

## FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Apr 12 - Thu, Apr 18

### 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.*

**ARMSTRONG, BARRY L**

**NORTHFIELD, OH**

**YOB  
1957**

**Nfld** on 1/7/2019

FINED: \$500  
FULL - 15 DAYS, 4/22/2019 THRU  
5/6/2019  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

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

Mr. Armstrong has dropped his appeal of ruling NFLD-2019-036 and the penalty has been amended. All purse money must be returned for redistribution (\$4,320.00). O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01(A)(2) 18-01(B)(1),(10),(13),(15),(16),&(17) 18-02 18-99 Mr. Armstrong is barred from all grounds governed by the OSRC during his suspension. Any horses that he wants to transfer to another owner or trainer must be approved by the judges or the OSRC. If the fine is not paid to the judges by 4/17/19 you may be suspended and or license revoked by the commission. If the purse money is not returned by 4/17/19 the owner shall stand suspended until all purse money has been returned to the permit holder. Horses owned wholly or in part by the owner shall also be suspended and are not transferable until the purse money is returned.

**BETTS, SCOTT R**

**WASHINGTON, PA**

**YOB 1992**

**Mea** on 1/21/2019

FINED: \$1,000  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9,  
PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

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

PA Code Title 58-183.336,183.352,183.355,183.357. Mr. Betts was the trainer of record for I WANT KANDY in the 5th Race at The Meadows on January 21, 2019. Post race analysis of sample 336732 showed the presence of DEXAMETHASONE and DMSO above the threshold permitted by the Commission. Mr. Betts waived his right to a split sample. I WANT KANDY finished 1st and is disqualified and placed 9th. Mr. Betts is hereby fined \$1,000 and ordered to return all purse monies earned from the above race. The fine and purse return are due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Betts has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

**BONGIORNO, JENNIFER L**

**ALPINE, NJ**

**YOB 1990**

**M** on 1/12/2019

FINED: \$500...**STAYED**

FULL - 15 DAYS, 4/15/2019 THRU

4/29/2019...**STAYED**

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION...**STAYED**

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

As a result of the dexamethasone positive post-race blood sample obtained from ITSNOPROBLEMANN, winner of the 13th race on Saturday, January 12, 2019, programmed trainer Jennifer Bongiorno is in violation of NJAC 13:71-23.6(a)(b)(c)(d). As such, Jennifer Bongiorno is suspended for a period of 15 days, Monday, April 15, 2019 through and including April 29, 2019 and fined the sum of five hundred (\$500.00). During the period of suspension, Jennifer Bongiorno is denied access to all grounds that are under the jurisdiction of the NJRC for any and all purposes.

***Status as of 4/11/2019 - Stay - The NJRC is in receipt of a notice of appeal and request for a stay from Jennifer Bongiorno in connection with a 15-day suspension, \$500 fine and disqualification of the purse issued by the Board of Judges at the Meadowlands Racetrack for violation of 13:71-23.1, 13:71-23.6 and 13:71-23.7 in connection with a post-race positive test for dexamethasone in the horse ITSNOPROBLEMANN following the 13th race on January 12, 2019. The Acting Executive Director, having considered the request for an appeal hereby grants a stay of the penalty pending a final determination by the Racing Commission. The matter will be transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a de novo hearing.***

DICOSTANZO, NICOLE

MANALAPAN, NJ

YOB  
1998

Fhld on 3/8/2019

FINED: \$500...**STAYED**  
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION...**STAYED**

**LOW OR EXCESS LEVEL OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION  
(BUTE/LASIX)**

Nicole Dicostanzo was the programmed trainer of the horse "WHATNBLAZES" when he raced in the 2nd race at Freehold Raceway on March 8, 2019. "WHATNBLAZES" finished 1st on March 8, 2019 and, as a result, was required to submit blood samples for analysis. A report from Truesdail laboratories, which is the official chemist for the New Jersey Racing Commission, of the blood sample collected from "WHATNBLAZES" identified the presence of phenylbutazone above the allowable limits. This is in direct violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.8(f). As a result, Ms. Dicostanzo is hereby issued a full suspension of her New Jersey Racing Commission license for a period of fifteen (15) days. The suspension shall begin on April 22, 2019 and run through May 6, 2019, inclusive. In addition, Ms. Dicostanzo is fined the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. During the period of suspension, Ms. Dicostanzo is denied access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Racing Commission for any and all purposes.

***Status as of 4/11/2019 - Stay - The NJRC is in receipt of a notice of appeal and request for a stay from Nicole DiCostanzo in connection with a 15-day suspension, \$500 fine and disqualification of the purse issued by the Board of Judges at Freehold Raceway for violation of NJAC 13:71-23.1, 13:71-23.6, 13:71-23.7, and 13:71-23.8(f)(g) in connection with a post-race positive test for phenylbutazone in the horse WHATNBLAZES following the 2nd race on March 8, 2019. The Acting Executive Director, having considered the request for an appeal, hereby grants a stay of the penalty pending a final determination by the Racing Commission. The matter will be transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a de novo hearing.***

IRVINE, DONALD JR

MOUNTAIN TOP, PA

YOB 1951

Nfld on 4/10/2019

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF  
4/11/2019

**UNPAID OBLIGATION**

Mr. Irvine is hereby suspended until he pays the fine per ruling NFLD-2019-061 at Northfield Park. O.S.R.C.-3769-17-36 17-99

**MARTINS, REGINALDO JOSE WASHINGTON, PA**

**YOB  
1980**

**Mea** on 1/22/2019

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES)  
AS OF 4/18/2019

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Code Title 58-183.266,183.267(8). Mr. Martins failed to complete his licensing requirements in Pennsylvania in a timely manner. He is hereby fined \$50, which is due by February 1, 2019. Mr. Martins is hereby suspended indefinitely beginning January 22, 2019 until such time he completes his licensing requirements and pays his fine. During the term of suspension, Mr. Martins is banned from all racing activities otherwise permitted if properly licensed by the Commission. Mr. Martins has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

***Status as of 4/18/2019 - Subsequent Ruling - PA Code Title 58-183.269. Having paid his outstanding fine, Mr. Martins is hereby restored to good standing in Pennsylvania as of April 18, 2019.***

**MILLER, WILLIAM R**  
**MVR** on 3/10/2019

**PIKETON, OH**

**YOB 1939**

FINED: \$500

FULL - 15 DAYS, 4/5/2019 THRU  
4/19/2019

HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE  
REDISTRIBUTION

**POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

Miami Valley Gaming Trainer WILLIAM MILLER is hereby fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and issued a fifteen day full suspension from Apr 5, 2019 through Apr 19, 2019 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. In addition, purse money of three thousand (\$3,750.00) dollars must be returned to Miami Valley Gaming. Blood Sample #870482 on horse MOTOR DAME tested by the Analytical Toxicology Laboratory at the Ohio Department of Agriculture on March 29, 2019 revealed a presence of Theophylline. During his suspension Mr. Miller is denied the use and privileges of all grounds sanctioned by the OSRC. All horses trained by Mr. Miller are suspended and may only be transferred with permission from the judges at Miami Valley Gaming or the executive director at the OSRC. If the fine is not paid and purse is not returned to the judges by 4/23/2019 you

may be suspended and or license revoked by the Commission.

**POLLIO, JOSEPH**  
**Fhld** on 3/16/2018

**LYNDHURST, NJ**  
FINED: \$500  
FULL - 15 DAYS, 4/26/2019 THRU  
5/10/2019

**YOB 1940**

**OTHER**

The Board of Judges hereby order you a full suspension, including all horses owned or trained, wholly or in part by you, for violation of the Trainer`s Responsibility insofar as your horse "PERFECT TERROR" had a positive post-race test disclosing the presence of Dextrophan from the 13th race on Friday March 16, 2018. The period of suspension will be for fifteen (15) days, May 6, 2018 through May 20, 2018 inclusive. Mr. Pollio is also fined the sum of five-hundred (\$500.00) dollars. During the period of suspension, Mr. Pollio is denied the privileges of all grounds under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Racing Commission. The horse "PERFECT TERROR" finished 1st and is hereby disqualified from sharing in the purse. The purse is ordered to be redistributed among the eligible horses. Violation N.J.A.C. Rule 13:71-23.7 (b) Disqualification and denial of purse. Violation of N.J.A.C. Rule 13:71-23.6 (a)(b)(c)(d) Protecting against drug administration. "The owner, trainer, veterinaria

***Status as of 4/11/2019 - Subsequent Ruling - Joseph Pollio, having withdrawn his appeal of a 15-day suspension, \$500 fine and disqualification of purse issued by the Board of Judges at Freehold Raceway is hereby suspended April 26, 2019 through and including May 10, 2019. Payment of the fine is due on or before May 10, 2019. This matter is hereby referred to the State Steward for further disciplinary action in the event Joseph Pollio fails to show good cause to the Steward why his withdrawal should not be deemed frivolous. See NJAC 13:71-3.6.***

**ROSS, JERRY EDWARD**  
**Mea** on 4/8/2019

**CANONSBURG, PA**  
FINED: \$500  
FULL - 5 DAYS, 4/21/2019 THRU  
4/25/2019

**YOB 1952**

**FAILURE TO PASS THE BREATH ANALYZER TEST**

PA Code Title 58-183.40. Mr. Ross was scheduled to work as the starting gate driver at The Meadows on April 8, 2019. Per Commission rules, he was subject to a breathalyzer test. Mr. Ross failed the breathalyzer test prior to

the racing card, and was relieved of his duties for the day. Mr. Ross is hereby fined \$500, and issued a full 5 day suspension of his license beginning April 21, 2019 through and including April 25, 2019. During the term of suspension, Mr. Ross is ruled off all grounds under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission. Mr. Ross has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

**TEGA, JOSE ADEMIR**

**WASHINGTON, PA**

**YOB 1947**

**Mea** on 1/22/2019

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES)

AS OF 4/18/2019

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Code Title 58-183.266,183.267(8). Mr. Tega failed to complete his licensing requirements in Pennsylvania in a timely manner. He is hereby fined \$50, which is due by February 1, 2019. Mr. Tega is hereby suspended indefinitely beginning January 22, 2019 until such time he completes his licensing requirements and pays the above fine. During the term of suspension, Mr. Tega is banned from all racing activities otherwise permitted if properly licensed by the Commission. Mr. Tega has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

***Status as of 4/18/2019 - Subsequent Ruling - PA Code Title 58-183.269. Having completed licensing requirements and paying his outstanding fine, Mr. Tega is hereby restored to good standing in Pennsylvania as of April 18, 2019.***

**PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS**

**HANNEY, JOE**

**MILLSTONE, NJ**

**YOB 1982**

**Fhld** on 4/5/2019

FINED: \$300

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Driver Joe Hanney is hereby fined the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars. While driving #2 "PSYCHO CINDY" in the 1st race on April 5, 2019, Mr. Hanney did use the whip in an excessive, unnecessary, and indiscriminate manner. Violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-20.15

**PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES**

<b>BREWER, RHONDA</b> MVR on 4/7/2019 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION	<b>OREGONIA, OH</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1987</b>
<b>CAMPBELL, WINSTON D</b> PRc on 4/12/2019 TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK	<b>SCARBOROUGH, ME</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1967</b>
<b>CHADBOURNE, MARISSA L</b> PRc on 4/11/2019 LATE TO THE PADDOCK	<b>WEST GARDINER, ME</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1991</b>
<b>CONRAD, CHARLES M</b> HoP on 4/11/2019 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	<b>MCCORDSVILLE, IN</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1975</b>
<b>DICK, ARTIE C</b> HoP on 4/11/2019 JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS	<b>ANDERSON, IN</b> FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 7	<b>YOB 1996</b>
<b>FARMER, BILLY M</b> Nfld on 3/26/2019 LATE DRIVER CHANGE	<b>TOLEDO, OH</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1976</b>
<b>GINGRAS, YANNICK</b> PHL on 3/31/2019 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION	<b>ALLENTOWN, NJ</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1979</b>
<b>GOODELL, ERIC C</b> Mea on 4/10/2019 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED	<b>MEADOW LANDS, PA</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1973</b>
<b>HANNERS, LUKE</b> Nfld on 4/9/2019 FAILURE TO COME UP/STAY IN POSITION	<b>SABINA, OH</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 2000</b>
<b>HITCHCOCK, MICHAEL G</b> Nfld on 4/10/2019 FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OR PROPER DECLARATION	<b>CUYAHOGA, OH</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1975</b>

**INFORMATION**

<b>IRVINE, DONALD JR</b> Nfld on 4/10/2019	<b>MOUNTAIN TOP, PA</b> RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 4/16/2019	<b>YOB 1951</b>
<b>OTHER</b>		
<b>LUPTON, JAMES L</b> Nfld on 4/10/2019	<b>CENTERBURG, OH</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1974</b>
<b>FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OR PROPER DECLARATION INFORMATION</b>		
<b>MALETTE, RONALD</b> MVR on 3/24/2019	<b>LEBANON, OH</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1945</b>
<b>FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION</b>		
<b>MAY, DANE I</b> PPk on 3/17/2019	<b>NEWTON, IL</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1958</b>
<b>GOING THROUGH POST WHILE WARMING UP</b>		
<b>MEITTINIS, JAMES M</b> PPk on 4/10/2019	<b>MONKTON, MD</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1966</b>
<b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>		
<b>MILLER, BRETT A</b> MVR on 4/12/2019	<b>JOBSTOWN, NJ</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1973</b>
<b>FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS</b>		
<b>NOBLE, DANIEL N</b> MVR on 4/13/2019	<b>XENIA, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1983</b>
<b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>		
<b>NOVAK, STEVE G</b> Nfld on 4/13/2019	<b>SOUTH LYON, MI</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1979</b>
<b>HORSE LATE TO THE PADDOCK</b>		
<b>PAQUET, FERNAND A JR</b> PHL on 4/4/2019	<b>DALLAS, PA</b> FINED: \$250	<b>YOB 1968</b>
<b>LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN</b>		
<b>SMITH, TREVOR GENE</b> MVR on 3/18/2019	<b>WASHINGTON CH, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1996</b>



<b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>		
<b>MVR</b> on 3/22/2019	FINED: \$100	
<b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>		
<b>SPANO, ALESSANDRO</b>	<b>POMPANO BEACH, FL</b>	<b>YOB 1974</b>
<b>PPk</b> on 4/8/2019	FINED: \$100	
<b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>		
<b>STAHL, RYAN R</b>	<b>REPUBLIC, OH</b>	<b>YOB 1978</b>
<b>MVR</b> on 4/12/2019	FINED: \$100	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>Nfld</b> on 4/13/2019	FINED: \$50	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		
<b>SWITZER, KEVIN P JR</b>	<b>CUMBERLAND, ME</b>	<b>YOB 1987</b>
<b>Scar</b> on 4/14/2019	FINED: \$200	
	HORSE PLACED 3	
<b>CROWDING/PUTTING ANOTHER WHEEL UNDER ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER</b>		
<b>TETRICK, TIM A</b>	<b>WOOLWICH TWP, NJ</b>	<b>YOB 1981</b>
<b>PHL</b> on 4/4/2019	FINED: \$200	
<b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>		
<b>WATSON, WALLACE R</b>	<b>CUMBERLAND, ME</b>	<b>YOB 1970</b>
<b>PRc</b> on 4/12/2019	FINED: \$50	
<b>TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK</b>		
<b>WHITTEMORE, DENNIS J</b>	<b>NORWAY, ME</b>	<b>YOB 1955</b>
<b>M</b> on 4/5/2019	DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 4/12/2019 THRU 4/14/2019	
<b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>		
<b>WILFONG, KYLE J</b>	<b>PENDLETON, IN</b>	<b>YOB 1991</b>
<b>HoP</b> on 4/11/2019	FINED: \$50	
<b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>		