

## FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, May 24 - Thu, May 30

### PART ONE

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

**DAVIS, STEPHANIE A**

**BROOKLYN, NY**

**YOB 1978**

**USTA** on 5/29/2019

**DENIAL(DEN) AS OF 5/29/2019**

#### **USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION**

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

### 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.*

**KAWALJEN, TONY**

**PITTSTON, PA**

**YOB 1957**

**PSHRC** on 3/16/2019

**FINED: \$100**

#### **BAD CHECK**

**RULING # 19018C** Tony Kawaljen, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars for presenting a Bad Check/Insufficient Funds which is hereby levied by this Commission in violation of PA Code Title 58 § 183.402. Please send a separate payment in the form of Cashiers Check or Money Order for the amount of Three Hundred Twenty (\$320.00) dollars to cover the bad check and One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars for the fine to a Commission representative at the racetrack listed below. Upon receipt of your payments, a Commission review will be initiated, and the future status of your license will then be determined. State Horse Racing Commission Pocono Downs 1280 Highway 315 Wilkes Barre, PA 18702 Note that failure to pay this fine by June 1, 2019, may result in the suspension of your license.

**PATISTAS, LAURIE M**

**HAMBURG, NY**

**YOB 1973**

**PcD** on 9/16/2018

**FINED: \$5,000**

**FULL - 60 DAYS, 3/9/2019 THRU 5/7/2019**

**HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE REDISTRIBUTION**

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

PA Code Title 58-183.336,183.352,183.355,183.357. Ms. Patistas was the trainer of record for FOX VALLEY INFERNO in the 5th Race at Pocono on September 16, 2018. Post race analysis of sample 339159 showed the presence of JWH-250 (synthetic cannabis), which was confirmed by split sample. FOX VALLEY INFERNO finished 1st and is placed 8th. The horse shall be ineligible to race until 4/28/19. Ms. Patistas is hereby fined \$10,000 and issued a full suspension for 365 days, beginning March 9,

2019 through and including March 7, 2020. She is ordered to return all purse monies earned from the above race, and pay the fine within 10 days of this ruling. During the term of suspension, Ms. Patistas is ruled off all grounds under the jurisdiction of the PSHRC. Any trainer transfers of horses in her care must be approved by the PA Judges or PSHRC. Ms. Patistas has 10 days to appeal this ruling to the PSHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

***Status as of 4/15/2019 - Subsequent Ruling - RULING # 19013C The State Horse Racing Commission, Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing, upon review and consideration of the documentary evidence and affidavit provided by Laurie Patistas regarding the ownership of the horse Fox Valley Inferno; Ruling No. 19001PD issued by the Meadows Board of Judges on February 26, 2019 is hereby amended and modified to a \$5,000 fine, 60-day suspension, and loss of purse. Furthermore, having been previously denied a supersedes by the Acting Director in Commission Ruling No. 19004C issued on March 5, 2019; Ms. Patistas began serving the imposed suspension on March 9, 2019. Therefore, the remainder of the modified suspension shall conclude on May 7, 2019. The fine of \$5000.00 is due no later than May 7, 2019. The posted hearing bond of \$750.00 shall be returned to the appellant.***

**PORTER, ALLEN**  
Mea on 5/22/2019

**NEW CASTLE, PA**  
FINED: \$50  
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF  
5/22/2019

**YOB 1957**

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Code Title 58-183.266,183.267(8). Mr. Porter failed to complete his licensing requirements in Pennsylvania in a timely manner. He is hereby fined \$50, and issued an indefinite suspension beginning May 22, 2019 until such time he completes his licensing requirements and pays his fine. During the term of suspension, Mr. Porter is banned from all racing activities otherwise permitted if properly licensed by the Commission.

**TROYER, MERLIN A**  
Mea on 5/22/2019

**WINDSOR, OH**  
FINED: \$50  
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF  
5/22/2019

**YOB 1991**

**FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

PA Code Title 58-183.266,183.267(8). Mr. Troyer failed to complete his licensing requirements in Pennsylvania in a timely manner. He is hereby fined \$50, and issued a indefinite suspension beginning May 22, 2019 until such time he completes his licensing requirements and pays his fine. During the term of suspension, Mr. Troyer is banned from all racing activities otherwise permitted if properly licensed by the Commission.

**PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS**

- COLE, MICHAEL C** **FREDERICA, DE** **YOB 1979**  
**PHL** on 5/12/2019 **FINED: \$200**  
**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**  
PA Code Title 58- 183.281(14) 183.264(b) Mr. Cole used his whip in an excessive and indiscriminate manner while driving #3, CAPTAIN DISOMMA, in the 14th race on May 12, 2019 at Harrah`s Philadelphia. Mr. Cole is fined \$200 (fines are due within 10 days of ruling) and has waived his hearing/appeal rights.
- CURTIN, PATRICK M** **WINCHENDON, MA** **YOB 1981**  
**PRC** on 5/23/2019 **FINED: \$50**  
**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**  
USTA 18.09. While driving No. 4, ALWAYS YA BABY in Race 12 at PRC on 5-23-19, Driver Patrick Curtin did violate the whipping rule and is hereby fined \$50.00 for the violation. Subsequent violations may result in increased penalties. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition and all appeals must be made in writing to the Racing Division of the MGC within 10 days of ruling.
- DETGEN, BRIAN W** **MILLINGTON, MI** **YOB 1971**  
**Aces** on 5/25/2019 **FINED: \$100**  
**USING THE WHIP IN UNCONVENTIONAL MANNER**  
Driver Brian Detgen who drove #6 FIRE DRAKE in the sixth race at Running Aces Racetrack and Casino on May 18, 2019 is hereby fined the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for violation of the MRC Rule 7884.0260 Subpart 2 (T) 5 - Any whipping other than wrist action only. First offense MRC Rule 7889.0260 Subpart 2 (T) 5 - Whipping MRC Rule 7879.0200 (A)(B) - Judges Authority
- KNOX, PHILLIP D** **HOMWOOD, IL** **YOB 1964**  
**Aces** on 5/25/2019 **FINED: \$100**  
**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**  
Driver Phillip Knox who drove #2 RAGIN`S flight in the sixth race at Running Aces Racetrack and Casino on May 18, 2019 is hereby fined the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for violation of the MRC rule 7879.0260 Subpart 2 (T) 1. Whipping first offense MRC Rule 7879.0260 2 (T)(1) - Whipping MRC Rule 7879.0200 Subpart 1 (A)(B) - Judges Authority
- MOSHER, GARY D** **BELGRADE LAKES, ME** **YOB 1959**  
**Bang** on 5/21/2019 **FINED: \$100**  
**FAILURE TO KEEP A LINE IN EACH HAND**  
MR. MOSHER DID, WHILE DRIVING SAGEBRUSH SHARP IN RACE 1, FAIL TO KEEP A REIN IN EACH HAND WHILE DRIVING IN THE STRETCH.
- NASON, STEVEN S** **FREEDOM, NH** **YOB 1990**  
**Scar** on 5/19/2019 **FINED: \$100**  
**OTHER**  
Mr. Nason did fail to have his hands in the hand holders the entire mile.

**PLANO, LUKE** **SACRAMENTO, CA** **YOB 1980**  
**HoP** on 5/24/2019 **FINED: \$200**  
**INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**  
71 IAC 7-3-13(b) While driving HOT ART in the second race on 5/24/2019, Luke Plano did use other than wrist action while whipping in the stretch.

**RANDALL, JAY L** **BALLSTON SPA, NY** **YOB 1961**  
**PRC** on 5/27/2019 **FINED: \$150**  
**OTHER**  
While driving No.6, LUCKY SPORT, in Race 3 at PRC on 5/27/19, Driver Jay Randall did inappropriately use his whip leaving welts. (1st offense). Mr. Randall is hereby fined \$150.00 for the violation. Subsequent violations may result in increased penalties. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition and all appeals must be made in writing to the Racing Division of the MGC within 10 days of ruling.

**WILSON, STEVEN** **FARMINGTON, ME** **YOB 1991**  
**Bang** on 5/21/2019 **FINED: \$100**  
**FAILURE TO KEEP A LINE IN EACH HAND**  
MR. WILSON DID, WHILE DRIVING LUCKY MICHAEL IN RACE 2, FAIL TO KEEP A REIN IN EACH HAND AT/AROUND 3/4 POLE.

**WISEMAN, STEVEN C** **SACRAMENTO, CA** **YOB 1967**  
**Aces** on 5/25/2019 **FINED: \$100**  
**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**  
Driver Steve Wiseman who drove #8 STORMING D ODDS in the eight race at Running Aces Racetrack and Casino on May 19, 2019 is hereby fined the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for violation of the MRC Rule 7879.0260 Subpart 2 (T) 1. Whipping first offense MRC Rule 7879.0260 Subpart 2 (T) 1 - Whipping MRC Rule 7879.0200 1 (A)(B) - Judges Authority

**WRENN, PETER M** **CARMEL, IN** **YOB 1962**  
**HoP** on 5/16/2019 **FINED: \$200**  
**OTHER**  
71 IAC 7-3-13(d)(5) While driving ALWAYS A FIJI in the sixth race on 5/16/2019, Peter Wrenn did leave a mark while whipping well within the guidelines.

#### PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

**ALLARD, SIMON** **PITTSTON, PA** **YOB 1982**  
**PHL** on 5/16/2019 **FINED: \$200**  
**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION**  
**PHL** on 5/19/2019 **FINED: \$200**  
**FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE**

<b>BAILEY, LEON B</b> VD on 5/24/2019 <b>TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK</b>	<b>BURLINGTON FLATS, NY</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1986</b>
<b>BETTS, SCOTT R</b> Mea on 5/20/2019 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>WASHINGTON, PA</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1992</b>
<b>BONGIORNO, JOSEPH R</b> Fhld on 5/3/2019 <b>OTHER</b>	<b>MILLSTONE, NJ</b> DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 6/18/2019 THRU 6/22/2019	<b>YOB 1993</b>
<b>CALLAHAN, COREY</b> PHL on 5/12/2019 <b>KICKING A HORSE</b>	<b>MIDDLETOWN, DE</b> FINED: \$250	<b>YOB 1978</b>
<b>DAVIS, DYLAN P</b> HoP on 5/24/2019 <b>FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED</b>	<b>VIOLA, DE</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1977</b>
<b>DE LONG, JOHN J</b> HoP on 5/21/2019 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>ANDERSON, IN</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1989</b>
<b>DEVITA, NICHOLAS F</b> PcD on 5/21/2019 <b>NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>MIDDLETOWN, NY</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1985</b>
<b>DI CICCO, TERRY P</b> VD on 5/25/2019 <b>KICKING A HORSE</b>	<b>VERO BEACH, FL</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1956</b>
<b>FLAHERTY, KATIE</b> PRc on 5/27/2019 <b>LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN</b>	<b>SCARBOROUGH, ME</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1976</b>
<b>FOX, JACOB J</b> HoP on 5/24/2019 <b>IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE</b>	<b>ANDERSON, IN</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 5	<b>YOB 1984</b>
<b>FUSCO, PAUL N</b> Fhld on 5/17/2019 <b>OTHER</b>	<b>JACKSON, NJ</b> DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/24/2019 THRU 5/26/2019	<b>YOB 1972</b>
<b>GENOIS, STEEVEN</b> Stga on 5/2/2019	<b>LEVIS, QC</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1988</b>

**DELAYING THE START**

<b>HANNERS, LUKE</b> MVR on 5/6/2019 <b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>	<b>CHILLICOTHE, OH</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 2000</b>
<b>KAKALEY, MATTHEW DON</b> VD on 5/27/2019 <b>KICKING A HORSE</b>	<b>MOUNTAIN TOP, PA</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1988</b>
<b>MACDONALD, JOHN A</b> VD on 5/24/2019 <b>TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK</b>	<b>POMPANO BEACH, FL</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1982</b>
<b>MERRIMAN, AARON EDWARD</b> Nfld on 3/5/2019 <b>OTHER</b> Mea on 5/21/2019 <b>JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS</b>	<b>NORTHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$500  FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 9	<b>YOB 1978</b>
<b>MERTON, GREGORY</b> TgDn on 5/4/2019 <b>FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED</b>	<b>MONTICELLO, NY</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1973</b>
<b>MILLER, DAVID S</b> PHL on 5/16/2019 <b>INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION</b>	<b>CREAM RIDGE, NJ</b> FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 5	<b>YOB 1964</b>
<b>MILLER, FREEMAN J JR.</b> HoP on 5/23/2019 <b>DRIVING IN A HALF-IN AND HALF-OUT POSITION</b>	<b>GOSHEN, IN</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1990</b>
<b>MILLNER, JESSICA E</b> Nfld on 5/18/2019 <b>FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OR PROPER DECLARATION INFORMATION</b>	<b>LITCHFIELD, OH</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1991</b>
<b>MONTI, ANDREW</b> TgDn on 5/19/2019 <b>CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE</b>	<b>DEPEW, NY</b> DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 5/27/2019 THRU 5/29/2019 HORSE PLACED 6	<b>YOB 1994</b>
<b>MYERS, HUNTER R</b> Nfld on 5/18/2019 <b>LATE TO THE PADDOCK</b>	<b>WILLIAMSPORT, OH</b> FINED: \$50	<b>YOB 1998</b>

<b>PARKER, NORM D</b> Mea on 5/24/2019 <b>LATE DRIVER CHANGE</b>	<b>HOUSTON, PA</b> FINED: \$200	<b>YOB 1961</b>
<b>ROBERTS, MEGAN R</b> PcD on 5/20/2019 <b>NO VACCINATION / COGGINS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>BRANDYWINE, MD</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1983</b>
<b>TETRICK, TIM A</b> PHL on 5/12/2019 <b>KICKING A HORSE</b>	<b>WOOLWICH TWP, NJ</b> FINED: \$250	<b>YOB 1981</b>
<b>THAYER, SHAWN A</b> Bang on 5/14/2019 <b>INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK</b>	<b>HERMON, ME</b> FINED: \$100	<b>YOB 1971</b>