

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Dec 22 - Thu, Dec 28

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, Section 13 and 14 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 those published penalties.

Please note that the following action is in an abbreviated form. Further information may be available by contacting the Racing Commissions or their representatives.

EMERSON, HARLEY

Lex on 12/19/2017

GOLCONDA, IL

**RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES)
AS OF 12/19/2017**

YOB 1941

OTHER

GEORGES, JOHN BRIAN

DTN on 11/10/2017

WILMINGTON, OH

**FINED: \$500
FULL - 15 DAYS, 12/26/2017 THRU
1/9/2018**

YOB 1977

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Dayton Raceway - Tr. J. BRIAN GEORGES is hereby fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and issued a full fifteen day full suspension from December 26, 2017 through January 9, 2018 (inclusive) for violation of OSRC Rule 3769-18.01(A)(2), 3769-18-01(B)(1),3769-18-01(B)(15-16-17),3769-18-02 & 3769-18-99. Blood Sample #845859 on horse TURBO MACH tested by the Analytical Toxicology Laboratory at the Ohio Department of Agriculture on November 30, 2017 revealed a presence of Cobalt. The Cobalt concentration in the blood sample was determined to be at 70 + 2(ppb) of plasma. This exceeds the regulatory threshold of 25 parts per billion adopted by the OSRC. In addition, all purse monies for TURBO MACH must be returned and redistributed.

KONRAD, EDWARD M

Nfld on 12/3/2017

WESTLAND, MI

**FINED: \$500
FULL - 15 DAYS, 12/31/2017 THRU**

YOB 1964

1/14/2018

**HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION**

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Blood sample #833443 collected at Northfield Park on 12/3/17 from the horse Ruthless Call was found to contain cobalt at a concentration of 77+-6 parts per billion (ppb) of plasma. This exceeds the Regulatory Threshold of 25 parts per billion (ppb) adopted by the OSRC. All purse money must be returned (\$2,400.00) for redistribution. Ruthless Call is on the Veterinarians List until he tests below 25 parts per billion concentration of cobalt in the plasma or serum. O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01(A)(2) 18-01(B)(1),(10),(13),(16)&(17) 18-02 18-99 17-30(B) 17-33(A)&(B) 17-43 Subject is barred from all tracks governed by the OSRC during his suspension. Any horse in subject's care that he wants to transfer to another owner or trainer must be approved by the judges or the OSRC.

SURICK, NICK

Fhld on 10/21/2017

JACKSON, NJ

FINED: \$500

FULL - 15 DAYS, 12/18/2017 THRU
1/1/2018

YOB 1988

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Nick Surick was the programmed trainer of the horse "Stimulus Plan" which raced in the fourth race on October 21, 2017 at Freehold Raceway. Following the fourth race on October 21, 2017, the horse "Stimulus Plan" was required to submit blood and urine samples for analysis. A report from Truesdail laboratories of the samples taken from the horse "Stimulus Plan" disclosed the presence of Flunixin above the allowable limits (20ng/ML), which was confirmed by a split sample analysis. The horse "Stimulus Plan" finished 1st and has been disqualified. All purse monies earned by "Stimulus Plan" on October 21, 2017 must be returned to the horseman's bookkeeper and redistributed accordingly. As a result, Mr. Surick is hereby fined the sum of five-hundred (\$500.00) dollars and issued a 15 day full suspension of his New Jersey Racing Commission license which will begin on December 18, 2017 and run through January 1, 2018 inclusive. During the period of suspension, Mr. Surick is denied the priv

TAYLOR, STEPHANIE M

Nfld on 12/2/2017

HUDSON, OH

FINED: \$250

**YOB
UNKN**

FULL - 10 DAYS, 12/17/2017 THRU
12/26/2017

POSITIVE TEST - ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE TEST

Human urine sample #202624081 collected at Mahoning Valley on 12/2/17 from Stephanie Taylor was found to contain Benzodiazepines. O.S.R.C.-3769-18-09(C)&(D) 18-09(F)(1) Subject is barred from all grounds governed by the OSRC during her suspension.

VUMBACA, PETE
PHL on 12/17/2017

CREAMRIDGE, NJ **YOB 1948**
FINED: \$5,000
FULL - 1096 DAYS, 12/30/2017 THRU
12/29/2020
OTHER(AAL99) AS OF 12/30/2017
APPEALED - 12/27/2017

OTHER

PA CODE 58- 183.342 183.255(7) 183.255(10) 183.255(14) 183.268(3) Mr. Vumbaca was the owner/trainer of the horse QUICK FUN N in race 4 on 12/17/2017 at Harrah`s Philadelphia. QUICK FUN N was claimed from this race. Mr. Vumbaca reacted to the claim in a most unprofessional and heinous manner by erupting in a cursing tirade in the paddock. Before delivering the horse to the new owner, Mr. Vumbaca used a marker to write racial slurs on the horse`s halter in 3 areas. These racial slurs are so offensive that decorum prohibits them from being written into this ruling. Mr. Vumbaca`s actions and language were offensive and a detriment to racing. Mr. Vumbaca is issued a three (3) year full suspension (12/30/2017 up to and including 12/29/2020), a \$5,000 fine, and a lifetime ban from participating in claiming races in any manner. Before being considered for any PHRC license in the future, Mr. Vumbaca must complete a sensitivity training program (at his expense) that is approved by the judges or PHRC. **Status as of 12/27/2017 - Appeal - Ruling # 17091C The request by Pete Vumbaca for an appeal of Harrah's Philadelphia Judges Ruling No. 17229CD is here by GRANTED. The supersedeas is also GRANTED.**

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

BATESON, GREGORY V
Nfld on 12/10/2017

TOLEDO, OH
FINED: \$300

YOB 1966

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

LATE TO THE PADDOCK Nfld on 12/20/2017 LATE TO THE PADDOCK	FINED: \$50	
LOUGH, TYLOR J DTN on 12/19/2017 IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE	JAMESTOWN, OH FINED: \$100	YOB 1987
MERRIMAN, AARON EDWARD Nfld on 12/20/2017 LATE TO THE PADDOCK	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$300	YOB 1978
MILLER, BRETT A M on 12/15/2017 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION M on 12/16/2017 TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK	JOBSTOWN, NJ FINED: \$100 FINED: \$100	YOB 1973
MONGIELLO, BRANDON L Fhld on 12/8/2017 OTHER	MANALAPAN, NJ FINED: \$50	YOB 1992
PANTALEANO, JAMES R Mea on 12/18/2017 KICKING A HORSE	CANONSBURG, PA FINED: \$250	YOB 1962
SCHILLACI, SAMUEL J Nfld on 12/19/2017 LATE TO THE PADDOCK	MACEDONIA, OH FINED: \$50	YOB 1962
SMITH, JEREMY R DTN on 12/21/2017 CARRY A HORSE OUT DTN on 12/21/2017 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	WASHINGTON CH, OH FINED: \$100 FINED: \$150	YOB 1980
THARPS, THOMAS ERIC JR. Nfld on 12/16/2017 LATE TO THE PADDOCK Nfld on 12/16/2017	KETTERING, OH FINED: \$50 FINED: \$100	YOB 1992

JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS