

BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
MOUNTAINEER RACETRACK
RULING

RULING #255

DATE: 09/30/2025

NAME: Ben Delong

DOB: 11/04/1985

PERMIT: # 78181 Trainer

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Trainer Ben Delong is hereby restored to good standing after having paid his fine totaling three hundred (\$300.00) dollars.

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RULING #256

DATE: 09/30/2025

NAME: Jose Luna Silva

DOB: 02/05/1947

PERMIT: # 79241 Trainer

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Trainer Jose Luna Silva is hereby fined two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars for violation of WV Rule of Racing 178-1-1.44.1 "its breed registration certificate is not on file with the association's racing secretary one-half (1/2) 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 steward's satisfaction; provided that the stewards shall not waive this requirement if the horse is scheduled to start in a claiming race."

Mr. Silva failed to have the foal registration papers on file with the Racing Secretary's office for the horse "Zimba Warrior" for the running of the 7th race on Monday, September 29, 2025, necessitating a late scratch.

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RULING #257

DATE: 10/01/2025

NAME: Luis Tapara

DOB: 09/04/1996

PERMIT: # 79615 Jockey

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Having waived his right to a race review, the Board of Stewards hereby find Jockey Luis Tapara in violation of WV Rule of Racing 178-1-45.7.f.5.A. (Use the crop more than six (6) times during the race), 3rd race on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. This is his 1st offense in West Virginia for 2025. Mr. Tapara is hereby fined one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

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RULING #258

DATE: 10/01/2025

NAME: Walter Cullum

DOB: 08/21/1973

PERMIT: # 82218 Jockey

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Having waived his right to a race review, the Board of Stewards hereby finds Jockey Walter Cullum in violation of WV Rule of Racing 178-1-45.7.f.5.A. (Use the crop more than six (6) times during the race), 5th race on Monday, September 29, 2025. This violation is Mr. Cullum's 5th whip violation in West Virginia for 2025.

Mr. Cullum is hereby suspended five (5) Mountaineer Park Race days effective, Wednesday, October 8, Sunday, October 12, Monday, October 13, Tuesday, October 14, and Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

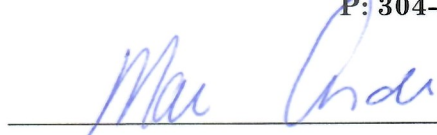
As per WV Rule of Racing 178-1-28.1.f, Mr. Cullum may gallop while suspended.

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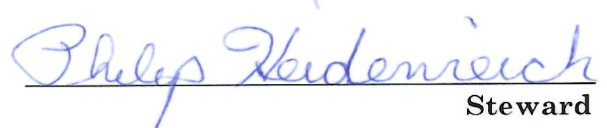
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RULING #259

DATE: 10/01/2025

NAME: Curtis Townsend

DOB: 06/30/1979

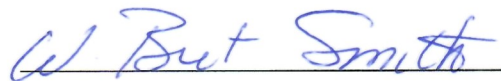
PERMIT#: 83699- Groom

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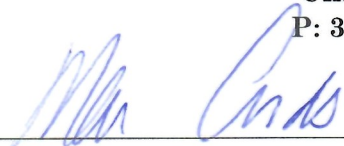
Following a telephonic hearing on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, the Stewards hereby find Groom Curtis Townsend in violation of WV Rules of Racing 178-1-24.11.f., 178-1-24.11.g. and 178-1-6.2. Objectionable behavior. Using profanity and vulgarity towards the state investigator. Mr. Townsend is hereby suspended the remainder of 2025. Mr. Townsend is denied any grounds under the jurisdiction of the West Virginia Racing Commission to include Mountaineer Park as well as Charles Town Races.

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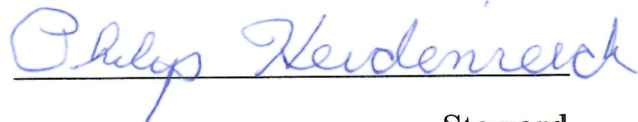
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RULING #260

DATE: 10/06/2025

NAME: Gosafat Ricardo "Zippy" Alvarez

DOB: 11/14/1972

PERMIT#: 78658- Groom

The Stewards hereby impose the following:

Having waived his right to a hearing, Groom Gosafat Ricardo "Zippy" Alvarez is hereby suspended fifteen (15) days effective, Monday, October 6, 2025 thru and including Monday, October 20, 2025 for violation of WV Rule of Racing 178-1-24.3.b.5. Refusing testing ordered by the Stewards.

Mr. Alvarez may receive consideration for reinstatement following the completion of a professional drug and alcohol assessment and provide a negative breathalyzer before being reinstated. This is Mr. Alvarez's first offense in West Virginia.

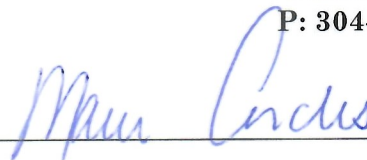
During his suspension, Mr. Alvarez is denied the grounds under the jurisdiction of the West Virginia Racing Commission.

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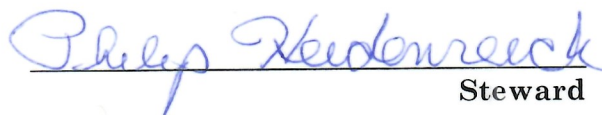
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RULING #261

DATE: 10/07/2025

NAME: Susan Yoder

DOB: 12/31/1975

PERMIT: # 79929 Trainer

The Board of Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Trainer Susan Yoder is hereby fined two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars for violation of WV Rule of Racing 178-1-26.3.g. "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."

Ms. Yoder scratched the horse "Palmary" which was scheduled to run in the 2nd race on Monday, October 6, 2025.

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RULING #262

DATE: **October 6, 2025**

TO: **Juan Carlos Gotera**

DOB: **06/18/1963**

PERMIT #: **83198- Trainer**

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Industrial Laboratories reported sample #E698454 taken from the horse "Saweeetie Girl" which finished 1st in the 3rd race on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, did contain Methocarbamol confirmed in blood (1.24 ng/ml.) Methocarbamol is a class 4 drugs carrying a C penalty.

Mr. Gotera waived his right to a hearing and elected not to send a split sample. The Board of Stewards concludes that Mr. Gotera has violated section 178-1-49.4.a.2 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 C.S.R.1. This medication/prohibited substance violation is the permit holder's second violation in a 365-day period for medication/prohibited substance carrying a C penalty. The permit holder has accumulated zero (0) points under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/prohibited substance violation is one (1) point, giving a total of one (1) point pursuant to section 178-1-49.3.m of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules.

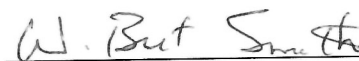
Based on the guidelines set forth in table 178-1 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules, the Board of Stewards hereby fine Mr. Gotera one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars.

The horse "Saweeetie Girl" is disqualified from all purse monies, and the purse is to be redistributed as follows:

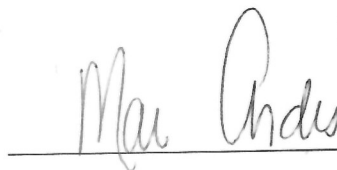
- 1st) Machen Reigns
- 2nd) Lock It Down
- 3rd) Hurricain Hunter
- 4th) Raise the Praise
- 5th) Skys Image

The horseman's bookkeeper is requested to make the necessary adjustments.

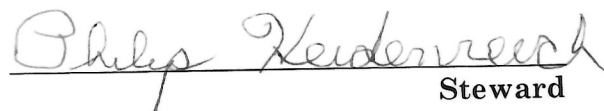
All fines are to be paid within seven (7) days of imposition as per West Virginia Rule of Racing 178-1-8.5.N. You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of the ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$500.00.



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RULING #263

DATE: 10/05/2025

NAME: Jan M. Baez

DOB: 11/10/2000

PERMIT: # 80912 Jockey

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Jockey Jan M. Baez is hereby restored to good standing after having paid his fine totaling one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

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RULING #264

DATE: 10/07/2025

NAME: Joe Stokes

DOB: 11/07/1977

PERMIT: # 80490 Jockey

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Jockey Joe Stokes is hereby fined two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for violation of WV Rule of Racing 178-1-28.3.b "A jockey shall faithfully fulfill all engagements in respect to racing."

Mr. Stokes failed to fulfill his riding engagement in the 4th race on Monday, October 6, 2025, necessitating a late rider change.

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RULING #265

DATE: 10/07/2025

NAME: Luis Negrón

DOB: 07/29/1991

PERMIT#: 83291- Jockey

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

After a race review in the Stewards stand, the Board of Stewards hereby finds Jockey Luis Negrón in violation of WV Rules of Racing #178-1-45.7.b.1. "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 the race."

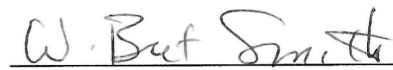
Nearing the wire during the stretch run of the second (2nd) race on Sunday, October 5, 2025, #1 "Wicked Luna" ridden by Mr. Negrón, drifted in causing interference to #4 "Take Over."

Mr. Negrón is hereby suspended one (1) Mountaineer Park race day to be served on, Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

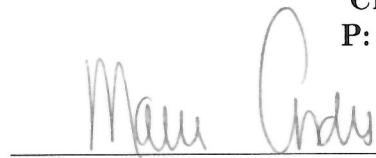
As per WV Rule of Racing 178-1-28.1.f, Mr. Negrón may gallop while suspended.

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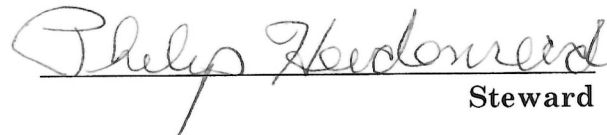
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RULING #266

DATE: 10/07/2025

NAME: Jason Simpson

DOB: 07/16/1985

PERMIT#: 79720- Jockey

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

After a race review in the Stewards stand, the Board of Stewards hereby finds Jockey Jason Simpson in violation of WV Rules of Racing #178-1-45.7.b.1. "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 the race."

During the stretch run of the third (3rd) race on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, #3 "Cash Customer" ridden by Mr. Simpson, drifted out from left handed whipping causing interference to #6 "Caboose."

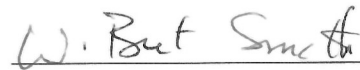
Mr. Simpson's mount was disqualified from 1st and placed 2nd.

Mr. Simpson is hereby suspended one (1) Mountaineer Park race day to be served on, Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

As per WV Rule of Racing 178-1-28.1.f, Mr. Simpson may gallop while suspended.

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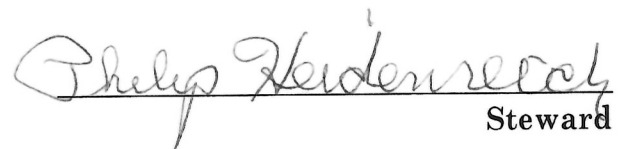
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RULING #267

DATE: 10/13/2025

NAME: Moises Valdez

DOB: 10/21/1988

PERMIT: # 81148 Trainer

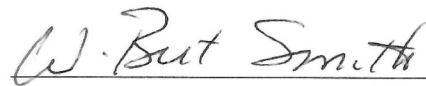
The Board of Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Trainer Moises Valdez is hereby fined two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars for violation of WV Rule of Racing 178-1-26.3.g. "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."

Mr. Valdez scratched the horse "Bartulia" which was scheduled to run in the 2nd race on Sunday, October 12, 2025.

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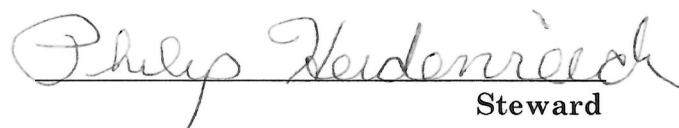
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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RULING #268

DATE: **October 13, 2025**

TO: **Stephen B. Murtough**

DOB: **07/01/1944**

PERMIT #: **83447- Trainer**

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Industrial Laboratories reported sample #E698424 taken from the horse "Big Sis Nic" which finished 1st in the 3rd race on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, did contain Phenylbutazone confirmed in blood (3.50 mg/ml) the (2 mg/ml) threshold. Phenylbutazone is a class 4 drug carrying a C penalty.

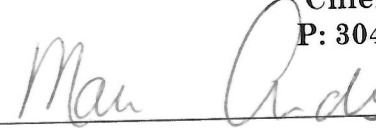
Mr. Murtough waived his right to a hearing and elected not to send a split sample. The Board of Stewards concludes that Mr. Murtough has violated section 178-1-49.6.a of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 C.S.R.1. This medication/prohibited substance violation is the permit holder's first violation in a 365-day period for medication/prohibited substance carrying a C penalty. The permit holder has accumulated (0) zero points under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/prohibited substance violation is one-half (1/2) point, giving a total of one-half (1/2) point pursuant to section 178-1-49.3.m of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules.

Based on the guidelines set forth in table 178-1 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules, the Board of Stewards hereby fines Mr. Murtough, two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars.

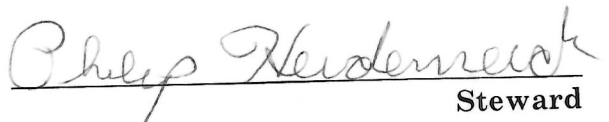
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RULING #269

DATE: **October 13, 2025**

TO: **Karl Meeks**

DOB: **11/06/1955**

PERMIT #: **77182- Trainer**

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Industrial Laboratories reported sample #E698244 taken from the horse "Holy Truth" which finished 1st in the 3rd race on Sunday, September 14, 2025, did contain Dexamethasone confirmed in blood (8.17 pg/ml) at a threshold of (5 pg/ml.) Dexamethasone is a class 4 drugs carrying a C penalty.

Mr. Meeks waived his right to a hearing and elected not to send a split sample. The Board of Stewards concludes that Mr. Meeks has violated section 178-1-49.4.a.2 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 C.S.R.1. This medication/prohibited substance violation is the permit holder's second violation in a 365-day period for medication/prohibited substance carrying a C penalty. The permit holder has accumulated one-half (1/2) points under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/prohibited substance violation is one-half (1/2) point, giving a total of one (1) point pursuant to section 178-1-49.3.m of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules.

Based on the guidelines set forth in table 178-1 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules, the Board of Stewards hereby fine Mr. Meeks one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars and suspended fifteen (15) days, effective Monday, October 13, 2025 through and including Monday, October 27, 2025.

While suspended, Mr. Meeks is denied the grounds under the jurisdiction of the West Virginia Racing Commission.

The horse "Holy Truth" is disqualified from all purse monies, and the purse is to be redistributed as follows:

- 1st) Echo Lake
- 2nd) Little Big
- 3rd) Marsala Monarch
- 4th) Beganingreenpoint

The horseman's bookkeeper is requested to make the necessary adjustments.

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