

BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
MOUNTAINEER RACETRACK
RULING

RULING # 1

DATE: 01/13/2026

NAME: Juan Pablo Silva

DOB: 02/07/1977

PERMIT#: 85025- Trainer

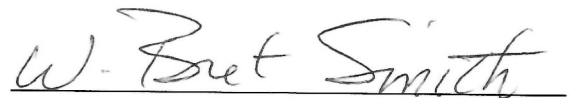
The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

A hearing was convened on Monday, January 12, 2026 for Trainer Juan Pablo Silva regarding violation of WV Rules of Racing #178-1-49.4.a.2. Mr. Silva attended the hearing telephonically.

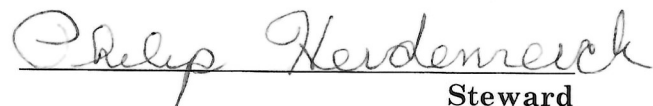
Mr. Silva's horse "Smooove Over", which finished 1st in the 1st race on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, had a reported post-race Phenylbutazone level exceeding the allowable threshold. The Stewards hereby issue Mr. Silva a warning for the violation.

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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 the ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$500.00.



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RULING #2

DATE: 02/04/2026

NAME: Carlos Inirio

DOB: 05/15/1977

PERMIT: # 83284 Trainer

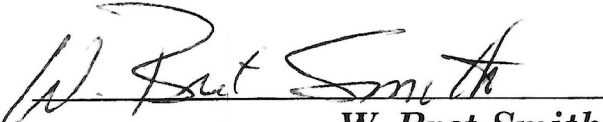
The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Trainer Carlos Inirio is hereby suspended for violation of WV Rule of Racing #178-1-24.11.h.

Mr. Inirio presented a check to Trainer Burton Sipp for thoroughbred racing-related services that was returned with insufficient funds. Once restitution has been made, Mr. Inirio may be reinstated.

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RULING # 3

DATE: **February 10, 2026**

TO: **Eddie Clouston**

DOB: **07/02/1965**

PERMIT #: **83222- Owner/Trainer**

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Industrial Laboratories reported sample #E699074 taken from the horse "Maam Cross" which finished 1st in the 4th race on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, did contain Oxymorphone confirmed in urine. Oxymorphone is a class 1 drug carrying an A penalty.

Mr. Clouston did elect to send a split sample which was sent to UC Davis. UC Davis confirmed that the split sample did contain Oxymorphone in urine.

A hearing was conducted in the Stewards office at Mountaineer Racetrack on Monday, February 9, 2026. Mr. Clouston was present for the hearing along with Jami Poole as well as Dr. Kimberly Brewer, DVM.

The Board of Stewards concludes that Mr. Clouston has violated section 178-1-49.4.a and 178-1-49.4.a.1 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 class 1 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 three (3) points, giving a total of three (3) points pursuant to the Thoroughbred Racing Rules.

The Board of Stewards hereby suspend Mr. Clouston for six (6) months, effective Tuesday, February 3, 2026 through and including Monday, August 3, 2026 and assess a fine of five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars.


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

- 1st) Stanford Hottie
- 2nd) Vanilla Cream
- 3rd) Somethingtosay
- 4th) Fillyrules
- 5th) Estrella de Mar
- 6th) Liz Dreamin
- 7th) April Aster
- 8th) Echo Vision

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

As per table 178-1 E of the Thoroughbred Rules of Racing, the horse "Maam Cross" is to be placed on the West Virginia Veterinary list effective Tuesday, February 3, 2026 through and including Monday, August 3, 2026.

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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Philip Heidenreich
Steward

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RULING #5

DATE: 03/31/2026

NAME: Moises Valdez

DOB: 10/21/1988

PERMIT #: 81148- Trainer

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Trainer Moises Valdez is hereby suspended for failure to pay his fine in the amount of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars.

304 12/02/2025 \$250.00

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RULING #4

DATE: 03/31/2026

NAME: Fernando O. Vergara

DOB: 04/06/1953

PERMIT #: 84516- Trainer

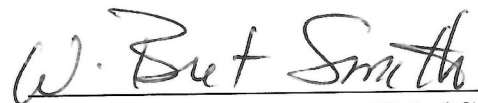
The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Trainer Fernando Vergara is hereby suspended for failure to pay his fine in the amount of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars.

308 12/22/2025 \$1,000.00

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RULING #6

DATE: 03/31/2026

NAME: Paul McEntee

DOB: 03/05/1974

PERMIT #: 79678 Owner/Trainer


The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Owner/Trainer Paul McEntee is hereby suspended for failure to pay his fine in the amount of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.

282 10/28/2025 \$200.00

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RULING #7

DATE: 03/31/2026

NAME: Xavier Rivera

DOB: 10/28/1987

PERMIT #: 80717 Owner

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Owner Xavier Rivera is hereby suspended for failure to pay his fine in the amount of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars.

243 09/21/2025 \$250.00

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RULING #8

DATE: 03/31/2026

NAME: Horacio Barbaran

DOB: 05/27/1966

PERMIT #: 83122- Trainer

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Trainer Horacio Barbaran is hereby suspended for failure to pay his fines totaling one thousand seven hundred fifty (\$1,750.00) dollars.

183 08/11/2025 \$250.00

217 08/27/2025 \$1,500.00

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RULING # 9

DATE: 04/13/2026

NAME: Stephani Norris

DOB: 07/11/1967

PERMIT#: 83208 – Owner/Trainer

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Owner/Trainer Stephani Norris is hereby fined two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for violation of WV Rule of Racing 178-1-23.2.b.1.

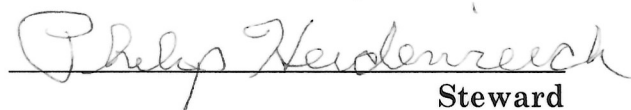
Ms. Norris was smoking in a “no smoking” area while on the backside on Tuesday, April 8, 2026.

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RULING # 10

DATE: 04/13/2026

NAME: Juan A. Lopez

DOB: 09/06/1978

PERMIT: # Trainer

The Board of Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

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

Mr. Lopez scratched the horse "Rachel's Kid" which was scheduled to run in the 4th race on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

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RULING # 11

DATE: 04/13/2026

NAME: Juan Carlos Gotera

DOB: 06/18/1963

PERMIT#: 83198- Owner/Trainer

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Trainer Juan Carlos Gotera is hereby fined two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars for violation of WV Rules of Racing #178-1-23.3.

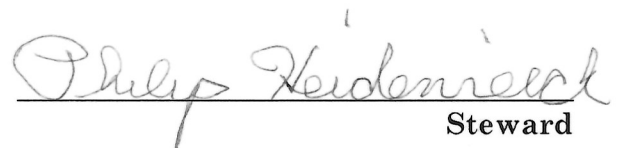
Mr. Gotera failed to ensure the owner of the horse "Lucho" had a racing permit, necessitating a late scratch in the 1st race on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

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RULING # 12

DATE: 04/13/2026

NAME: Marcus Kocijan

DOB: 07/09/1974

PERMIT#: 84402- Owner/Trainer

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Following a hearing on Monday, April 13, 2026, the Stewards find that Mr. Kocijan is in violation of WV Rule of Racing 178-1-24.11.c. Having a judgement issued against him by Neil Morris.

Mr. Kocijan is hereby suspended until the court acknowledges the judgement has been satisfied.

Mr. Kocijan is denied the grounds while suspended.

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