment of fees.

### 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.*

**BURKE, RONALD J**

**CANONSBURG, PA**

**YOB 1969**

**Mea on 7/30/2021**

**FINED: \$1,500**

**FULL - 15 DAYS, 3/15/2022 THRU 3/29/2022**

**HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE**

**REDISTRIBUTION**

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

PA Code Title 7-203.22, 401.2 A(1).401.41, 205.33, 205.501 (14). Sample #376667 was found to contain Triamcinolone acetonide, a Class 4 drug at a level of 130.8 pg/mL. Sample was provided by #1 Fiftyfour K, who finished 1st on 7/30/2021 at the Meadows, and was trained by Mr. Burke. A request for a split sample also contained Triamcinolone acetonide at a level of 156 pg/mL. Thus, #1 Fiftyfour K is disqualified and placed eighth, the purse (\$9030) is ordered to be returned and redistributed, and Mr. Burke, trainer of record, is fined \$1500 and given a full 15 day suspension. During his suspension, Mr. Burke is denied the use and privileges of all the grounds sanctioned by the PASHRC. All horses owned and/or trainer by Mr. Burke may only be transferred through the Judges office at the Meadows. The fine and purse must be paid within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Burke has 10 days to appeal this decision to the PASHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

**CAMERON, GARY DEL II**

**HENDERSON, MD**

**YOB 1963**

**DD on 2/28/2022**

**FINED: \$200**

**FAILURE TO PASS THE BREATH ANALYZER TEST**

DHRC Licensee Gary Cameron, having had a Judge`s hearing on 3/2/2022, is fined \$200 for failing the breathalyzer test on 2/28/2022 at Dover Downs (see DHRC rule: 5.1.8.2.6). All fines to be paid within 10 days of receipt of ruling. Also, Mr. Cameron must submit to a breathalyzer test upon entering the paddock for a period of 1 year.

**CAPONE, CAMERON M** **CLARKSBURG, NJ** **YOB 1999**  
YR on 2/28/2022 FINED: \$300

**IMPROPER CONDUCT OR LANGUAGE TO AN OFFICIAL**

Mr. Capone did not conduct himself in a forthright, gentlemanly manner before the horse in his care PASSA-GRILLE BEACH entered the track for the post parade of race # 8 at Yonkers on 2/28/22. He has been fined \$ 300.00 for this violation.

**GENTILE, DAVE** **SUMMIT, IL** **YOB 1968**  
Haw on 2/26/2022 REVOCATION(REV) AS OF 2/28/2022

**FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION**

Effective February 28, 2022, the occupation license of trainer Dave Gentile is hereby revoked. Mr. Gentile failed to disclose information on his 2022 license application that would have justified the board of stewards refusing him issuance of a license.

**HAIMES, HEATHER E** **STURGIS, MS** **YOB 1973**  
Haw on 2/26/2022 INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/27/2022

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

Having failed to complete 2022 IRB licensing requirements (submit permanent application), the owners license of Heather Haimes is hereby suspended in the state of Illinois.

**HAMMER, ROGER R** **BEDFORD, PA** **YOB 1946**  
Mea on 8/1/2021 FINED: \$5,000

FULL - 180 DAYS, 3/6/2022 THRU 9/1/2022  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 4, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

*APPEALED - 3/3/2022*

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

PA Code Title 7-203.22, 401.2 A(1).401.41, 205.33, 205.501 (14). Sample #368362 was found to contain Lamatrigine, a Class 3 drug. Sample was provided by #4 My Friend Kelly, who finished 1st on 8/1/2021 at the Clearfield Fair, and was trained by Mr. Hammer. A request for a split sample also contained Lamitrigine. Thus, #4 is disqualified and unplaced (4 horse field), the purse (\$1350) is ordered to be returned and redistributed (60-30-10%), and Mr. Hammer, trainer of record, is fined \$5000 and given a full 180 day suspension. Possible mitigating circumstances has reduced the penalty suggested by ARCI Guidelines. During his suspension, Mr. Hammer is denied the use and privileges of all the grounds sanctioned by the PASHRC. All horses owned and/or trainer by Mr. hammer may only be transferred through the Judges office at the Meadows. The fine and purse must be paid within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Hammer has 10 days to appeal this decision to the PASHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

**Status as of 3/3/2022 - Appeal - RULING #22008C THE REQUEST BY ROGER HAMMER FOR AN APPEAL OF THE MEADOWS BOARD OF JUDGES RULING NO. 22014M IS HEREBY GRANTED. THE SUPERSEDEAS IS ALSO GRANTED.**

**LEONARD, CASEY LEE** **HARVARD, IL** **YOB 1977**  
Haw on 2/26/2022 FINED: \$50  
**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**  
Driver Casey Leonard is fined \$50 for failing to ensure a temporary owner applicant submit permanent application within 30 days.

**LUTHER, TODD A** **SOUTH BLOOMFIELD, OH** **YOB 1985**  
MVR on 1/19/2022 FINED: \$1,000  
FULL - 5 DAYS, 2/26/2022 THRU 3/2/2022  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION  
**LOW OR EXCESS LEVEL OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION**  
Blood sample #893423 collected at Miami Valley on 1/19/2022 from the horse SUDDEN CHANGE N was found to have the presence of Xylazine at a concentration of 250 +/- 3 picograms per milliliter of plasma, which exceeds the Regulatory Threshold of 200 picograms per milliliter of plasma. All purse money must be returned for redistribution (\$5,000.00). O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01(B)(10)&(13) 18-02 18-99. If the fine is not paid to the judges by 2/28/22 you may be suspended and/or license revoked by the commission.

**LYNCH, JASON T** **DELMAR, DE** **YOB 1989**  
DD on 2/24/2022 FINED: \$100  
**MEDICATION PROCEDURE VIOLATION**  
Trainer Jason Lynch, having waived his right to a Judge`s hearing, is fined \$100 for warming up DUBIOUS CLAIM for race 10 on 2/24/22 at Dover Downs, prior to the administration of Amicar (see DHRC ruling: 8.3.5.4). All fines to be paid within 10 days of receipt of ruling.

**MARASHIAN, MARCUS J** **WASHINGTON, PA** **YOB 1974**  
Mea on 5/22/2021  
**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**  
PA Code Title 7-203.22, 401.2A(1), 401.41, 205.33, 205.501(14). Sample #375992 was found to contain Phenylbutazone, a Class 4 drug at a level of 2.125. A request for a split sample came back at a level of 1.90. Sample #375992 was provided by #8 Dancin Rebel, who finished 4th in race 10 on 5/22/21 at the Meadows, amd was trained by MR. Marashian. Thus, #8 is disqualified and placed 8th, the purse (\$760) is ordered returned and redistributed, and Mr. Marashian, the trainer of record, is fined \$1000. The fine and purse return must be paid within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Marashian waived his rights to a hearing and an appeal.  
**Status as of 3/2/2022 - Subsequent Ruling - Ruling 22013M is hereby rescinded.**

**MARSHALL, JAMES F IV**

**BELMAR, NJ**

**YOB 1985**

**DD** on 2/24/2022

**FULL - 15 DAYS, 3/1/2022 THRU 3/15/2022**

**POSITIVE TEST - ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE TEST**

DHRC Licensee James F. Marshall IV, having had his Judge`s hearing (via phone) on 3/1/2022, is now under a 15 day FULL suspension (3/1/2022 through and including 3/15/2022) for failing a human drug test. Mr. Marshall tested positive for Marijuana-THC (See DHRC rule: 5.1.8.5.2). Mr. Marshall is responsible for the cost of the failed test (\$30.00). All appeals are due within 4 business days of receipt of ruling.

**MERRILL, BENSON C**

**CHELSEA, ME**

**YOB 1990**

**M** on 12/10/2021

**FINED: \$500**

**DRIVING - 15 DAYS, 3/1/2022 THRU 3/15/2022**

**HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE**

**REDISTRIBUTION**

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Benson Merrill was the programmed trainer of the horse "GO SANDY GO" when she raced in the 3rd race at The Meadowlands Racetrack on December 10, 2021. Following this race, "GO SANDY GO" was required to submit blood samples for analysis. A report from Industrial laboratories identified the presence of the drug Phenylbutazone above the threshold level. As a result, Mr. Benson is issued a full suspension of his NJRC license for a period of 15 days and fined the sum of \$500.00. Suspension shall begin March 1, 2022 and run through March 15, 2022 inclusive. Consistent with N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.7, the horse "GO SANDY GO" is disqualified from sharing in all purse monies earned on December 10, 2021. The fine associated with this ruling must be paid on or before March 15, 2022.

**RODRIGUEZ, MATTHEW**

**AURORA, IL**

**YOB 1992**

**Haw** on 2/25/2022

**FINED: \$50**

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION RULES**

Trainer Matt Rodriguez is fined \$50 for failure to have workers` compensation and having an ineligible individual in the Detention Barn with Mannys Too Special, winner of race 3 on February 25, 2022.

**SPAGNOLA, MARGARET E**

**STILLWATER, NY**

**YOB 1961**

**Stga** on 2/5/2022

**FINED: \$500**

**FULL - 3 DAYS, 3/7/2022 THRU 3/9/2022**

**HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 6, PURSE**

**REDISTRIBUTION**

**LOW OR EXCESS LEVEL OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION**

Ms. Spagnola was the trainer of record for YAMAKA in the 10th Race at Saratoga Harness in the 10th Race of February 5, 2022. Post race analysis of sample 3242959 showed the presence of METHOCARBAMOL above the level permitted by the Commission. Having appeared before a representative of the NYSGC and waiving her rights to a formal hearing, right to a split sample, and right to appeal, Ms. Spagnola is issued a 7 (reduced to 3) day full suspension of her license and issued a \$1,000 (reduced to \$500) fine to be served

March 7th through and including March 9, 2022. During the term of suspension, Ms. Spagnola is ruled off all grounds under the jurisdiction of the NYSGC and barred from all racing activities. No trainer transfers will be permitted. YAMAKA finished 1st and is disqualified and placed 6th. All purse monies earned shall be returned. YAMAKA shall be required to submit a negative test for the above mentioned substance prior to being permitted to race.

**SPANO, ALESSANDRO** **POMPANO BEACH, FL** **YOB 1974**  
PPk on 2/22/2022 FINED: \$100

**UNSATISFACTORY DRIVE - CARELESSNESS**

In the 5th race on 2/22/22, while driving Send It In Jerome, Mr. Spano leaned back in the sulky dragging his whip, driving in a unprofessional manner. Mr. Spano is fined \$100. All fines are due within 7.

**PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS**

**BARKER, SHAWN D II** **CHILlicothe, OH** **YOB 1991**  
MVR on 2/21/2022 FINED: \$300

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 3/1/2022 THRU 3/3/2022

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Driver Shawn Barker II is hereby fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and issued a three day driving suspension (3/1/2022 thru 3/3/2022) for violation of Ohio State Racing Commission Rule 3769-17-17(B). While driving No. 5 HOT SHOT MCJEFFERS in the eleventh race on February 21, 2022 at Miami Valley, Mr. Barker used more than his wrist and elbow during the final quarter of the mile. If the fine is not paid to the judges by 3/10/2022 you may be suspended and or license revoked by the OSRC.

**DUBE, DANIEL** **MILLSTONE, NJ** **YOB 1969**  
YR on 3/2/2022 FINED: \$250

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

While driving # 4 IM THE MUSCLE in race # 6 at Yonkers on 3/2/22 Mr. Dube did use his whip outside the confines of the sulky in the stretch drive. He has been fined \$ 250.00 for this infraction. Any further violations in this chapter will result in a higher fine and a suspension.

**JOHNSTON, SHAWN P** **EVANS CITY, PA** **YOB 1993**  
Mea on 2/25/2022 FINED: \$200

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

PA Code Title 7-205.409 (C). While driving #5 Bar Harbor during the third quarter of race 1 on 2/25/22 at the Meadows, Mr. Johnston did whip the horse using other wrist and elbow action. Mr. Johnston is fined \$200 which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Johnston has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania SHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

**MELE, PETER J** **YONKERS, NY** **YOB 1963**  
MR on 2/24/2022  
FINED: \$500  
DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 2/28/2022 THRU 3/2/2022

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Peter Mele driver of #6 "SIR MACHALOT" in the 3rd Race at Monticello Raceway on February 24, 2022 is hereby fined the sum of \$500 and suspended (driving privileges only) for 3 days February 28, 2022 through March 3, 2022 (inclusive) for using the whip in an excessive manner using more than wrist and elbow action in the stretch. (3rd violation in a 365 day period) Further violations of this nature will result in greater penalty.

**PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES**

**BAKO, JARED W** **GUELPH, ON** **YOB 1993**  
PcD on 2/27/2022  
FINED: \$100  
**NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE**

**BARTLETT, JASON JAMES** **GOSHEN, NY** **YOB 1981**  
YR on 3/1/2022  
FINED: \$100  
**KICKING A HORSE**

**BRENNAN, GEORGE** **FREEHOLD, NJ** **YOB 1967**  
YR on 3/1/2022  
FINED: \$100  
**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**BURKE, RONALD J** **CANONSBURG, PA** **YOB 1969**  
Nfld on 2/27/2022  
FINED: \$100  
**HORSE LATE TO THE PADDOCK**

**CLEGG, BETTY JO** **NORTHFIELD, OH** **YOB 1973**  
Nfld on 2/16/2022  
FINED: \$50  
**FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OR PROPER DECLARATION INFORMATION**

**DEATON, TIMOTHY J** **LEBANON, OH** **YOB 1996**  
Nfld on 2/27/2022  
FINED: \$350  
HORSE PLACED 8  
*APPEALED - 3/1/2022*  
**INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK**

**DILLON, BRITNEY L** **GREENVILLE, MI** **YOB 1980**  
Haw on 1/14/2022  
FINED: \$200  
**OTHER**

**HALL, TONY A** **HAMILTON, OH** **YOB 1978**

MVR on 2/21/2022	FINED: \$350 HORSE PLACED 9	
<b>INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK</b>		
<b>HARMON, ROBERT W</b> Stga on 2/28/2022 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	<b>MILFORD, PA</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1969</b>
<b>KERO, FRANK</b> Fhld on 2/25/2022 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION	<b>EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ</b> FINED: \$250	<b>YOB 1946</b>
<b>LONG, CHRIS H</b> Stga on 2/26/2022	<b>SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY</b> DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 3/3/2022 THRU 3/5/2022 HORSE PLACED 2	<b>YOB 1967</b>
<b>CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER</b>		
<b>MAPES, JOEY DEAN</b> Nfld on 2/26/2022	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 5	<b>YOB 1983</b>
<b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>		
<b>MILLER, DAVID S</b> PPk on 2/15/2022 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	<b>CREAM RIDGE, NJ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1964</b>
<b>POLHEMUS, MICHAEL</b> Fhld on 2/19/2022 FAILURE TO WEAR/SECURE HELMET	<b>LAKEHURST, NJ</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1958</b>
<b>PORFILIO, SANTIAGO N</b> Nfld on 2/16/2022 FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OR PROPER DECLARATION INFORMATION	<b>WASHINGTON, PA</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1996</b>
<b>SIEGELMAN, AUSTIN T</b> YR on 3/2/2022 OTHER	<b>KINGSTON, PA</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1992</b>
<b>WARREN, RIDGE J</b> Mea on 2/24/2022	<b>WAYNESBURG, PA</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 6	<b>YOB 1988</b>
<b>INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK</b>		
<b>WOLFE, CASEY M</b> MVR on 2/21/2022	<b>TOLEDO, OH</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1979</b>

## **DELAYING THE START**