

# FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Feb 1 - Thu, Feb 7

## 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.*

**CONKLIN, DR. AMANDA**

**Mea** on 1/23/2019

**PROSPERITY, PA**

**FINED: \$1,000**

**YOB UNKN**

### **CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE BEST INTEREST OF HORSE RACING**

PA Code Title 58-183.336,183.356. Dr. Conklin treated two horses with Shockwave Therapy at The Meadows on January 23, 2019. At the time of treatment, she was informed by the trainer of each horse that they would be entered to race at The Meadows for the card on January 29, 2019. This is a violation of the Shockwave Treatment rules set forth by the Commission, as a horse is not permitted to race until 7 days after treatment. These treatments resulted in the horses being scratched by the Judges. Dr. Conklin is hereby issued a \$1,000 fine for failing to follow proper Shockwave Treatment procedure. Further violations of this nature will result in greater penalties. The fine is due by February 9, 2019. Dr. Conklin has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

**HENNESSEY, SANDRA D**

**Nfld** on 10/6/2018

**GRAND BLANC, MI**

**FINED: \$1,000**

**YOB 1959**

**HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE REDISTRIBUTION**

### **POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Ms. Hennessey has dropped her appeal of ruling NFLD-2018-238 and accepts the penalty. All purse money must be returned for redistribution (\$20,000.00). O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01(B)(10)&(13) 18-02 18-99 If the fine is not paid to the judges by 2/6/19 you may be suspended and or license revoked by the commission. If the purse money is not returned by 2/6/19 the owner or owners shall stand suspended until all purse money has been returned to the permit holder. Horses owned wholly or in part by the owner or owners shall also be suspended and are not transferable until purse money is returned.

**JOHNSON, JOHN M**

**Mea** on 1/3/2019

**GLEN ELLYN, IL**

**RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF  
2/5/2019**

**YOB 1969**

### **FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Code Title 58-183.266,183.267(8). Mr. Johnson failed to complete his licensing requirements in Pennsylvania in a timely manner. He is hereby issued a \$50 fine, which is due by January 18, 2019. Mr. Johnson is hereby suspended indefinitely beginning January 8, 2019, until such time he completes his licensing requirements. During the term of suspension, Mr. Johnson is banned from all racing activities otherwise permitted if properly licensed by the Commission. Mr. Johnson has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania State

Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.  
**Status as of 2/5/2019 - Subsequent Ruling - PA Code Title 58-183.269. Having completed his licensing requirements and paying his fine, Mr. Johnson is hereby restored to good standing in Pennsylvania as of February 5, 2019.**

**JONES, DANIEL T** **LEWIS CENTER, OH** **YOB 1963**  
**MVR** on 2/1/2019 **FINED: \$50**  
**FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION**  
Miami Valley Gaming - O.S.R.C 3769-17-42.(C) Trainer DANIEL JONES is hereby fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a violation of Ohio State Racing Commission Rule 3769-17-42.(C). Mr. Jones's check dated January 6, 2019 made out to OSRC for a fine was returned due to non-sufficient funds.

**KLEINHANS, PETER** **FLEMINGTON, NJ** **YOB 1965**  
**HoP** on 10/9/2018 **INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 2/4/2019**  
**OTHER**  
71 IAC 5-1-1(a)(1) Mr. Kleinhans failed to complete the proper licensing requirements for Indiana. He is therefore issued an indefinite suspension from 2/04/2019 until such time he completes the licensing requirements.

**PEPIN, LOUISE** **CLARKSBURG, NJ** **YOB 1966**  
**M** on 12/27/2018 **FINED: \$500**  
**FULL - 15 DAYS, 1/19/2019 THRU 2/2/2019**  
**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**  
Louise Pepin was the programmed trainer of the horse DOWN UNDER MATTER when it competed in the 3rd race on Thursday, December 27, 2018. The horse, DOWN UNDER MATTER, finished 1st in the 3rd race on Thursday, December 27, 2018 and as result, was required to submit blood and urine samples for analysis. The blood sample collected from the horse DOWN UNDER MATTER on Thursday, December 27, 2018 identified the presence of the prohibited substance Dexamethasone. The presence Dexamethasone in the horse DOWN UNDER MATTER is in direct violation of the New Jersey Racing Commission rule N.J.A.C.13:71-23.1. Consistent with N.J.A.C.13:71-23.7, the horse DOWN UNDER MATTER is hereby disqualified from sharing in the purse from the 3rd race on Thursday, December 27, 2018. The purse is hereby ordered to be redistributed among the remaining finishers.

**SAMMONS, M LYNNE** **COLUMBUS GROVE, OH** **YOB 1959**  
**Mea** on 7/17/2018 **REVOCATION(REV) AS OF 1/31/2019**  
**OTHER**  
RULING# 19002C On January 24, 2019, additional documentation was provided to Meadows Race Track investigators which, upon review, proves that Meredith Sammons was not fully forthcoming and truthful in her under oath statement to Meadows investigators regarding her criminal past. This falsification is in violation of PA Code Title 58 § 185.33(2)(vi). Additionally, due the volume, and nature of the criminal activity, the State Horse Racing Commission (Commission) cites Act 114, Section 9323 (g.1)(6)(i)(ii), and determines that Ms. Sammons does not demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence to be a person of good character, honesty and integrity. Therefore, as is its right under 9323 (g.1), the Commission hereby REVOKES the license of Meredith Sammons. Please note that you have the right to appeal this decision in writing to the State Horse Racing Commission within ten (10) days after notice of this decision as set forth in 58 Pa. Code §§ 183.404 (a). The mailing address for an appeal

**STRATTON, PETER T** **WASHINGTON, PA** **YOB 1959**  
**Mea** on 1/22/2019 **FINED: \$1,000**

**POSITIVE TEST- PRE RACE**

PA Code Title 58-183.336,183.351,183.355,183.357. Mr. Stratton was the trainer of record for DAKOTA SLEEK which was programmed to race in the 3rd Race at The Meadows on January 22, 2019. DAKOTA SLEEK failed the pre-race blood gas test. The horse was scratched and is placed on the Steward's List through and including February 20, 2019. Mr. Stratton is hereby issued a \$1,000 fine and a 30 day full suspension of his license beginning February 12, 2019 through and including March 13, 2019. During the term of suspension, Mr. Stratton is ruled off all grounds under the jurisdiction of the PSHRC. Any trainer transfers must be approved by the Judges at The Meadows. The fine is due by March 13, 2019. Mr. Stratton has 10 days to appeal this decision to the PSHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

**SURICK, NICK**

Fhld on 12/20/2018

**JACKSON, NJ**

FULL - INDEFINITELY AS OF 12/20/2018

**YOB 1988****REFUSAL TO COOPERATE WITH AUTHORITIES DURING AN INVESTIGATION**

Trainer Nick Surick is hereby issued a full suspension of his New Jersey Racing Commission license effective immediately as of December 20, 2018 for failure to cooperate with an ongoing investigation being conducted by the investigative staff of the New Jersey Racing Commission and for failure to appear for a hearing with the Board of Judges at Freehold Raceway on December 20, 2018. This is in direct violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-26.7, as well as others. Said suspension will remain in effect until Mr. Surick appears for a hearing and fully cooperates with the requirements of the investigation. Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-7.29(a)1, 3 Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.12 Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.15 Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-26.7

**Status as of 12/28/2018 - Amendment - The New Jersey Racing Commission license of trainer Nick Surick is hereby reinstated. Mr. Surick has complied with the conditions set forth in Ruling 18FRE79. Mr. Surick will remain in good standing pending the outcome of an ongoing investigation by the New Jersey Racing Commission.**

**VER HAGE, RYAN M**

Nfld on 12/14/2018

**ORLEANS, MI**

FINED: \$500

**YOB 1991****CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE BEST INTEREST OF HORSE RACING**

Mr. Ver Hage has dropped his appeal of ruling NFLD-2019-013 and accepts the penalty. O.S.R.C.-3769-12-26(A)(5)(10) & (12) 12-99 If the fine is not paid to the judges by 2/9/19 you may be suspended and or license revoked by the commission.

**WHITE, STEPHEN K**

Mea on 1/28/2019

**CLARKSVILLE, PA**

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 2/6/2019

**YOB 1971****FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)**

PA Code Title 58-183.361,183.391. Mr. White failed to pay his fine and return the purse money as ordered in Ruling number 18092M. Mr. White is hereby issued an indefinite suspension of his license beginning January 28, 2019 until such time he pays his outstanding fine and purse return as ordered in Ruling number 18092M. During the term of his suspension, Mr. White is banned from all racing activities otherwise permitted if properly licensed and in good standing with the Commission.

**Status as of 2/7/2019 - Subsequent Ruling - PA Code Title 58-183.269. Having paid his outstanding fine and purse redistribution, Mr. White is hereby restored to good standing in Pennsylvania as of February 6, 2019.**

**WILSON, ALEXIS**

MVR on 1/2/2019

**HAMILTON, OH**

FINED: \$100

**YOB UNKN****FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION**

Miami Valley Raceway O.S.R.C 3769-12-26-(A)(7) Mutuel Clerk ALEXIS WILSON is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of Ohio State Racing Commission Rule 3769-12-26(A)(7). On her 2019 Ohio State Racing Commission License Application Ms. Wilson failed to list her prior arrest record. All fines are due within forty-eight hours of the date of this ruling.

**ABBATIELLO, ERIC L** **EAST WINDSOR, NJ** **YOB 1968**  
Fhd on 1/26/2019 FINED: \$300

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Driver Eric Abbatiello is hereby fined the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars. While driving #1 "HILARIOUS HANDSOME" in the 2nd race on Saturday, January 26, 2019, Mr. Abbatiello did use the whip in an excessive, unnecessary, and indiscriminate manner (one-handed whipping) at start. Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-20.15

**MACDONALD, JOHN A** **POMPANO BEACH, FL** **YOB 1982**  
PPk on 2/4/2019 FINED: \$100

**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

On 2/4/2019 Mr. MacDonald did violate the whipping rule. Fines are due within 7 days of the action date.

**BONGIORNO, JOSEPH R** **MANALAPAN, NJ** **YOB 1993**  
Fhd on 1/12/2019 FINED: \$25

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

Fhd on 1/12/2019 FINED: \$25

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**CAMERON, ARLENE E** **LITTLESTOWN, PA** **YOB 1964**  
Fhd on 2/1/2019 FINED: \$250

**FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION**

**FARMER, BILLY M** **MAUMEE, OH** **YOB 1976**  
Nfld on 1/29/2019 FINED: \$100

**UNAUTHORIZED WITHDRAWAL FROM RACE**

**IRVINE, WYATT WILLIAM** **NORTHFIELD, OH** **YOB 1979**  
Nfld on 1/29/2019 FINED: \$100

**JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS**

**LOUGH, TYLOR J** **JAMESTOWN, OH** **YOB 1987**  
MVR on 1/29/2019 FINED: \$50

**FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED**

**NASER, ANDREW A** **WASHINGTON, PA** **YOB 1985**  
Mea on 2/4/2019 FINED: \$200

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**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**

**PALONE, DAVID M** **WASHINGTON, PA** **YOB 1962**  
Mea on 1/29/2019 FINED: \$250

**KICKING A HORSE**

**RAWLINGS, DAN J.** **CANONSBURG, PA** **YOB 1981**  
Nfld on 2/2/2019 FINED: \$100

**TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK**

**ROBERTS, JONATHAN W** **HARRINGTON, DE** **YOB 1981**

**DD on 1/30/2019**  
**KICKING A HORSE**

**FINED: \$200**

**ROSSI, MICHAEL**  
**DD on 1/30/2019**  
**FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED**

**DOVER, DE**  
**FINED: \$100**

**YOB 1963**

**SCHMUCKER, MERVIN J**  
**Nfld on 1/23/2019**

**GRABILL, IN**  
**FINED: \$50**

**YOB 1973**

**FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OR PROPER DECLARATION INFORMATION**

**SCICLUNA, CHRIS J**  
**Fhld on 1/5/2019**

**CRANBURY, NJ**  
**FINED: \$250**

**YOB 1975**

**FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION**

**Fhld on 2/1/2019**  
**OTHER**

**DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 2/7/2019 THRU 2/9/2019**

**WALLIN, LUCAS**  
**Fhld on 2/2/2019**  
**OTHER**

**NEW EGYPT, NJ**  
**FINED: \$50**

**YOB 1992**