STEWARDS RULINGS

MARCH 10, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 51**

Apprentice Jockey, **Caitlyn Stoddard**, Permit #11597; SS xxx-xx-2431, is fined Five Hundred Dollars **(\$500.00)** for violation **Rule of Racing**, **Number 178-1-45.7.b.1**, which reads: "A jockey shall not ride carelessly or willfully so as to permit his or her mount to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horses in the race."

Jockey Stoddard, willfully allowed her mount "Awake the Day", to drop in and cause interference to "Mary Boppins" going into the ½ pole, during the running of the Seventh Race on Saturday, March 5, 2015

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All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

LAURENCE A. DUPI

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STEWARD RULING

MARCH 10, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 52**

Trainer, Wayne Potts, Permit #12704, SS# xxx-xx-8621, is hereby fined Two-Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for violation of West Virginia Rules of Racing #178-1-26.3.e, which reads, "Each trainer is responsible for representing an owner in making entries, declarations, scratches and in all matters pertaining to racing."

Mr. Potts failed to have his owner, Matthew Weinstein licensed before the running of the Second Race, on March 9, 2016, necessitating a late scratch.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per Rule of Racing 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of the ruling and must be include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

## BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

SMAEL L. TREJO

STEWARD RULING

MARCH 10, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 53**

Owner/Trainer, Jeff Runco, Permit #12375, SS# xxx-xx-1210, having waived his right to a hearing, is hereby fined Two-Hundred and Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars for violation of West Virginia Rules of Racing #178-1-26.3.a, which reads, "No trainer shall harbor, engage, retain, or employ any person not holding an occupational permit. Each trainer is responsible for ensuring that persons under his or her supervision or employment hold an occupational permit."

Mr. Runco allowed an unlicensed groom, in a restricted area (Test Barn) on March 3, 2016.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per Rule of Racing 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of the ruling, and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DANNY R/ WRIGHT

LAURENCE A. DUPUY

**ISMAEL L. TREJO** 

#### **BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

## CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

### **RULING-MEDICATION VIOLATION**

## RULING: 54

## TO: Owner/Trainer, James L. Williams; Permit #10397; SS# xxx- xx-5806

On March 11, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Owner/Trainer, James L. Williams to which he waived his right to a hearing regarding the allegations set forth in Notice of Hearing issued.

After considering the evidence, the Stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample #193263 taken on 2/25/2016 was reported by Industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain Phenylbutazone above the authorized levels. Specifically, blood sample contained 2.9 ug/ml.

The sample was taken from "Son of a John" which ran in the First Race on 2/25/16 finishing sixth. This horse is a DkB/Br.g.4 Colonel John-Carlson's Queen by Lord Carson - Bred in KY.

Mr. Williams elected to waive his right to the split sample testing.

The Stewards conclude that James L. Williams has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1**.a which reads, "The Trainer is absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of the horses he or a race, regardless of the acts of third parties. If testing or analysis of urine, blood or other bodily substances or tissues prove positive showing the presence of any prohibited drug, medication or substance, the trainer of the horse may be fined, suspended, have his or her occupational permit revoked, be prohibited access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the Racing Commission, or may be otherwise disciplined. In addition, the owner of the horse, the foreman in charge of the horse, the groom and any other person shown to have had the care, or attendance of the horse may be fined, suspended, have his or her occupational permit revoked, be prohibited access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the Racing Commission, or may be otherwise disciplined."

In addition, because the permit holder has accumulated "0" points prior to this ruling and "1" point in connection with this ruling for a current total of "1" point, under the multiple medication violation point system, he/she is subject to an additional penalty of "NA" points pursuant to section 49.3.m.6. of 178 W. Va.C.S.R.1. This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

This medication/prohibited substance violation is his first offense for Phenylbutazone.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in Table 178-1 F of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a maximum penalty of \$250.00 fine.

However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty on case by case basis by considering the following mitigating/aggravating factors:

A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record: first drug violation

B.) (Aggravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance: has potential

C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: is widely available

D.) (<u>Mitigatina</u>) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentional administered the drug. claims no knowledge

E.) (Mitigating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A

F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A

G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A

H.) (Aggravating) Whether the drug found was one for which the drug was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. N/A

I.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

J.) (Mitigating) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. N/A

K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

L.) Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. Williams will be fined \$250.00.

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

Dated: March 11, 2016

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS

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STEWARDS RULING

MARCH 12, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 55**

Owner/Trainer, **Crystal Pickett**, Permit # 12560; SS# xxx-xx-4647, is hereby fined **Two-Hundred (\$200) Dollars** for violation of Rule of Racing #178-1-44.1, which reads: "A horse is ineligible to start in a race when: its breed certificate is not on file with the association's racing secretary, one-half hour before post time for the first race; the stewards may waive this requirement if the information contained on the registration certificate is otherwise available and the horse is otherwise correctly identified to the stewards' satisfaction; provided that the stewards shall not waive this requirement if the horse is scheduled to start in a claiming race.

Ms. Pickett failed to have foal papers on file for the horse "Contribution" for the running of the First (1<sup>st</sup>) Race, Friday, March 11, 2016, necessitating a late scratch.

All Fines imposed by the stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) Calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards Per rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (100.00) Dollars

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DANNY R. WRIGHT

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### STEWARDS RULINGS

MARCH 16, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 56**

Apprentice Jockey, Mohamed Osman, Permit #11008; SS xxx-xx-2815, is suspended for fourteen days, starting Thursday, March 18, 2016 through and including Thursday, March 31, 2016, for violation Rule of Racing #178-1-45.7.b.1, which reads: "A jockey shall not ride carelessly or willfully so as to permit his or her mount to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horses in the race," and #178-1-45.7.c.1, which reads, "When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side, so as to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse, it is a foul."

Jockey Osman, carelessly swerved in front of "Mommy Dld It", during the backside run in the 8th Race on Friday, March 11, 2016, causing "Mommy Did It" to clip heels and fall.

Jockey Osman's mount, "Residual Value" was disqualified from second and placed last.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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**CHARLES TOWN RACES** 

## STEWARDS RULING

MARCH 16, 2016

### **RULING NUMBER 57**

lockey, Jose Montano, Permit #27205; 55# was we 1497 is hereby fined (\$1000.00) One thousand Bollars for violation of **Rule of Racing #178-1-28.3.a**, which reads, "A jockey shall give a best effort during a race, and each horse shall be ridden to win. A jockey shall not ease up on or coast to the finish, without reasonable cause, even if the horse has no apparent chance to win prize money." Mr. Montano did not put forth his best effort on his mount "**Zillions**" (4), during the running of the **Second Race**, on **Wednesday, March 2, 2016** 

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DANNY R. WRIGHT

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## STEWARDS RULING

MARCH 17, 2016 ·

## **RULING NUMBER 58**

Jockey, Luis Batista; Permit Number #12139; SS# xxx-xx-0427, is hereby fined One -Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number **178-1-46.3.h** which reads, "No person shall make a frivolous protest." This occurred in the running of the Second Race on Saturday, March **12**, 2016.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

**BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:** 

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### **BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

#### CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

#### RULING-MEDICATION VIOLATION

#### RULING: 59

## TO: Owner/Trainer, Jeff Runco; Permit #12375; SS# xxx- xx-1210

On March 18, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Owner/Trainer, Jeff Runco to which he waived his right to a hearing regarding the allegations set forth in Notice of Hearing issued.

After considering the evidence, the Stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample #193307 taken on 3/03/2016 was reported by Industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain Triamcinolone acetonide above the authorized levels. Specifically, blood sample contained 192pg/ml.

The sample was taken from "Ready to Serve" which ran in the First Race on 2/25/16 finishing first. This horse is a CH.g.4 More than Ready-Crystal River by River by Black Tie Affair (IRE)-Bred in KY

#### Mr. Runco elected to waive his right to the split sample testing.

The Stewards conclude that Jeff Runco has violated section(s) 178-1-51.1.a which reads, "The Trainer is absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of the horses he or a race, regardless of the acts of third parties. If testing or analysis of urine, blood or other bodily substances or tissues prove positive showing the presence of any prohibited drug, medication or substance, the trainer of the horse may be fined, suspended, have his or her occupational permit revoked, be prohibited access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the Racing Commission, or may be otherwise disciplined, In addition, the owner of the horse, the foreman in charge of the horse, the groom and any other person shown to have had the care, or attendance of the horse may be fined, suspended, have his or her occupational permit revoked, be prohibited access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the Racing Commission, or may be otherwise disciplined access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the otherwise disciplined."

In addition, because the permit holder has accumulated "0" points prior to this ruling and "1" point in connection with this ruling for a current total of "1" point, under the multiple medication violation point system, he/she is subject to an additional penalty of "NA" points pursuant to section 49.3.m.6. of 178 W. Va.C.S.R.1. This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

This medication/prohibited substance violation is his first offense for Triamcinolone acetonide.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in Table 178-1 F of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a minimum penalty of \$1000.00 fine, and loss of purse.

However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty on case by case basis by considering the following mitigating/aggravating factors:

A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record: minimal drug violations

B.) (Aggravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance: has potential

C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: is widely available

D.) (Mitigating) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentional administered the drug. claims no knowledge

E.) (Mitigating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A

F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A

G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A

H.) (Aggravating) Whether the drug found was one for which the drug was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. N/A

I.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

J.) (Mitigating) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. N/A

K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

L.) Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. Runco will be fined \$1000.00 and the purse ordered to be redistributed.

Redistribution of purse is as follows:

- 1. Rollforward
- 2. Wheres the Duke
- 3. Angelic Flight
- 4. Jimmy Too
- Don Don Cat 5.
- Gennaro 6.

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

Dated: March 19, 2016

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS

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F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A

G.) (Mitigoting) The purse of the race: N/A

H.) (Aggravating) Whether the drug found was one for which the drug was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. N/A

I.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

J.) (Mitigating) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. N/A

K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

L.) Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. Runco will be fined \$1000.00 and the purse ordered to be redistributed.

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You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

Dated: March 19, 2016

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS

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STEWARDS RULINGS

MARCH 23, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 60**

Jockey, Tracy Hebert, Permit # 11298; SS# xxx-xx-2676, is hereby fined Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-28.3.b, which reads: "A jockey shall faithfully fulfill all engagements in respect to racing."

Mr. Hebert failed to fulfill his riding engagements on Thursday, March 17, 2016, necessitating a late rider change.

All fines imposed by the stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven days (7) calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the stewards.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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STEWARDS RULING

MARCH 23, 2016

# **RULING NUMBER 61**

Owner/Assistant Trainer, Lori Udall, Permit #12271; SS#: xxx-xx-2605, has been rescinded as of March 24, 2016. Ms Udall's new permit number for Owner/Trainer #13232 has been issued and expires 12/16.

# BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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# CHARLES TOWN RACES STEWARDS RULING

MARCH 23, 2016

# **RULING NUMBER 62**

Owner/Trainer, **Michael Pearson**, Permit #11178; SS#: xxx-xx-4492, has been rescinded as of March 24, 2016, without prejudice.

# BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DANNY R. WRIGHT

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LAURENCE A. DUPUY

# STEWARDS RULINGS

MARCH 25, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 63**

Apprentice Jockey, Kevin Roman, Permit #12597; SS#: xxx-xx-0715 is hereby suspended Four (4) Race Days, beginning Wednesday, March 30, 2016, Thursday, March 31, Friday, April 1, and Saturday, April 2, 2016, for violation of Rules of Racing Number 178-1-45.7.c.1, which reads, "When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side so as to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse, it is a fouls"

Mr. Roman is suspended for allowing his mount (1) "North Atlantic", to drift in, and cause interference to (2) "Siente El Viento", during the running of the Eighth (8th) Race on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

His mount, "North Atlantic" was disqualified from First (1st) and placed Third (3rd).

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

## BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DANNY R. WRIGHT

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STEWARD RULING

MARCH 25, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 64**

Owner/Trainer, Steven Krebs, Permit #10344, SS# xxx-xx-5582, having waived his right to a Board of Stewards hearing, scheduled for, Friday, March 25, 2016 is hereby fine One-Hundred and Twenty Five dollars (\$125.00) for being in violation of West Virginia Rules of Racing #178-1-26.3.a, which reads, "No trainer shall harbor, engage, retain, or employ any person not holding an occupational permit. Each trainer is responsible for ensuring that persons under his or her supervision or employment hold an occupational permit."

Mr. Krebs retained an unlicensed groom, in a restricted area, (Test Barn) after the running of the Sixth Race (6<sup>th</sup>), March 10, 2016.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, **Per Rule of Racing 178-1-8.5.n.** 

You have the right to appeal to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of the ruling, and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

LAURENCE A. DUPUY

STEWARDS RULING

MARCH 26, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 65**

Groom, Jose A Cruz, Permit #11637; SS # xxx-xx-5957

Mr. Cruz's Occupational Permit #11637, expiration date 8-16, has been hereby suspended by the Board of Stewards as of March 26, 2016, for failure to present a valid Citizenship Card, per West Virginia Rules of Racing #178-1-24.11, which reads, "Grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of Permit. The Racing Commission and/or the stewards may, in their discretion, refuse to issue or re-new an occupational permit to an applicant, or may in their discretion suspend, revoke, or impose other disciplinary measures upon an occupational permit issued pursuant to this rule."

All fines imposed by the stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven days (7) calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the stewards.

During his suspension he is denied access to and the privileges of all grounds under the jurisdiction of the West Virginia Racing Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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### STEWARDS RULINGS

MARCH 29, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 66**

Apprentice Jockey, Ivan Perez, Permit #11367; SS xxx-xx-4308, is suspended for fourteen calendar days, starting Friday, April 1, through and including Thursday, April 14, 2016, for violation Rule of Racing #178-1-45.7.b.1, which reads: "A jockey shall not ride carelessly or willfully so as to permit his or her mount to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horses in the race," and #178-1-45.7.c.1, which reads, "When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side, so as to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse, it is a foul."

Apprentice Jockey Perez, allowed his mount "Bopcopy" to drift in and cause interference, dropping jockey Kevin Roman, on (#1) "Rockabye Bayzee", during the running of the Second Race, on Friday, March 25, 2016.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DANNY B. WRIGHT

**DENVER BECKNER** 

STEWARDS RULINGS

MARCH 29, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 67**

Jockey, Victor Rodriguez, Permit #10812; SS#: xxx-xx-6891 is hereby suspended Four (4) Race Days, beginning Friday, April 1, 2016, Saturday, April 2, Wednesday, April 6, and Thursday, April 7, 2016, for violation of Rules of Racing Number 178-1-45.7.c.1, which reads, "When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side so as to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse, it is a foul."

Mr. Rodriguez is suspended for allowing his mount (4) "Bethwithoutthe halo", to drift in, and cause interference to (5) "Out with bigdaddy", during the running of the Seventh (7th) Race, Friday, March 25, 2016.

His mount, "Bethwithoutthehalo" was disgualified from Fourth and placed Fifth.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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STEWARDS RULINGS

APRIL 5, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 69**

Trainer, **Renaldo Richards**, Permit #12027; SS xxx-xx-4796, is hereby fined **Two Hundred Dollars (\$200)**, for violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-43.1, which reads in part: "Any horse which has not raced for a period of sixty (60) days shall have one (1) published workout, or a workout certified by the clocker, to be announced over the public address system prior to the horse starting."

**Mr. Ricardo** failed to have a published work, for the horse "It's Flashy" in the third race, on Friday, April 1, 2016, necessitating a late scratch.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per Rule of Racing Number **178-1-8.5.n.** 

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of the ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DANNY R. WRIGHT

**DENVER BECKNER** 

STEWARDS RULINGS

APRIL 5, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 70**

Jockey, Oscar Flores, Permit #10841; SS# xxx-xx-2129 is hereby fined (\$500) Five Hundred Dollars, for violation of Rule of Racing, Number 178-1-45.7.c.1, which reads, "When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side so as to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse, it is a foul."

During the running of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Race, on Friday, April 1, 2016, Mr. Flores, mount "Peb Hughes" (4) crossed over in front of "Volstead" (2), when way not clear and caused interference.

Mr. Flores's mount was not disqualified.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

LAURENCE

**DENVER BECKNER** 

#### **BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

#### CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

#### RULING-MEDICATION VIOLATION

#### RULING: 71

### TO: Owner/Trainer, John A. Casey; Permit #10845; SS# xxx- xx-8866

On April 8, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Owner/Trainer John A. Casey to which he waived his right to a hearing, regarding the allegations set forth in Notice of Hearing issued.

After considering the evidence, the stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample **#193449** taken on **3/24/2016** was reported by Industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain **Triamcinolone Acetonide**, which is a **Class 4 drug**, with a **Penalty C** designation. **Sample #193449** contained **200pg/ml** of the drug. The permissible threshold for this drug is **100pg/ml**. The sample was taken from the **Six (6)** horse, "**Romantic Cork**", which ran in the **Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Race** on **March 24, 2016**, finishing **Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>)**.

## Owner/Trainer, John A. Casey elected to waive his right to the split sample testing.

The Stewards conclude that **Mr Casey** has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1.a** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W.Va C.S.R.1. This medication/prohibited substance violation is the permit holder's **First Offense**. The permit holder has accumulated **O points** under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/substance violation is **1 point** pursuant to section **49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1**. This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

This medication/prohibited substance violation is his first offense for Triamcinolone Acetonide.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in Table 178-1 E of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a minimum penalty of \$1000:00 fine, and loss of purse.

The following is the stewards' analysis of the mitigating/aggravating factors in this matter:

A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record: minimal drug violations

B.) (Aggrovating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance: has potential

C.) (Aggrovoting) The legal availability of the drug: is widely available

<sup>7</sup> D.) (Mitigating) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug.

E.) (Mitigoting) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A

F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A

G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A

H.) (<u>Aggravating</u>) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment record. N/A

I.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

J.) (Mitigating) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. N/A

K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. Casey will be fined \$1000.00 and the purse ordered to be redistributed, and the additional penalty of 1 point under the multiple medication violation point systems, for a total penalty of 1 point.

"Romantic Cork" is disqualified from Fourth Place, and Redistribution of purse is as follows:

- 1. Tribal Heat
- 2. New London
- 3. Candy Castle
- 4. Indigo Sky
- 5. **Ballerina Dancer**

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

Dated: April 9, 2016

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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STEWARDS RULINGS

APRIL 13, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 72**

Jockey, Antonio Lopez, Permit #10899; SS# xxx-xx-0310 is hereby fined (\$500) Five Hundred Dollars, for violation of Rule of Racing, Number 178-1-45.7.c.1, which reads, "When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side so as to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse, it is a foul."

During the running of the **Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Race, on Thursday, April 7, 2016,** Mr. Lopez, allowed his mount **"Gold Sovereign"** to drift over while not clear and cause interfere to **"He's Royal"** during the stretch run.

### Mr. Lopez's mount was not disqualified.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

### BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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#### **BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

#### CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

#### **RULING-MEDICATION VIOLATION**

#### RULING: 73

#### TO: Trainer, Curtis Weller; Permit #11543; SS# xxx- xx-9763

On April 9, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Trainer, Curtis Weller to which he waived his right to a hearing, regarding the allegations set forth in Notice of Hearing issued.

After considering the evidence, the stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample #193440 taken on 3/23/2016 was reported by Industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain Phenylbutazone, which is a Class 4 drug, with a Penalty C designation. Sample #193440 contained 3.5 ug/ml of the drug. The permissible threshold for this drug is 2ug/ml. The sample was taken from the Two (2) horse, "Lady Eleanor", which ran in the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Race on March 23, 2016, finishing Fifth.

#### Trainer, Curtis Weller elected to waive his right to the split sample testing.

The Stewards conclude that **Mr Weller** has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1.a** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W.Va C.S.R.1. This medication/prohibited substance violation is the permit holder's **First Offense**. The permit holder has accumulated **O points** under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/substance violation is **1 point** pursuant to section **49.3.m**. of **178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1**. This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

This medication/prohibited substance violation is his first offense for Phenylbutazone.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in Table 178-1 E of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a minimum penalty of written warning and a maximum penalty of \$500.00 fine for the underlying offense. However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty for the underlying offense on a case by case basis by considering mitigating and aggravating factors.

The following is the stewards' analysis of the mitigating/aggravating factors in this matter:

A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record: No Rule Violations

B.) (Aggravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance: N/A

C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: is widely available

D.) (<u>Mitigating</u>) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug. Permit Holder Knew

E.) (Mitigoting) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A

F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A

G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A

H.) (<u>Aagrovating</u>) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment record. Horse was being treated

I.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

J. (Mitigating) Weather the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. YES

K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. Weller will be fined \$250.00 and "Lady Eleanor" is not disqualified from its 5th place finish.

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

Dated: April 15, 2016

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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#### **BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

### CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

#### **RULING-MEDICATION VIOLATION**

#### RULING: 73

#### TO: Trainer, Curtis Weller; Permit #11543; SS# xxx- xx-9763

On April 9, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Trainer, Curtis Weller to which he waived his right to a hearing, regarding the allegations set forth in Notice of Hearing issued.

After considering the evidence, the stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample #193440 taken on 3/23/2016 was reported by Industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain Phenylbutazone, which is a Class 4 drug, with a Penalty C designation. Sample #193440 contained 3.5 ug/ml of the drug. The permissible threshold for this drug is 2ug/ml. The sample was taken from the Two (2) horse, "Lady Eleanor", which ran in the Sloth (6<sup>th</sup>) Race on March 23, 2016, finishing Fifth.

Trainer, Curtis Weller elected to waive his right to the split sample testing.

The Stewards conclude that **Mr Weller** has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1.a** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W.Va C.S.R.1. This medication/prohibited substance violation is the permit holder's **First Offense**. The permit holder has accumulated **O points** under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/substance violation is **1 point** pursuant to section **49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1.** This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

This medication/prohibited substance violation is his first offense for Phenylbutazone.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in Table 178-1 E of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a minimum penalty of written warning and a maximum penalty of \$500.00 fine for the underlying offense. However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty for the underlying offense on a case by case basis by considering mitigating and aggravating factors.

The following is the stewards' analysis of the mitigating/aggravating factors in this matter:

A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record: No Rule Violations

B.) (Agaravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance: N/A

C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: is widely available

D.) (Mitigating) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug. Permit Holder Knew

E.) (Mitigating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A

F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A

G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A

H.) (<u>Aggravating</u>) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment record. Horse was being treated

I.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

J. (Mitigating) Weather the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. YES

K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. Weller will be fined \$250.00 and "Lady Eleanor" is not disqualified from its 5th place finish.

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

Dated: April 15, 2016

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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## **BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

### CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

### **RULING-MEDICATION VIOLATION**

## RULING: 73

## TO: Trainer, Curtis Weller; Permit #11543; SS# xxx- xx-9763

On April 9, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Trainer, Curtis Weller to which he waived his right to a hearing, regarding the allegations set forth in Notice of Hearing issued.

After considering the evidence, the stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample #193440 taken on 3/23/2016 was reported by Industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain Phenylbutazone, which is a Class 4 drug, with a Penalty C designation. Sample #193440 contained 3.5 ug/ml of the drug. The permissible threshold for this drug is 2ug/ml. The sample was taken from the Two (2) horse, "Lady Eleanor", which ran in the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Race on March 23, 2016, finishing Fifth.

### Trainer, Curtis Weller elected to waive his right to the split sample testing.

The Stewards conclude that **Mr Weller** has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1.a** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W.Va C.S.R.1. This medication/prohibited substance violation is the permit holder's **First Offense**. The permit holder has accumulated **O points** under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/substance violation is **1 point** pursuant to section **49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1.** This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

This medication/prohibited substance violation is his first offense for Phenylbutazone.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in **Table 178-1 E** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a **minimum penalty of written** warning and a maximum penalty of \$500.00 fine for the underlying offense. However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty for the underlying offense on a case by case basis by considering mitigating and aggravating factors.

The following is the stewards' analysis of the mitigating/aggravating factors in this matter:

A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record: No Rule Violations

B.) (Aggravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance: N/A

C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: is widely available

D.) (Mitigating) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug. Permit Holder Knew

E.) (Mitigating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A

F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A

G.) (Mitigoting) The purse of the race: N/A

H.) (Aggravating) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment record. Horse was being treated

I.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

J.) (Mitigating) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. Yes

K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. Weller will be fined \$250.00 and "Lady Eleanor" is not qualified from its 5th place finish.

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

Dated: April 15, 2016

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS

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# BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK RULING-MEDICATION VIOLATION

## **RULING #: 74**

## TO: Owner/Trainer, James D. Locklear; Permit #10745; SS# xxx- xx -1529

The official blood and urine sample **193480** taken on **03/30/16** was reported by Industrial Testing Laboratory to contain Flunixin above the authorized levels. Specifically, blood sample contained **49.5 mg/ml**. The sample was taken from "Point of Rocks" which ran in the First Race on **03/30/16** finishing Fifth.

The Stewards conclude that **Mr. Locklear** has violated section(s) **178-1-49.6.a.1** and **178-1-49.6.a.1**. And **178-1-49.6.a.1**. And **178-1-49.6.a.1**. Any which reads, "Not to exceed the following permitted serum or plasma threshold concentrations which are consistent with administration by a single intravenous injection at least twenty-four (24) hours before post time for the race in which the horse is entered.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in Table 178-1 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a penalty of <u>Two Hundred Fifty (\$250) Dollar fine</u>.

However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty on case by case basis by considering the following mitigating/aggravating factors:

- A. (Mitigating)The permit holder's past record. <u>First Offense at This Level within a</u> year.
- B. (Mitigating))The potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance. Not at this level
- C. (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug. Legal
- D. (Mitigating) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug. Knew of administration
- E. (Mitigating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse. N/A
- F. (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination or inadvertent exposure due to human drug use. N/A
- G. (Mitigating) The purse of the race. N/A

- H. (Aggravating) Whether the drug found was one for which the drug was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment records. N/A
- I. (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race. N/A
- J. (Mitigating) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. N/A
- K. (Mitigating) Other factors deemed relevant by the Stewards. N/A
- L. Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty: <u>A Two</u> <u>Hundred Fifty (\$250) Dollar fine.</u>

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.

Dated: April 15, 2016

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STEWARDS RULING

APRIL 15, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 75**

Trainer, M. Joanna Boggs; Permit # 12108; SS# xxx-xx- 6225, is hereby fined Two-Hundred Dollars for violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-49.7.e.1., which reads in part: "A horse scheduled to race that is permitted to use furosemide(Lasix) shall be administered furosemide(Lasix) by a veterinarian employed by the owner or trainer and holding a permit issued by the Racing Commission, unless, under subdivision 49.7.f. of this rule, the horse has been declared off of furosemide (Lasix) by its owner or trainer. The Furosemide (Lasix) must be administered a minimum of four (4) hours before the scheduled post time for the race in which the horse is entered and must be administered under the supervision of a person employed by the Racing Commission."

Ms. Boggs failed to have the horse "High End Gal" available for Lasix treatment at appropriate time, necessitating a late scratch in the First Race on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

All fines imposed by the stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, per Rule of racing number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY OBDER OF THE STEWARDS

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STEWARDS RULINGS

APRIL 16, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 76**

Trainer, Keisy Cartagena, Permit # 11436; SS # XXX-XX-7288, is hereby fined Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars for violation of Rule of Racing # 178-1-26.3.g, which states, "Each trainer is responsible for presenting his or her horse and being present in the paddock at a time appointed before post time of the race in which the horse is entered."

Trainer, Keisy Cartagena failed to be in the paddock with the horse "Love Rules All", at the time appointed, for the running of the Third Race on Friday, April 15, 2016, necessitating a late scratch.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) Calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY THE ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

MICHAEL PEARSON

LAURENCE A. DUPUY

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#### BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

### CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

#### **RULING-MEDICATION VIOLATION**

### RULING: 76

## TO: Trainer, Earl McCormick; Permit #12209; SS# xxx- xx-9876

On April 16, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Trainer, Earl H. McCormick, to which he waived his right on the allegations stated.

Trainer, Earl H. McCormick elected to waive his right to the split sample testing.

After considering the evidence, the stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample #193501 taken on 4/01/2016 was reported by Industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain Clenbutarol, which is a Class 3 drug, with a Penalty B designation. Sample #193501 contained 30 pg/ml of the drug. There is no permissible threshold for this drug in the blood, the sample was taken from the Three (3) horse, "Tucan Tango", which ran in the First Race on April 1, 2016, finishing First.

The Stewards conclude that **Mr. McCormick** has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1.** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, **178** W.Va C.S.R.1. This medication/prohibited substance violation is the permit holder's **First Offense**. The permit holder has accumulated **O points** under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/substance violation is **2 points**, pursuant to section **49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1**. This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

This medication/prohibited substance violation is his first offense for Clenbutarol.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in **Table 178-1 E** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a minimum penalty of \$500.00 fine, and minimum of fifteen days suspension, with disqualification, and loss of purse for the underlying offense. However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty for the underlying offense on a case by case basis by considering mitigating and aggravating factors.

The following is the stewards' analysis of the mitigating/aggravating factors in this matter:

A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record: No Rule Violations

B.) (Aggravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance: N/A

C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: is widely available

D.) (Mitigating) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug. Permit Holder Knew

E.) (Mitigating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A

F.) (Aggravoting) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A

G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A

H.) (<u>Aggravating</u>) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment record. N/A

I.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

J.) (<u>Mitigating</u>) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. N/A

K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. McCormick will be fined \$500.00, with disqualification and loss of purse, and is suspended 15 days; suspension begins, Sunday, April 24, 2016 through and including Sunday, May 8, 2016.

**Redistribution of Purse is as follows:** 

- 1. Officer Buster
- 2. Hello Canaan
- 3. Magical Punch
- 4. Right On the Money
- 5. Austin's Xchanger

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

Dated: April 16, 2016

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

L. ROBERT LOTTS

LAURENCE A. DUPUY

MICHAEL PEARSON

#### **BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

#### CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

#### **RULING-MEDICATION VIOLATION**

#### RULING: 76

#### TO: Trainer, Earl McCormick; Permit #12209; SS# xxx- xx-9876

On April 16, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Trainer, Earl H. McCormick, to which he waived his right on the allegations stated.

Trainer, Earl H. McCormick elected to waive his right to the split sample testing.

After considering the evidence, the stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample #193501 taken on 4/01/2016 was reported by Industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain Clenbutarol, which is a Class 3 drug, with a Penalty B designation. Sample #193501 contained 30 pg/ml of the drug. There is no permissible threshold for this drug in the blood, the sample was taken from the Three (3) horse, "Tucan Tango", which ran in the First Race on April 1, 2016, finishing First.

The Stewards conclude that **Mr. McCormick** has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1.** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W.Va C.S.R.1. This medication/prohibited substance violation is the permit holder's **First Offense**. The permit holder has accumulated **O points** under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/substance violation is **2 points**, pursuant to section **49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1**. This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

This medication/prohibited substance violation is his first offense for Clenbutarol.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in **Table 178-1 E** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a **minimum penalty of \$500.00** fine, and minimum of fifteen days suspension, with disqualification, and loss of purse for the underlying offense. However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty for the underlying offense on a case by case basis by considering mitigating and aggravating factors.

The following is the stewards' analysis of the mitigating/aggravating factors in this matter:

A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record: No Rule Violations

B.) (Aggravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance: N/A

C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: is widely available

D.) (Mitigating) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug. Permit Holder Knew

E.) (Mitigating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A

F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A

G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A

H.) (Aggravating) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment record. N/A

I.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

J.) (<u>Mitigatina</u>) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. N/A

K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. McCormick will be fined \$500.00, with disqualification and loss of purse, and is suspended 15 days; suspension begins, Sunday, April 24, 2016 through and including Sunday, May 8, 2016.

Redistribution of Purse is as follows:

- 1. Officer Buster
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- 3. Magical Punch
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You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

Dated: April 16, 2016

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

L. ROBERT LOTTS

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## **CHARLES TOWN RACES**

## STEWARDS RULING

APRIL 15, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 75**

Trainer, M. Joanna Boggs; Permit # 12108; SS# xxx-xx- 6225, is hereby fined Two-Hundred Dollars for violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-49.7.e.1., which reads in part: "A horse scheduled to race that is permitted to use furosemide(Lasix) shall be administered furosemide(Lasix) by a veterinarian employed by the owner or trainer and holding a permit issued by the Racing Commission, unless, under subdivision 49.7.f. of this rule, the horse has been declared off of furosemide (Lasix) by its owner or trainer. The Furosemide (Lasix) must be administered a minimum of four (4) hours before the scheduled post time for the race in which the horse is entered and must be administered under the supervision of a person employed by the Racing Commission."

Ms. Boggs failed to have the horse "High End Gal" available for Lasix treatment at appropriate time, necessitating a late scratch in the First Race on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

All fines imposed by the stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, per Rule of racing number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

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#### **BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

#### CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

#### **RULING-MEDICATION VIOLATION**

#### RULING: 76

## TO: Trainer, Earl McCormick; Permit #12209; SS# xxx- xx-9876

On April 16, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Trainer, Earl H. McCormick, to which he waived his right on the allegations stated.

Trainer, Earl H. McCormick elected to waive his right to the split sample testing.

After considering the evidence, the stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample #193501 taken on 4/01/2016 was reported by Industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain Clenbutarol, which is a Class 3 drug, with a Penalty B designation. Sample #193501 contained 30 pg/ml of the drug. There is no permissible threshold for this drug in the blood, the sample was taken from the Three (3) horse, "Tucan Tango", which ran in the First Race on April 1, 2016, finishing First.

The Stewards conclude that **Mr**. **McCormick** has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1.** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W.Va C.S.R.1. This medication/prohibited substance violation is the permit holder's **First Offense**. The permit holder has accumulated **O points** under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/substance violation is **2 points**, pursuant to section **49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1.** This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

This medication/prohibited substance violation is his first offense for Clenbutarol.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in **Table 178-1 E** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a **minimum penalty of \$500.00** fine, and minimum of fifteen days suspension, with disqualification, and loss of purse for the underlying offense. However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty for the underlying offense on a case by case basis by considering mitigating and aggravating factors.

The following is the stewards' analysis of the mitigating/aggravating factors in this matter:

A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record: No Rule Violations

B.) (Aggravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance: N/A

C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: is widely available

D.) (Mitigating) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug. Permit Holder Knew

E.) (Mitiaating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A

F.) (Agarovating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A

G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A

H.) (Aggravating) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment record. N/A

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I.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

J.) (<u>Mitigating</u>) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. N/A

K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. McCormick will be fined \$500.00, with disqualification and loss of purse, and is suspended 15 days; suspension begins, Sunday; April 24, 2016 through and including Sunday, May 8, 2016.

**Redistribution of Purse is as follows:** 

- 1. Officer Buster
- 2. Hello Canaan
- 3. Magical Punch
- 4. Right On the Money
- 5. Austin's Xchanger

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

Dated: April 16, 2016

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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STEWARDS RULINGS

APRIL 16, 2016

RULING NUMBER

Trainer, Keisy Cartagena, Permit # 11436; SS # XXX-XX-7288, is hereby fined Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars for violation of Rule of Racing # 178-1-26.3.g, which states, "Each trainer is responsible for presenting his or her horse and being present in the paddock at a time appointed before post time of the race in which the horse is entered."

Trainer, Keisy Cartagena failed to be in the paddock with the horse "Love Rules All", at the time appointed, for the running of the Third Race on Friday, April 15, 2016, necessitating a late scratch.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) Calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

# BY THE ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

MICHAEL PEARSON

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STEWARDS RULINGS

APRIL 22, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 78**

Jockey, Jerry Villegas, Permit #10805; SS# xxx-xx-4546 is hereby fined (\$500) Five Hundred Dollars, for violation of Rule of Racing, Number 178-1-45.7.c.1, which reads, "When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side so as to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse, it is a foul."

During the running of the Fifth (5th) Race, on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, Mr. Villegas allowed his mount "SharpasabowInball" to drop over in front of "Miss Berry O" going into the quarter pole turn when not clear and cause interference.

His mount was disgualified from Fourth place and placed Sixth.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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STEWARDS RULINGS

MAY 5, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 80**

Jockey, Juan D Acosta, Permit # 12715; SS# xxx-xx-0435, is hereby fined Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-28.3.b, which reads: "A jockey shall faithfully fulfill all engagements in respect to racing."

Mr. Acosta failed to fulfill his riding engagements on Friday, April 22, 2016, for the Sixth Race, necessitating a late rider change.

All fines imposed by the stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven days (7) calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the stewards.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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# STEWARDS RULINGS

APRIL 22, 2016

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During the running of the **Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Race, on Wednesday, April 20, 2016,** Mr. Villegas allowed his mount **"Sharpasabowinball"** to drop over in front of **"Miss Berry O"** going into the quarter pole turn when not clear and cause interference.

His mount was disqualified from Fourth place and placed Sixth.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

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#### BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

#### CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

#### RULING-MEDICATON VIOLATION

#### RULING: 79

#### TO: Owner/Trainer, Scott J. Lane; Permit #12698; /SS# xxx-xx-5682

On April 29, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Owner/Trainer Scott Lane to which he waived his right to a hearing, regarding the allegations set forth in Notice of Hearing issued.

After considering the evidence, the stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample #193569 taken on 4/13/16 was reported by industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain **Triamcinolone Acetonide**, which is a **Class 4 drug**, with a **Penalty C** designation. **Sample # 193569** contained 191pg/ml of the drug. The permissible threshold for this drug is **100pg/ml**. The sample was taken from the **Two (2)** horse, "Buffed", which ran in the **First (1<sup>61</sup>) Race on April 13, 2016**, finishing **First (1<sup>61</sup>)**.

Owner/Trainer, Scott J. Lane elected to waive his right to the split sample testing.

The Stewards conclude that **Mr. Lane** has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1.a** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W. Va. C.S.R.1. This medication/substance violation is **1 point** pursuant to section **49.3.m.of W. Va. C.S.R.1.** This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

This medication/prohibited substance violation is his first offense for Triamcinolone Acetonide.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in Table 178-1 E of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a minimum penalty of \$1,000.00 fine, and loss of purse.

The following is the stewards' analysis of the mitigation/factors in this matter:

- A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record minimal drug violations
- B.) (Aggravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance: has potential
- C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: is widely available
- D.) (<u>Mitigating</u>) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug.
- E.) (Mitigating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A
- F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A
- G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A
- H.) (Aggravating) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment record. N/A
- I.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

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holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. N/A

K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. Lane will be fined \$1,000.00 and the purse ordered to be redistributed, and the additional penalty of 1 point under the multiple medication violation point systems, for a total penalty of 1 point.

"Buffed" Is disgualified from First Place, and Redistribution of purse is as follows:

- How Do I Know 1.
- **Touchy Zealy** 2.
- Smarty Star 3.
- Won Ton Soup 4.
- Unwarranted 5.
- Bloomerang 6.

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal musts be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00

Dated: April 30, 2016

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STEWARDS RULINGS

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All fines imposed by the stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven days (7) calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the stewards.

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#### CHARLES TOWN RACES STEWARDS RULING

MAY 5, 2016

# **RULING NUMBER 81**

Authorized Agent #10222, making Jose A. Lopez, Authorized Agent for Rolando Figueroa has been rescinded as of 04/26/16, per letter sent to Stewards by Roland Figueroa, dated 04/26/16.

# BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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# CHARLES TOWN RACES STEWARDS RULING

MAY 11, 2016

# **RULING NUMBER 82**

Earl A. Miller III, Assistant Trainer, License #10818, has been rescinded and Vendor License #13326 was issued on 4/22/16, without prejudice.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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## STEWARDS RULINGS

MAY 27, 2016

# **RULING NUMBER 83**

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Apprentice Jockey, Jan Batista, Permit #13078; SS#: xxx-xx-3286 is hereby suspended Four (4) Race Days, beginning Wednesday, June 1, 2016, through and including June 4, 2016, for violation of Rules of Racing Number 178-1-45.7.c.1, which reads, "When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side so as to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse, it is a foul."

Mr. Batista is suspended for allowing his mount (7) "Jax and Yoko", to drift in, and cause interference to (6) "E Z Curl", during the running of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Race, Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

His mount, "Jax and Yoko" was disqualified from Third and placed Fourth.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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STEWARDS RULINGS

MAY 27, 2016

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His mount, "Jax and Yoko" was disgualified from Third and placed Fourth.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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STEWARDS RULING

May 27, 2016

# **RULING NUMBER 84**

Groom, Michael A. Haynes; Permit#13505; SS#xxx-xx-9924

**Michael A. Haynes** has been **denied** a Groom Application by the Stewards with regard to his recent attempt to renew his grooms license application.

DATED: May 27, 2016

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May 27, 2016

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Groom, Michael A. Haynes; Permit#13505; SS#xxx-xx-9924

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DATED: May 27, 2016

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STEWARDS RULINGS

May 28, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 85**

Apprentice Jockey, Jan Batista, Permit #13078; SS# xxx-xx-3286 is hereby fined (\$500) Five Hundred Dollars , for violation of Rule of Racing, Number 178-1-45.7.c.1, which reads, "When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side so as to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse, it is a foul."

During the running of the Second (2nd) Race, on Thursday, May 26, 2016, Mr. Batista allowed his mount "Kick Ash " to drift out and caused interference to the #7 horse "Fair Praise".

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

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STEWARDS RULINGS

May 28, 2016

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During the running of the Second (2nd) Race, on Thursday, May 26, 2016, Mr. Batista allowed his mount "Kick Ash " to drift out and caused interference to the #7 horse "Fair Praise".

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

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## STEWARDS RULINGS

JUNE 3, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 86**

Jockey, Christian Hiraldo, Permit #10838; SS# xxx xx 4368, is hereby suspended for Four Racing Days, starting, Wednesday, June 8, 2016 through and including Saturday, June 11, 2016, for violation of Rule of Racing #178-1-45.7.b.1., which reads "A jockey shall not ride carelessly or willfully so as to permit his or her mount to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse in a race."

Jockey Hiraldo willfully permitted his mount, "Cat Come Home" (4) to drift over and interfere with "Opportunity Calls" (5), through the stretch run in the Sixth Race on, Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

Mr. Hiraldo's mount was disqualified from Second and placed Third.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

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CHARLES TOWN RACES

STEWARDS RULING

JUNE 8, 2016

# **RULING NUMBER 87**

Jockey, **Carlos Marrero**, Permit #10883; SS# xxx-xx-5129, is hereby fined **One-Hundred** (\$100.00) Dollars for failure to do his reported weight, on **Saturday**, June 4, 2016. This is in violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number **178-1-45.5.d** which states, "Any overweight shall be declared by a jockey to the clerk of scales at the time appointed in advance of a race. The clerk of scales shall report to the stewards any failure on the part of any jockey to comply with this subdivision."

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) Calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

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STEWARDS RULING

JUNE 8, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 88**

Jockey, Victor Rodriguez, Permit #10812; SS# xxx-xx-6891, is hereby fined One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for failure to do his reported weight, on Saturday, June 4, 2016. This is in violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-45.5.d which states, "Any overweight shall be declared by a jockey to the clerk of scales at the time appointed in advance of a race. The clerk of scales shall report to the stewards any failure on the part of any jockey to comply with this subdivision."

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) Calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

DANNY R. WRIGHT

**DENVER BECKNER** 

#### STEWARDS RULINGS

JUNE 11, 2016

# **RULING NUMBER 89**

Jockey, Grant Whitacre, Permit #12914; SS# xxx-xx-6764, is hereby suspended for Four Racing Days, starting, Thursday, June 16, 2016, Friday, June 17, 2016, Saturday, June 18, 2016 and including Wednesday, June 22, 2016, for violation of Rule of Racing #178-1-45.7.b.1., which reads "A jockey shall not ride carelessly or willfully so as to permit his or her mount to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse in a race."

Grant Whitacre willfully permitted his mount, "Leonia" (4) to drift over and interfere with "Beelzeboss" (3), through the stretch run in the Fifth Race on, Thursday, June 9, 2016.

Mr. Whitacre's mount was disqualified from First and placed Third.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

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# BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS CHARLES TOWN RACETRACK

# **RULING - MEDICATION VIOLATION**

## **RULING NUMBER # 90**

# TO: JOSE S. NUNEZ 72 Cedar Hill Church Road Elkton, Maryland 21929

# Owner/Trainer Permit # 13058 B

On June 15, 2016, the Board of Stewards conducted a hearing regarding allegations set forth in a Notice of Hearing issued on June 4, 2016. Jose S. Nunez and Madeline Huis were present in person and testified before the Board of Stewards. After considering the evidence, the Board of Stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood and urine samples # E193429 taken on March 19, 2016 were reported by Industrial Laboratories to contain N-ethylnicotinamide, the metabolite of Nikethamide. Pursuant to Table 178-1 D of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 C.S.R. 1, Nikethamide is a Class 1 Drug, carrying a Category A penalty. The samples were taken from "Road Agent", which ran in the RACE NUMBER 7 on March 19, 2016, finishing 1st. The horse is trained by Jose S. Nunez and owned by Madeline Huis.

After notification to you, you elected to conduct split sample testing on the blood collected for "Road Agent" and selected Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory to conduct the split sample testing. After events beyond the control of the Racing Commission caused the split blood sample not to be received by Texas A&M, you were contacted by the Stewards to make arrangements to continue to fulfill and honor your request for split sample testing. Specifically, the Stewards required you to appear so that the split urine sample for "Road Agent" could be sent for testing to Texas A&M. After you failed to appear for the shipment of the split urine sample, the Stewards and a Racing Commission Veterinarian caused the split urine sample to be sent to Texas A&M, observing the appropriate chain of custody and in the presence of independent witnesses. In addition, the Stewards ordered Industrial to ship the remaining, untested and preserved blood in its possession to Texas A&M for testing. As a result of your failure to cooperate regarding the split sample testing, arrangements were made to have the West Virginia Racing Commission pay Texas A&M for conducting the split sample testing of the blood and urine.

On or about June 2, 2016, Texas A&M confirmed the presence of N-ethylnicotinamide, the metabolite of Nikethamide, in the urine split sample for "Road Agent" and in the remaining, untested and preserved blood sample for "Road Agent."

The official blood and urine samples # E193472.taken on March 26, 2016 were reported by Industrial Laboratories to contain N-ethylnicotinamide, the metabolite of Nikethamide. Pursuant to Table 178-1 D of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 C.S.R. 1, Nikethamide is a Class 1 Drug, carrying a Category A penalty. The samples were taken from "Grace Is a Beauty", which ran in the RACE NUMBER 6 on March 26, 2016, finishing 1st. The horse is trained by Jose S. Nunez and owned by Madeline Huis.

After notification to you, you elected to conduct split sample testing on the blood collected for "Grace Is a Beauty" and selected Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory to conduct the split sample testing. After events beyond the control of the Racing Commission caused the split blood sample not to be received by Texas A&M, you were contacted by the Stewards to make arrangements to continue to fulfill and honor your request for split sample testing. Specifically, the Stewards required you to appear so that the split urine sample for "Grace Is a Beauty" could be sent for testing to Texas A&M. After you failed to appear for the shipment of the split urine sample, the Stewards and a Racing Commission Veterinarian caused the split urine sample to be sent to Texas A&M, observing the appropriate chain of custody and in the presence of independent witnesses. In addition, the Stewards ordered Industrial to ship the remaining, untested and preserved blood in its possession to Texas A&M for testing. As a result of your failure to cooperate regarding the split sample testing, arrangements were made to have the West Virginia Racing Commission pay Texas A&M for conducting the split sample testing of the blood and urine.

On or about June 2, 2016, Texas A&M confirmed the presence of N-ethylnicotinamide, the metabolite of Nikethamide, in the urine split sample for "Grace Is a Beauty" and in the remaining, untested and preserved blood sample for "Grace Is a Beauty."

The Board of Stewards conclude that Jose Nunez has violated sections 49.4.a.1. and 51.1.a. of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 C.S.R. 1. Specifically, N-ethylnicotinamide, the metabolite of Nikethamide, confirmed to be present in "Road Agent's" body while it was participating in a race, is a drug or medication for which no acceptable threshold concentration has been established by the West Virginia Racing Commission. Therefore, the presence of N-ethylnicotinamide, the metabolite of Nikethamide, in "Road Agent" is a violation of 178 C.S.R. 1, § 49.4.a.1.

In addition, pursuant to section 51.1.a. of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 C.S.R. 1, as the trainer of "Road Agent," Jose Nunez is the absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of the horse, regardless of the acts of third parties. Inasmuch the testing of urine and blood from "Road Agent" proved positive showing the presence of a prohibited drug, medication, or substance, Jose Nunez, as the trainer of the horse, may be fined, suspended, have his occupational permit revoked, be prohibited access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the Racing Commission, or may be otherwise disciplined.

The medication/prohibited substance violation associated with the positive in "Road Agent" is Jose Nunez's **FIRST** offense for a drug carrying a Category A penalty. The Penalty Guidelines set forth in Table 178-1 E of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule provide a minimum penalty of a one (1) year suspension and a \$10,000.00 fine.

The medication/prohibited substance violation associated with the positive in "Grace Is a Beauty" is Jose Nunez's **SECOND** offense for a drug carrying a Category A penalty. The Penalty Guidelines set forth in Table 178-1 E of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule provide a minimum penalty of a three (3) year suspension and a \$25,000.00 fine.

An analysis of the mitigating/aggravating factors is as follows:

Mr. Nunez's past record as a permit holder is relatively good in that Mr. Nunez has had only two previous medication violations: a Phenylbutazone overage in Delaware on or about August 13, 2012 for which he was fined \$500.00, and a Diphenhydramine positive in Pennsylvania on or about September 19, 2014 for which he was fined \$1,500.00.

However, Nikethamide and its metabolite, found in "Road Agent" and "Grace Is a Beauty" is a Class 1 Drug. Pursuant to 178 C.S.R. 1, § 49.2.a., Class 1 drugs have no generally accepted medical use in the racehorse and their pharmacological potential for altering the performance of a race is very high. This is an aggravating factor.

It is also an aggravating factor that Nikethamide is not available on the legal, commercial market in the United States for human or veterinary use. Nikethamide is not FDA approved for use in the United States.

During the hearing neither Mr. Nunez nor Ms. Huis offered any explanation or information that would explain how Nikethamide, a very serious drug, got into "Road Agent" and "Grace Is a Beauty."

Weighing and balancing the aggravating and mitigating factors, the Board of Stewards finds that the minimum penalty for each offense is appropriate in this case. Therefore, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalties:

Mr. Nunez is hereby SUSPENDED for ONE (1) year and FINED \$10,000.00 for the first offense Class 1, Category A, drug positive in "Road Agent." Pursuant to 178 C.S.R. 1, § 49.3.m., Mr. Nunez is assessed SIX (6) POINTS under the Multiple Medication Violation rule for this violation. In addition, "Road Agent" is hereby placed on the Veterinarian's List for NINETY (90) days from the date of this ruling and must pass an examination before becoming eligible to be entered in a race. The purse of the race is ordered to be FORFEITED and "Road Agent" is DISQUALIFIED from its first place finish in the 7<sup>th</sup> race on March 19, 2016. The order of finish is hereby re-ordered as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Blue Mountain Cat 2<sup>nd</sup> Gabbi's Amor 3<sup>rd</sup> Manewal 4<sup>th</sup> Graduated 5<sup>th</sup> Two More Jacs 6<sup>th</sup> Academy Run

Mr. Nunez is hereby SUSPENDED for THREE (3) years and FINED \$25,000.00 for the second offense Class 1, Category A, drug positive in "Grace Is a Beauty." Pursuant to 178 C.S.R. 1, § 49.3.m., Mr. Nunez is assessed SIX (6) POINTS under the Multiple Medication Violation rule for this violation. In addition, "Grace Is a Beauty" is hereby placed on the Veterinarian's List for ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) days from the date of this ruling and must pass an examination before becoming eligible to be entered in a race. The purse of the race is ordered to be FORFEITED and "Grace Is a Beauty" is DISQUALIFIED from its first place finish in the 6<sup>th</sup> race on March 26, 2016. The order of finish is hereby re-ordered as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Early Glory 2<sup>nd</sup> Distinctlybella 3<sup>rd</sup> Linda's Lollipon 4<sup>th</sup> Prithee 5<sup>th</sup> Malibu Fever 6<sup>th</sup> Wawa

As a result of the accumulation of a total of **TWELVE (12) POINTS** under the Multiple Medication Violation rule for the above-listed violations, Mr. Nunez is hereby **SUSPENDED** an additional **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360)** days pursuant to 178 C.S.R. 1, § 49.3.m.6.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that Jose Nunez's permit is SUSPENDED for a total of FOUR (4) YEARS and THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) days effective beginning Thursday, June 23, 2016, through and including, June 18, 2021. It is further ORDERED that Jose Nunez is FINED a total of \$35,000.00. Pursuant to 178 C.S.R. 1, § 8.5.n., such fine shall be paid within seven (7) calendar days after this ruling is issued.

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

Dated: June 22, 2016 Chief Ste ward Steward Steward

STEWARDS RULING

JUNE 23, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 91**

Jockey, Antonio Lopez, Permit #10721; SS# xxx-xx-0310, is hereby fined One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for failure to do his reported weight, on Friday, June 17, 2016. This is in violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-45.5.d which states, "Any overweight shall be declared by a jockey to the clerk of scales at the time appointed in advance of a race. The clerk of scales shall report to the stewards any failure on the part of any jockey to comply with this subdivision."

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) Calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

# BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DANNY R. WRIGHT

LAURENCE A. DUPUY

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STEWARDS RULING

JUNE 23, 2016

# **RULING NUMBER 92**

Trainer, Karen Dennehy Godsey, Permit # 13485; SS# xxx-xx-0218, is hereby fined Two-Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of Rule of Racing #178-1-44.1, which reads: "A horse is ineligible to start in a race when: its breed certificate is not on file with the association's racing secretary, one-half hour before post time for the first race; the stewards may waive this requirement if the information contained on the registration certificate is otherwise available and the horse is otherwise correctly identified to the stewards' satisfaction; provided that the stewards shall not waive this requirement if the horse is scheduled to start in a claiming race.

Ms. Godsey failed to have foal papers on file for the horse "Abram" for the running of the Second Race, Friday, June 17, 2016, necessitating a late scratch.

All Fines imposed by the stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within Seven (7) Calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards Per rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (100.00) Dollars

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#### **BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

## CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

#### **RULING-MEDICATON VIOLATION**

#### RULING: 93

#### TO: Owner/Trainer, Christine B. White.; Permit #10661 /SS# xxx-xx-6407

On June 23, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Owner/Trainer Christine B: White to which she waived her right to a hearing, regarding the allegations set forth in Notice of Hearing issued.

After considering the evidence, the stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample #196385 taken on 6/11/16 was reported by industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain Phenylbutazone, which is a Class 4 drug, with a Penalty C designation. Sample #196385 contained 3.2 ug/ml of the drug. The permissible threshold for this drug is 2 ug/ml. The sample was taken from the Six (6) horse, "Priceless Dancer", which ran in the Third Race on June 11, 2016, finishing First (1<sup>st</sup>).

#### Owner/Trainer, Christine B. White elected to waive her right to the split sample testing.

The Stewards conclude that **Ms. White** has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1.** a of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W. Va. C.S.R.1. This medication/substance violation is the permit holders' first offense. The permit holder has accumulated **0** points under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/substance violation is **1** point pursuant to section 49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1. This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in Table 178-1 E of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a minimum penalty of written warning and a maximum penalty of \$500.00 fine for the underlying offense. However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty for the underlying offense on a case by case basis, by considering mitigating and aggravating factors.

The following is the stewards' analysis of the mitigation/factors in this matter:

- A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record No Rule Violations
- B.) (Aggravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance: N/A
- C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: Is Widely Available
- D.) (<u>Mitigating</u>) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug. Permit Holder Knew
- E.) (Mitigating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A
- F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A
- G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A
- H.) (Aggravating) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment record. Horse was being treated.
- 1.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

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J.) (Mitigating) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. Yes

K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Ms. White will be fined \$250.00 and "Priceless Dancer" is not disqualified from the First place finish.

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You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal musts be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00

Dated: June 24, 2016

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#### **BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

#### CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

#### **RULING-MEDICATON VIOLATION**

#### RULING: 94

## TO: Owner/Trainer, John S. Adams, Jr.; Permit #10906 /SS# xxx-xx-1680

On June 24, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Owner/Trainer John S. Adams, Jr. to which he waived his right to a hearing, regarding the allegations set forth in Notice of Hearing issued.

After considering the evidence, the stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample #196380 taken on 6/10/16 was reported by industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain Phenylbutazone, which is a Class 4 drug, with a Penalty C designation. Sample #196380 contained 3.0 ug/ml of the drug. The permissible threshold for this drug is 2 ug/ml. The sample was taken from the Six (6) horse, "Crafty Punch", which ran in the Seventh Race on June 10, 2016, finishing First (1<sup>st</sup>).

#### Owner/Trainer, John S. Adams, Jr. elected to waive his right to the split sample testing.

The Stewards conclude that **Mr. Adams** has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1.** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W. Va. C.S.R.1. This medication/substance violation is the permit holders' **first offense**. The permit holder has accumulated **0** points under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/substance violation is **1 point** pursuant to section 49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1. This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in Table 178-1 E of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a minimum penalty of written warning and a maximum penalty of \$500.00 fine for the underlying offense. However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty for the underlying offense on a case by case basis, by considering mitigating and aggravating factors.

The following is the stewards' analysis of the mitigation/factors in this matter:

- A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record No Rule Violations
- B.) (Aggravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance: N/A
- C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: Is Widely Available
- D.) (Mitigating) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug. Permit Holder Knew
- E.) (Mitigating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A
- F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A
- G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A
- H.) (Aggravating) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment record. Horse was being treated.
- 1.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

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- J.) (Mitigating) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. Yes
- K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. Adams will be fined \$250.00 and "Crafty Punch" is not disqualified from the First place finish.

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal musts be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00

Dated: June 24, 2016

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#### BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

#### CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

#### RULING-MEDICATON VIOLATION

#### RULING: 95

#### TO: Trainer, Mark Shanley; Permit #10840 /SS# xxx-xx-2743

On June 28, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Trainer Mark Shanley to which he waived his right to a hearing, regarding the allegations set forth in Notice of Hearing issued.

After considering the evidence, the stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample #196357 taken on 6/08/16 was reported by industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain Dexamethasone, which is a Class 4 drug, with a Penalty C designation. Sample #196357 contained 40.5 pg/ml of the drug. The permissible threshold for this drug is 5 pg/ml. The sample was taken from the Five (5) horse, "Bravelikebetty", which ran in the Sixth Race on June 08, 2016, and was euthanized due to injury.

# Trainer, Mark Shanley elected to waive his right to the spllt sample testing.

The Stewards conclude that **Mr. Shanley** has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1.** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W. Va. C.S.R.1. This medication/substance violation is the permit holders' first offense. The permit holder has accumulated **0** points under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/substance violation is **1** point pursuant to section 49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1. This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in Table 178-1 E of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a minimum penalty of written warning and a maximum penalty of \$1000.00 fine for the underlying offense. However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty for the underlying offense on a case by case basis, by considering mitigating and aggravating factors.

The following is the stewards' analysis of the mitigation/factors in this matter:

- A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record No Rule Violations
- B.) (Aggravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance: N/A
- C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: Is Widely Available
- D.) (Mitigating) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug. Permit Holder Knew
- E.) (Mitigating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A
- F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A
- G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A
- H.) (Aggravating) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment record. Horse was being treated.
- I.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

- J.) (Mitigating) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. Yes
- K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. Shanley will be fined \$1000.00.

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal musts be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00

Dated: June 28, 2016

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#### **BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

## CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

#### RULING-MEDICATON VIOLATION

#### RULING: 96

#### TO: Owner/Trainer, Kevin Patterson; Permit #10699 /SS# xxx-xx-7948

On June 28, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Owner/Trainer Kevin Patterson to which he waived his right to a hearing, regarding the allegations set forth in Notice of Hearing issued.

After considering the evidence, the stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample #196376 taken on 6/10/16 was reported by Industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain Clenbuterol, which is a Class 3 drug, with a B Penalty designation. Sample #196376 contained 3 pg/ml of the drug. The permissible threshold for this drug in urine is 140 pg/ml, and 0 detection in plasma. The sample was taken from the Five (5) horse, "Bad Boy Peter", which ran in the Fourth Race on June 10, 2016, finishing First.

#### Owner/Trainer, Kevin Patterson elected to waive his right to the split sample testing.

The Stewards conclude that **Mr. Patterson** has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1.a** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W. Va. C.S.R.1. This medication/substance violation is the permit holders' **First** offense. The permit holder has accumulated **0** points under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/substance violation is **2** points pursuant to section 49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1. This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in Table 178-1 E of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a minimum penalty of written warning and a maximum penalty of \$500.00 fine for the underlying offense. However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty for the underlying offense on a case by case basis, by considering mitigating and aggravating factors.

The following is the stewards' analysis of the mitigation/factors in this matter:

- A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record No Rule Violations
- B.) (Aggravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance:
- C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: Is Widely Available
- D.) (Mitigating) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug. Permit Holder Knew
- E.) (Mitigating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A
- F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A
- G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A
- H.) (Aggravating) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment record. Horse was being treated.
- 1.) (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

- J.) (Mitigating) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. Yes
- K.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. Patterson will be fined \$500.00, with disqualification and loss of purse, and is suspended 15 days; suspension begins Sunday, July 3, 2016 through and including Sunday, July 17, 2016.

**Redistribution of Purse is as follows:** 

- 1. It's Free
- 2. Star Sense
- 3. Coro Coro
- 4. Gator Gold
- 5. **Blue Mountain Cat**
- Gabbi's Amor 6

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal musts be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00

Dated: June 28, 2016

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STEWARDS RULING

JULY 1, 2016

# **RULING NUMBER 97**

Jockey, Antonio Lopez, Permit #10721; SS# xxx-xx-0310, is hereby fined One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for failure to do his reported weight, on Saturday, June 25, 2016. This is in violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-45.5.d which states, "Any overweight shall be declared by a jockey to the clerk of scales at the time appointed in advance of a race. The clerk of scales shall report to the stewards any failure on the part of any jockey to comply with this subdivision."

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) Calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

LAURENCE A. DUPUY

MICHAEL PEARSON

# CHARLES TOWN RACES STEWARDS RULINGS JULY 1, 2016

## **RULING NUMBER 98**

Owner/Trainer, Lofflin Downie, Permit #10979; SS xxx-xx-5906, is hereby fined One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00), for being in violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-24.11.gg, which reads: "Has engaged in conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the best interest of racing."

On Wednesday, June 30, 2016, Mr Downie was afforded a Board of Stewards hearing, he waived his right to do so, and signed the appropriate waiver form.

Mr. Downie admitted that due to his frustration of running out of time to get a 60 day published workout for his horse "Copy Catter", which was scheduled to run in the 4<sup>th</sup> Race, Saturday, June 24, 2016, he worked the horse "Nameless", claiming it to be "Copy Catter".

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per Rule of Racing Number **178-1-8.5.n**.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of the ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00.

LAURENCE A. DUPUY

MICHAEL PEARSON

# CHARLES TOWN RACES STEWARDS RULING JULY 1, 2016

## RULING NUMBER 99

Trainer, Anthony Farrior, Permit #12423; SS# xxx-7529 is hereby fined One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars for violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number 178-1-24.11.p which states, "Has knowingly or without conducting proper due diligence, sold a horse for slaughter, directly or indirectly.

On June 23, 2016, Mr. Farrior was afforded a hearing by The Board of Stewards. After hearing the testimony presented by the Chief Investigator for the West Virginia Racing Commission, Mr. Farrior was given the opportunity to explain the events, leading up to several horses under his care, being located on the grounds of a known livestock operation, that ships some horses for the purpose of slaughter.

The Board of Stewards concur with the Chief Investigator for the West Virginia Racing Commission, that Mr. Farrior may not have intended for these horses to be tagged and end up in a kill pen, but with proper investigation (due diligence), by Mr. Farrior, into the sale of these horses, the Board of Stewards feel that this could have been avoided.

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within seven (7) Calendar days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, Per Rule of Racing Number 178-1-8.5.n.

You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of this ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DANNY R. WRIGHT

MICHAEL PEARSON

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

#### CHARLES TOWN RACE TRACK

## RULING-MEDICATON VIOLATION

## RULING: 100

#### TO: Trainer, Kenneth J. Huffman; Permit #11165 /SS# xxx-xx-0482

On July 5, 2016, the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to Trainer, Kenneth J. Huffman to which he waived his right to a hearing, regarding the allegations set forth in Notice of Hearing issued.

After considering the evidence, the stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood/urine sample #196430 taken on 6/18/16 was reported by Industrial Laboratories, official testing Laboratory, to contain Gabapentin, which is a Class 4drug, with a B Penalty designation. Sample #196430 contained 2.1 ng/ml of the drug. The permissible threshold for Gabapentin is O. The sample was taken from the Seven (7) horse, "Mamaslittlesecret", which ran in the Sixth Race on June 18, 2016, finishing First.

# Trainer, Kenneth J. Huffman elected to waive his right to the split sample testing.

The Stewards conclude that **Mr. Huffman** has violated section(s) **178-1-51.1.** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W. Va. C.S.R.1. This medication/substance violation is the permit holders' **First** offense. The permit holder has accumulated **0** points under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/substance violation is **4** points pursuant to section 49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1. This penalty is in addition to the penalty imposed by the stewards for the underlying offense.

The Penalty Guidelines set forth in **Table 178-1 E** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules provide a **minimum penalty** of 15 day suspension, and a \$500.00 fine for the underlying offense, disqualification of purse and **maximum penalty** of 60 day suspension, \$1000.00 fine and disqualification of purse. However, the Stewards determine the appropriate penalty for the underlying offense on a case by case basis, by considering mitigating and aggravating factors.

The following is the stewards' analysis of the mitigation/factors in this matter:

- A.) (Mitigating) The Permit holder's past record No Rule Violations
- B.) (Aggravating) The Potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance:
- C.) (Aggravating) The legal availability of the drug: Is Widely Available
- D.) (Mitigating) Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug. Permit Holder Knew
- E.) (Mitigating) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse: N/A
- F.) (Aggravating) The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use: N/A
- G.) (Mitigating) The purse of the race: N/A
- H.) (Aggravating) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian's treatment record. Horse was being treated.
  (Mitigating) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race: N/A

- I.) (Mitigating) Whether the trainer was acting under the advice of a veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission. Yes
- J.) Others factors deemed relevant by the Stewards: N/A

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: Mr. Huffman will be fined \$500.00, with disqualification and loss of purse, and is suspended 15 days; suspension begins Sunday, July 10, 2016 through and including Sunday, July 24, 2016.

**Redistribution of Purse is as follows:** 

- 1. American Keepsake
- 2. What's the Grade
- 3. Lindlesel
- 4. Ana Ruth
- 5. Fairway Gardens
- 6. Bullet Thief

You have the right to appeal this Ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal musts be received in the Commission Office within 20 Days of your receipt of this Ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$100.00

Dated: June 6, 2016

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