

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Nov 25 - Thu, Dec 1

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.

BONGIORNO, JENNIFER L
PHL on 10/14/2022

ALPINE, NJ **YOB 1990**
FINED: \$1,000
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, 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) Ms. Bongiorno was the trainer of the horse BOSTON for the 10th race on October 14, 2022, at Harrah's Philadelphia. Blood samples drawn (post-race) from BOSTON were tested and found to contain Triamcinolone Acetonide. As the trainer, Ms. Bongiorno is responsible for the positive test. BOSTON finished 1st but has been disqualified. Purse money earned (\$7,200) by BOSTON must be returned within ten days of this ruling. Ms. Bongiorno is fined \$1,000 (fines are due within ten days of ruling). Appeals are due within ten days of 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 Salerno

ERZENE, MELISSA
M on 9/27/2022

BORDENTOWN, NJ **YOB 1969**
FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

THE FINE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS RULING MUST BE PD. BY OCT. 27, 2022.

FURINO, CALVIN F
PcD on 9/21/2022

BELLEVILLE, NJ **YOB 1956**
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
12/30/2022

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

Mr. Furino has failed to complete his licensing requirements for 2022. He is fined \$50.00 and is suspended indefinitely starting on 11/19/2022.

Status as of 12/1/2022 - Subsequent Ruling - Restored to good standing.

GALLIERS, BRADY E

DEFIANCE, OH

YOB 1995

ScD on 8/10/2022

FINED: \$1,000
FULL - 30 DAYS, 12/2/2022 THRU 12/31/2022
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

OSRC-3769-18-01-B(1,10,13,15,16). 18-02, 17-43. Blood sample #906247 was tested by the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture ATL and was found to contain, Caffeine, a Class 2 drug, at a concentration level of 1612 nanograms per milliliter of plasma, which exceeds the regulatory threshold of 100 nanograms per milliliter of plasma, that was adopted by the OSRC. Sample #906247 was collected from #4 Annie Way Possible, who finished 1st in race 12 on 8/10/22 at Scioto Downs, and was trained by Mr. Galliers. Thus, #4 is disqualified and placed 8th, the purse (\$6000) is ordered returned and redistributed, Mr. Galliers is fined \$1000, and given a full 30 day suspension (2nd offense in 365 days) from 9/18/2022-10/17/2022. During his suspension, Mr. Galliers is denied the use and privileges of all the grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. All horses owned and/or trained by Mr. Galliers may only be transferred through the Judges office at Scioto Downs or by the OSRC. The fine and purse must be paid within 10 days

Status as of 11/26/2022 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Galliers has withdrawn his appeal of ruling 22-DAY-110 and will serve his 30 day full suspension from December 2 through December 31, 2022. During his suspension, Mr. Galliers is denied the use and privileges of all the grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. HIS \$1000 fine must be paid and the purse(\$6000) must be returned to Scioto Downs, both by December 1st, 2022.

HUCKABONE, CLAUDE L III

UTICA, NY

YOB 1974

M on 9/7/2022

FINED: \$100

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

THE FINE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS RULING MUST BE PD. BY OCT. 4, 2022.

MCCOWN, CAMERON L

OSTRANDER, OH

YOB 1988

DTN on 11/17/2022

FINED: \$1,000

FIGHTING

OSRC 3769-12-26-A(10), 3769-17-11-A(5 & 6). For his part of an altercation (retaliation) with another driver following race 9 on 11/17/22 at Dayton Raceway, Mr. McCown is fined \$1000 and given a 5 day full suspension (11/26/22-11/30/22). Should Mr. McCown choose not to appeal this decision, his penalty will be reduced to just a \$1000 fine. During his suspension, Mr. McCown is denied the use and privileges of all the grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. Mr. McCown is placed on probation through 2023 knowing that any action similar to this will result in a longer suspension and/or possible revocation of his OSRC license. Mr. McCown has 10 days to pay his fine. Mr. McCown has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

Status as of 11/26/2022 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. McCown did not appeal his penalty so the penalty is reduced to just the \$1000 fine.

NAPOLITANO, ANTHONY J
PcD on 9/19/2022

NESCOPECK, PA
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF
11/25/2022

YOB 1981

FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)

PA Title7-205.502 Mr. Napolitano failed to pay the fine of \$200.00 for ruling #22110PD. He is suspended indefinitely starting on 11/25/2022.

RYDER, CHRISTOPHER J
M on 9/27/2022

ALLENTOWN, NJ
FINED: \$100

YOB 1955

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

THE FINE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS RULING MUST BE PD. BY OCT. 27, 2022

SMITH, JEFFREY A
DTN on 11/17/2022

WASHINGTON C.H., OH
FINED: \$1,000

YOB 1959

FIGHTING

OSRC 3769-12-26-A(10), 3769-17-29-A(5 & 6). Mr. Smith engaged in an altercation with another licensee in the paddock following the 9th race on 11/17/22 at Dayton Raceway. Mr. Smith is fined \$1000 and given a full 5 day suspension (11/26/22-11/30/22). Should Mr. Smith choose not to appeal this decision, his penalty will be reduced to just the \$1000 fine. During his suspension, Mr. Smith is denied the use and privileges of all grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. Mr. Smith is placed on probation through 2023 knowing that any similar actions would result in a larger suspension and/or revocation of his OSRC license. Mr. Smith has 10 days to pay his fine. Mr. Smith has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

Status as of 11/26/2022 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Smith did not appeal his penalty so the penalty is reduced to just the \$1000 fine.

SMITH, TREVOR GENE
DTN on 11/17/2022

WASHINGTON CH, OH
FINED: \$1,000
FULL - 10 DAYS, 11/26/2022 THRU 12/5/2022

YOB 1996

FIGHTING

OSRC 3769-12-26-A(10), 3769-17-29-A(5 & 6). Following race 9 on 11/17/22 at Dayton Raceway, Mr. Smith was the aggressor and instigator of an altercation with another driver. Mr. Smith is fined \$1000 and given a full 20 day suspension (11/26/22-12/15/22). Should Mr. Smith choose not to appeal this decision, his full suspension will be reduced to a 10 day full suspension (11/26/22-12/05/22) and a \$1000 fine. During his suspension, Mr. Smith is denied the use and privileges of all grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. Mr. Smith is placed on probation through 2023 knowing that any actions similar to this will result in a longer suspension and/or possible revocation of his OSRC license. Mr. Smith has 10 days to pay his fine. Mr. Smith has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

Status as of 11/26/2022 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Smith did not appeal his penalty so his penalty is reduced to a \$1000 fine and a 10 day full suspension (11/26/22 through 12/05/22. During his suspension, Mr. Smith is denied the use and privileges of all the grounds sanctioned by the OSRC.

SODANO, JUSTIN M
PRc on 11/17/2022

MONTGOMERY, NY **YOB 1996**
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
11/25/2022

FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)

USTA Rule 22.00 S22.01. The Massachusetts license No.26115 of Trainer Justin Sodano, is hereby suspended indefinitely for failure to pay a previous fine for a bounced check for licenses on 10/28/2017, Ruling No.0189-22. This is a full suspension. Upon restitution of the bounced check in the amount of \$70.00 in addition to the bounced check fee of \$25.00 Mr. Sodano`s license will be reinstated. Checks must be made out to the Commonwealth of Mass.

Status as of 11/25/2022 - Subsequent Ruling - 205 CMR 3.00 The Massachusetts Driver/Trainer License No.26115 of Justin Sodano is hereby reinstated and has been restored to good standing.

THARPS, DEVON J
DTN on 11/23/2022

LEBANON, OH **YOB 1993**
FINED: \$250

OFFENSIVE/PROFANE LANGUAGE

OSRC 3769-17-29-A(7). Mr. Tharps used profane language to a racing official following the 5th race on 11/23/22 at Dayton Raceway. Mr. Tharps is fined \$500 which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Should Mr. Tharps choose not to appeal this decision, his fine will be reduced to \$250. Mr. Tharps has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

Status as of 12/1/2022 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Tharps did not appeal his ruling so his fine has been reduced to \$250.

VAMVILIS, NICHOLAS P
MR on 9/27/2022

SOMERS, CT **YOB 1961**
FINED: \$500
FULL - 15 DAYS, 12/11/2022 THRU 12/25/2022
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Nicholas Vamvilis as trainer of record for the horse "Southwind Pinaclda" winner of the 2nd race on September 27, 2022, is hereby suspended for 30 days and fined \$1,000.00. Post-Race analysis of the sample submitted resulted in a positive finding for TESTOSTERONE at a level higher than allowable threshold of 100 pg/ml. "Southwind Pinaclda" finished 1st is hereby disqualified and placed un-placed. All purse monies paid must be returned and redistributed. Having appeared before a representative of the NYSGC and waived the right to a formal hearing and appeal the suspension is hereby reduced to 15 days and the fine is reduced to \$500.00. "Southwind Pinaclda" 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.Vamvilis will be denied the privilege of and access to all grounds under the supervision of the NYSGC. All horses owned or trained by Mr. Vamvil

YORK, MITCHELL L
Bdfd on 7/21/2022

CRANBERRY, PA **YOB 1971**
FULL - 15 DAYS, 11/21/2022 THRU 12/5/2022
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 4, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

PA Code Title 7-203.22, 205.501(14), 401.2(a)(1), 401.41 Sample #384164 tested by the PA Equine Toxicology & Research Laboratory was found to contain Lamotrigine, a Class 3 drug at a level of 216.8 ± 9.2 pg/mL in the blood. Sample was provided by No. 3 GITCHYGITCHYGoo, who finished first in race 10 on 7/21/2022 at the Bedford County Fair and was trained by Mitchell York. Mr. York waived his right to request a split sample. A hearing was conducted in the judges' office at the Meadows on September 8, 2022 resulting in the following penalties: No. 3 GITCHYGITCHYGoo is disqualified from all purse monies and placed last, the purse money (\$1,350.00) from that race is ordered to be returned and redistributed. Mr. York, trainer of record, is fined \$1000.00 and issued a 15-day full suspension beginning September 26, 2022 through October 10, 2022 (inclusive). During the period of this suspension, Mr. York is denied access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania SHRC. The fine a

Status as of 12/1/2022 - Subsequent Ruling - RULING# 22049C The Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing, has received written notification that Mitchell L. York has withdrawn his appeal of the Bedford County Fair Ruling No. 22002F issued by the Meadows Board of Judges. The originally imposed 15-day suspension shall begin November 21, 2022 through and including December 5, 2022. The horse shall remain disqualified and any purse money earned shall be returned and redistributed. The fine of \$1,000 has been satisfied and the appeal bond of \$750 shall be returned.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

INDOF, JEREMY F
Mea on 11/16/2022

BELLE VERNON, PA **YOB 1996**
DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 12/1/2022 THRU 12/3/2022

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) While driving No. 2 IRISH DAYDREAM in race 1 on 11/16/2022 at the Meadows, Mr. Indof did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action while in the stretch. Mr. Indof is suspended, from driving only, for three days beginning Thursday, December 1, 2022 through December 3, 2022. Mr. Indof has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania SHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

ROBERTS, JONATHAN W
RcR on 11/22/2022

HARRINGTON, DE **YOB 1981**
FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Driver Jonathan Roberts is fined \$200.00 for excessive use of the whip while driving COMPASSROSE DE VIE in the 6th race on November 22nd, 2022 at Rosecroft Raceway. This is Mr. Robert's second offense of the meet. All fines are due within 10 days of ruling or

Maryland Racing Commission licensee will be suspended until payment is received.
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SEARS, BRIAN J **SECAUCUS, NJ** **YOB 1968**
M on 9/16/2022
FINED: \$500
DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 10/10/2022 THRU 10/14/2022
EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP
The fin associated with this ruling must be paid by 10/14/2022.

STILLWELL, JACOB T **FREEHOLD, NJ** **YOB 1999**
M on 9/16/2022
FINED: \$500
DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 10/12/2022 THRU 10/16/2022
EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP
THE FINE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FINE MUST BE PD. BY OCT. 16, 2022.

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

ADAMS, BREWER **HAVERHILL, MA** **YOB 1975**
DTN on 11/29/2022
FINED: \$300
FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION

AHLE, JOHNATHAN P **MANCHESTER, NJ** **YOB 1997**
M on 9/10/2022
FINED: \$300
JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS

ALEXANDER, TRAVIS M **LINDEN, MI** **YOB 1979**
M on 11/12/2022
FINED: \$200
LEAVING HORSE UNATTENDED

ALLARD, SIMON **PITTSTON, PA** **YOB 1982**
PHL on 11/17/2022
FINED: \$200
FAILURE TO MAINTAIN REASONABLE CONTROL OF THE HORSE

ANDREWS, JOLENE M **NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA** **YOB 1976**
PRc on 11/25/2022
FINED: \$100
LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN

ANNUNZIATA, MICHAEL **MAHOPAC, NY** **YOB 1977**
M on 11/11/2022
FINED: \$300
FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL

BITTLE, BRETT DOUGLAS **ALLENTOWN, NJ** **YOB 1964**
M on 9/9/2022
FINED: \$100
DELAYING THE START

BUCCI, RICKY A M on 11/5/2022 FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL	CAMPBELL HALL, NY FINED: \$300	YOB 1959
BURKE, RONALD J DTN on 11/25/2022 INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION	CANONSBURG, PA FINED: \$50	YOB 1969
CLEGG, NICK A Nfld on 11/22/2022 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1974
DALEY, NOEL M M on 11/12/2022 FAILURE TO REPORT EQUIPMENT CHANGE	CHESTERFIELD, NJ FINED: \$200	YOB 1961
DAVIS, BILLY J JR Nfld on 11/27/2022 TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK	GUELPH, ON FINED: \$100	YOB 1986
DERUE, BRETT D Stga on 11/28/2022 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	QUEENSBURY, NY FINED: \$100	YOB 1985
EISENHOWER, JOSEPH M SR. RcR on 11/17/2022 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN	SEWELL, NJ FINED: \$100	YOB 1951
GINGRAS, YANNICK YR on 11/28/2022 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE	ALLENTOWN, NJ DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 11/29/2022 THRU 12/1/2022	YOB 1979
GORDON, TIMOTHY CaIX on 10/6/2017 OTHER	SPURCE GROVE, AB RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 11/18/2022	YOB 1978
HIGH, KEVIN D DTN on 11/30/2022 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	PORTLAND, IN FINED: \$100	YOB 1963
KILLEEN, JACK J Mea on 11/23/2022	WASHINGTON, PA FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 8	YOB 2000

INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK

LUPTON, JAMES L DTN on 11/30/2022 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION	MT GILEAD, OH FINED: \$300	YOB 1974
NEILL, DREW D DTN on 11/25/2022 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	DELAWARE, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1999
PANTALEANO, CHRISTEN M Mea on 11/22/2022 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION	CANONSBURG, PA FINED: \$500	YOB 1975
STAHL, RYAN R Nfld on 11/27/2022 TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK	REPUBLIC, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1978
THARPS, DEVON J DTN on 11/29/2022 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	LEBANON, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1993
THARPS, THOMAS ERIC JR. Nfld on 11/16/2022 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION Nfld on 11/21/2022 TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK	KETTERING, OH FINED: \$100 FINED: \$100	YOB 1992
WIDGER, SAMUEL D HoP on 11/25/2022 INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK	BEECHER, IL FINED: \$200	YOB 1963
WOLFENDEN, ROSS T DD on 11/23/2022 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	FELTON, DE FINED: \$100	YOB 1963
WRENN, RONNIE H JR. Nfld on 11/21/2022 TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK	CHAGRIN FALLS, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1986