CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **JANUARY 6, 2026**

RULING #1

Owner/Trainer David J. Rose — Permit #85669

On **January 6, 2025,** the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to **Owner/Trainer, David J. Rose, Permit #85669, DOB 11/20/1970,** to which he waived his right to a hearing and elected not to send a split sample.

The Board of stewards find the following:

The official blood sample **#E567116,** taken on **12/12/2025** was reported by Industrial Laboratories, the official testing laboratory, to contain **Dexamethasone** which is a **Class 4** drug, with a **C Penalty**, designation. Sample **#E567116** contained **Dexamethasone** confirmed in the blood at **56.7 pg/mL**. The measurement uncertainty of the method is **0.60 pg/mL** at the threshold of **5 pg/mL**. The sample was taken from the **Ten (10) horse**, **"Karpathian Dream"** which ran in the **2nd Race on 12/12/2025, finishing first.**

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 24.11.o**, The Stewards are authorized to take disciplinary action against a permit holder for violating any provision of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule.

Pursuant to section **51.1.a, of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W.Va.C.S.R.1:** "The trainer is the absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of the horses he or she enters in an official workout 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, 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."

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 49.4.a.2.**, a finding by a Racing Commission approved laboratory of a prohibited drug, chemical or other substance in a test specimen of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited drug, chemical or other substance was administered to the horse, and in the case of a post-race test, was present in the horse's body while it was participating. Prohibited substances included controlled therapeutic medications in excess of established threshold concentrations as set forth in the Association of Racing Commissioners International Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule, Version 3.2., contained in Table 178-1 F of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule.

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, Table 178-1 F**, Because the amount of **Dexamethasone** in **"Karpathian Dream"** exceeded the acceptable threshold set forth **in Table 178-1 F. Mr. Rose** may be held responsible and his occupational permit disciplined pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1. sections 49.4.a.2**. and **51.1.a.**

The **Dexamethasone** positive in **"Karpathian Dream"** is **Mr. Rose's First Offense** in this category for a medication/substance violation in 365 days.

The permit holder has accumulated **0 points** under the multiple medication violation point system as a result of this issuance. **Mr. Rose** is assessed **½ point** for this **Dexamethasone** medication/substance violation pursuant to section **49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1.**

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 an analysis of the factors set forth in section **49.1 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule:**

1. ***(Mitigating)*** **The Permit holder's past record:** The permit holder has not had a violation in this class category.
2. ***(Mitigating)*** **The potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance:** Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1**, section **49.2.d**, **Class 4** drugs may influence performance, but generally have a more limited ability to do so. This is a mitigating factor although it is always of concern to the Stewards when a horse tests in excess of a threshold set forth in the Thoroughbred Racing Rule inasmuch as such thresholds are designed to ensure that horses aren't racing under the effects of the medication, to allow a state veterinarian conducting a pre-race examination to have as clean a look at the horse as is possible to make sure that the horse does not have some condition that would cause it to harm itself if it

races, and to ensure the integrity of racing so that horse's aren't racing under the effect of a medication that could affect performance.

3. ***(Mitigating)*** **The legal availability of the oral application: Dexamethasone** is legally available.
4. **Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentional administered the drug:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug, nor the circumstances under which the drug may have been given. Therefore this factor is considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
5. **The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use:** This factor is not applicable to this case.
6. **The purse of the race:** The race in question was a **Claiming** race with a **$12,400 purse**. The Stewards place no weight, either aggravating or mitigating, based upon the purse in this case.
7. **Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving as a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not **"Karpathian Dream"** was treated with **Dexamethasone** therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
8. **Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race:** There is no evidence of a suspicious betting pattern in this case and therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense:
Mr. Rose's horse "Karpathian Dream" will be disqualified from all purse money, this disqualification is justified due to the irrefutable drug positive, and **Mr. Rose will have a total of a ½ point on his record.** The **Dexamethasone** positive, **being the first medication** violation in this class category in **365** days. **Mr. Rose is fined $1000.00 dollars.**

The horse "Karpathian Dream" is disqualified from all purse money. Redistribution is as following:

1. **#7 Dream Street Rose**
2. **#6 Hannahs Red Ruby**
3. **#9 Just Have Faith**
4. **#4 Cut Him Loose**
5. **#2 Lil Sweezey**
6. **#8 Mitole Candy**

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 $500.00.
Dated: January 6, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER **ROY S. CAVE** **CARLOS A. PARTIDA**

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **JANUARY 7, 2026**

RULING #2

Jockey, **Juan M. Nunez, Permit**: #83359, **DOB**: 07/15/1999 is hereby fined **$500.00 (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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Nunez** let his mount **"Marilyn Moonroe"** drift in nearing the top of the stretch taking the room away from **"Diakonissa"** forcing that rival to take causing a chain reaction eventually causing **"Xanthe"** to clip heels and fall in the **Seventh Race, Saturday, Jaunary 3, 2026.**

"Marilyn Moonroe" was disqualified from Third (3rd) and placed Nineth(9th)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **JANUARY 10, 2026**

RULING #3

Jockey, **Christian J. Maldonado, Permit**: #81054, **DOB**: 09/04/2003 is hereby fined **$250.00 (TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY 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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Maldonado** let his mount **"Count The Flowers"** angle in down the stretch impeding with **"Verdi's Surprise"** in the **Fourth Race, Thursday, January 8, 2026.**

"Count the Flowers" was disqualified from Second (2nd) and placed Fifth (5th)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **JANUARY 29, 2026**

RULING #4

Trainer: Angelo Jackson Permit #83271

On **January 27, 2026,** the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to **Owner/Trainer, Angelo Jackson, Permit #83271, DOB 08/15/1964,** to which he waived his right to a hearing and elected not to send a split sample.

The Board of stewards find the following:

The official blood sample **#E567142,** taken on **01/03/2026** was reported by Industrial Laboratories, the official testing laboratory, to contain **Dexamethasone** which is a **Class 4** drug, with a **C Penalty**, designation. Sample **#E567142** contained **Dexamethasone** confirmed in the blood at **29 pg/mL**. The measurement uncertainty of the method is **0.69 pg/mL** at the threshold of **5 pg/mL**. The sample was taken from the **Five (5) horse**, **"No Direction"** which ran in the **1st Race on 01/03/2026, finishing first.**

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 24.11.o**, The Stewards are authorized to take disciplinary action against a permit holder for violating any provision of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule.

Pursuant to section **51.1.a, of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W.Va.C.S.R.1:** "The trainer is the absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of the horses he or she enters in an official workout 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, 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."

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 49.4.a.2.**, a finding by a Racing Commission approved laboratory of a prohibited drug, chemical or other substance in a test specimen of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited drug, chemical or other substance was administered to the horse, and in the case of a post-race test, was present in the horse's body while it was participating. Prohibited substances included controlled therapeutic medications in excess of established threshold concentrations as set forth in the Association of Racing Commissioners International Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule, Version 3.2., contained in Table 178-1 F of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule.

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, Table 178-1 F**, Because the amount of **Dexamethasone** in **"No Direction"** exceeded the acceptable threshold set forth **in Table 178-1 F. Mr. Jackson** may be held responsible and his occupational permit disciplined pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1. sections 49.4.a.2**. and **51.1.a.**

The **Dexamethasone** positive in **"No Direction"** is **Mr. Jackson's Second Offense** in this category for a medication/substance violation in **365 days**.

The permit holder has accumulated **0.5 points** under the multiple medication violation point system as a result of this issuance. **Mr. Jackson** is assessed **0.5 point** for this **Dexamethasone** medication/substance violation pursuant to section **49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1.**

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 an analysis of the factors set forth in section **49.1 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule:**

1. ***(Mitigating)*** **The Permit holder's past record:** This is the permit holder's second violation in this class category in the last **365 days**
2. ***(Mitigating)*** **The potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance:** Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1**, section **49.2.d, Class 4** drugs may influence performance, but generally have a more limited ability to do so. This is a mitigating factor although it is always of concern to the Stewards when a horse tests in excess of a threshold set forth in the Thoroughbred Racing Rule inasmuch as such thresholds are designed to ensure that horses aren't racing under the effects of the medication, to allow a state veterinarian conducting a pre-race examination to have as clean a look at the horse as is possible to make sure that the horse does not have some condition that would cause it to harm itself if it

races, and to ensure the integrity of racing so that horse's aren't racing under the effect of a medication that could affect performance.

3. ***(Mitigating)*** **The legal availability of the oral application: Dexamethasone** is legally available.
4. **Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentional administered the drug:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug, nor the circumstances under which the drug may have been given. Therefore this factor is considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
5. **The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use:** This factor is not applicable to this case.
6. **The purse of the race:** The race in question was a **Maiden** race with a **$30,600 purse**. The Stewards place no weight, either aggravating or mitigating, based upon the purse in this case.
7. **Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving as a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not **"No Direction"** was treated with **Dexamethasone** therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
8. **Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race:** There is no evidence of a suspicious betting pattern in this case and therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: **Mr. Jackson's horse "No Direction", will be disqualified from all purse money,** this disqualification is justified due to the irrefutable drug positive, and **Mr. Jackson will have a total of 1 point on his record**. The **Dexamethasone** positive, **being the second medication** violation in this class category in **365** days. **Mr. Jackson is fined $1500.00 dollars. Also Mr. Jackson will be suspended Fifteen Days (15), from February 1, 2026 to and including February 15, 2026.**

The horse "No Direction" is disqualified from all purse money. Redistribution is as following:

1. **#2 Sweet Lime**
2. **#1 I'd Rather Not**
3. **#7 Belle Cause**
4. **#8 Stella's Candy**
5. **#3 Chelsea's Dream**
6. **#4 Peach Parfait**

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 $500.00.
Dated: January 29, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER **ROY S. CAVE** **CARLOS A. PARTIDA**

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

RULING #5

Groom, **Brandon Campbell**, Permit #86878, DOB 09/26/1989, is hereby fined **Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($250.00)** for being in violation of rule **#178-1-24.14.1.c** which reads in part; "other than racing officials, members of the Racing Commission or its representatives, representatives of jockeys, and necessary jockey room attendants are admitted to the jockey room on a day of racing without the express permission of the stewards for each time of entry;"

Mr. Campbell entered the Jockey's Room without permission on **Friday, February 6, 2026**.

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

RULING #6

Jockey, **Christian Hiraldo, Permit**: #82728, **DOB**: 08/16/1992 is hereby fined **$250.00 (TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY 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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Hiraldo** let his mount **"Tree of Dem"** angle in down the stretch impeding with **"Hot Wings"** in the **Eighth Race, Friday, February 13, 2026.**

"Tree of Dem" was disqualified from First (1st) and placed Third (3rd)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

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CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **MARCH 14, 2026**

RULING #7

Owner/Trainer, **Anthony Farrior DOB** 11/04/1981 **Permit** #85673 is hereby fined **FIVE HUNDRED** ($500) Dollars for violation of **178-1-26.3.f.** Each trainer is responsible for ensuring that horses are entered as to eligibility and weight or other allowances claimed.

Along with **Association Rule** which reads, "If a horse is claimed, it shall not start in a selling or claiming race **(a)** for a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of the claim for less than twenty-five percent (25%) more than the amount for which it was claimed and **(b)** for thirty (30) days from the date of the claim for less than the amount for which it was claimed." The day claimed shall not count but the following calendar day shall be considered the first day and the horse shall be entitled to enter whenever necessary so the horse may start on the thirty-first calendar day following the claim for any claiming price...

The horse "**Yankee Doodle Kid**" who finished third was not eligible to race in the **Fourth Race (4th)** on **Thursday, March 12, 2026**.

The horse "Yankee Doodle Kid" is disqualified from all purse money. Redistribution is as following:

1. **#6 Juba's Notion**
2. **#4 Defiant Giant**
3. **#3 No Love for Juba**
4. **#2 Strollinginthewind**

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid shall be paid to Racing Commission within (7) seven 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 the ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of $500.00.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER **ROY S. CAVE** **CARLOS A. PARTIDA**

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **APRIL 22, 2026**

RULING #8

Jockey, **Juan M. Nunez, Permit**: #83359, **DOB**: 07/15/1999 is hereby fined **$500.00 (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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Nunez** steered his mount **"Marilyn Moonroe"** in nearing the top of the stretch taking the room away from **"First Pearl"** forcing that rival to take up in the **Fourth Race, Friday, April 17, 2026.**

"Marilyn Moonroe" was disqualified from Third (3rd) and placed Sixth (6th)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **APRIL 24, 2026**

RULING #9

Apprentice Jockey, **Nomar Arroyo Bueno, Permit**: #88323, **DOB**: 04/13/2006 is hereby fined **$500.00 (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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Arroyo Bueno** let his mount **"Carolina Nights"** come in nearing the quarter pole taking the room away from **"No Direction"** forcing that rival to take up in the **Second Race, Friday, April 18, 2026.**

"Carolina Nights" was disqualified from Third (3rd) and placed Fourth (4th)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **MAY 2,2026**

RULING #10

Apprentice Jockey, **Nomar Arroyo Bueno, Permit**: #88323, **DOB**: 04/13/2006 is hereby **suspended six racing days, Thursday, May 7, Friday, May 8, Saturday, May 9, Thursday, May 14, Friday, May 15, Saturday, May 16, 2026** or 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."

Jockey **Arroyo Bueno's** mount **"Itza Kitty"** lugged in turning for home, taking the room away from **"Brand New Dance"** and **"Justice You Say"** causing their riders to take up in the **First Race, Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

"Itza Kitty" was **disqualified from First (1st) and placed Fifth (5th)**

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

L. ROBERT LOTTS

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **MAY 2, 2026**

RULING #11

Jockey, **Christian J. Maldonado, Permit**: #81054, **DOB**: 09/04/2003 is hereby fined **$250.00 (TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY 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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Maldonado's** mount **"Hellenic Spirit"** ducked out down the stretch impeding with **"Saichi's Girl"** and **"Amama"** in the **Fifth Race, Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

"Hellenic Spirit" was disqualified from First (1st) and placed Fourth (4th)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

L. ROBERT LOTTS

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **MAY 2, 2026**

RULING #12

Jockey, **Juan M. Nunez,** Permit #83359 DOB: 07/15/1995 is fined **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** for being in violation of **Rule 178-1-45.5d** applicable part which reads. 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.

Jockey **Nunez** failed to make his reported weight on **Friday May 1, 2026.**

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

L. ROBERT LOTTS

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **MAY 6, 2026**

RULING #13

Apprentice Jockey's license of **Felino Lima,** Permit **#88671** DOB 02/13/1991 has been rescinded without prejudice upon application as an **Jockey**.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **MAY 29, 2026**

RULING #14

Jockey, **Victor A. Rodriguez, Permit**: #83262, **DOB**: 07/12/1981 is hereby fined **$500.00 (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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Rodriguez** let his mount **"Policy Change"** come in near the five-eighths pole taking the room away from **"Skip Forward"** forcing that rival to clip heels and take up in the **Eighth Race, Saturday, May 16, 2026.**

"Policy Change" was disqualified from First (1st) and placed Fifth (5th)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **JUNE 2, 2026**

RULING #15

Jockey, **Gerald Almodovar, Permit**: #86165, **DOB**: 09/25/1985 is hereby fined **$500.00 (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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Almodovar** let his mount **"Cowgirl Attitude"** come out crossing the chute taking the room away from **"Ruby Bay"** forcing that rival to take up in the **First Race, Friday, May 29, 2026.**

"Cowgirl Attitude" was disqualified from First (1st) and placed Third (3rd)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **JUNE 2, 2026**

RULING #16

Jockey **Juan Mauricio Nunez, Permit** #83359, **DOB** 7/15/1999, is hereby fined **Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00)** for being in violation of **Rule 178-1-45.5d** applicable part which reads. 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.

Jockey **Nunez** failed to make his reported weight on **Saturday, May 30, 2026.**

Jockey **Nunez** is a repeat offender of this rule.

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **JUNE 5, 2026**

RULING #17

Owner/Trainer, **Robert l. Inman DOB** 07/19/1952 **Permit** #82253 is hereby fined **TWO HUNDRED ($200) Dollars** for violation of **178-1-26.3.G.** Which reads: 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. Inman failed to have the horse **"Man On the Moon"** present in the paddock for the **Seventh (7th)** race on **Thursday, June 4, 2026** necessitating a late scratch.

"Man On the Moon" is entered **on June 9, 2026** in the **Eighth (8th) race at Mountaineer Park.**

All fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid shall be paid to Racing Commission within (7) seven 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 the ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of $500.00.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **JUNE 12, 2026**

RULING #18

Owner/Trainer **Kevin M. Boykins**, **Permit** #88468, **DOB** 04/27/1960, is hereby fined **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00)** for not having the horse, **"Cedar Runs Fiber"** in the paddock at the appointed time for the running of the **First (1st) Race on Thursday June 11, 2026** necessitating a late scratch, **Per 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."

All fines imposed by the stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within (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 the ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of Five ($500.00) Hundred.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **JUNE 13, 2026**

RULING NUMBER #19

Trainer, **Diana McClure** Permit **#85670, DOB 07/24/1962**, is hereby fined **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** 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. McClure failed to have the horse **"Salty Lime"** available for Lasix treatment at appropriate time, necessitating a late scratch in the **First Race on Friday, June 12, 2026.**

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.

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **JUNE 13, 2026**

RULING #20

Jockey, **Christian J. Maldonado, Permit** #86429 **DOB** 09/04/2003 is fined **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** for being in violation of **Rules 178-1-45.7.f.5.** applicable part which reads. A rider who elects to use a riding crop, may not: **45.7.f.5.A.** Use the crop more than six (6) times during the race; and **45.7.f.5.B.** Use the crop more than two (2) times without allowing the horse to respond

Jockey **Maldonado** used his crop excessively in **Race 2** on **Friday, June 12, 2026.**

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **JULY 1, 2026**

RULING #21

Owner/Trainer, Kevin J. Joy **Permit #87206**

On **Friday May 29, 2026** the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to **Owner/Trainer, Kevin J. Joy Permit #87206, DOB 3/18/1965** to which he waived his right to a hearing regarding a medication violation pertaining to his horse **"Ur Fabulous" who finished first (1st) in the Eighth (8th) race on Saturday, May 9, 2026.**

The Stewards hereby find the following: The official blood sample **#E683238** taken on **5/09/26** was reported by Industrial Laboratories, the official testing laboratory, to contain **Flunixin** which is a Class 4 drug, with a C Penalty, designation. Sample **#E683238** contained **104 ng/ml** of **Flunixin**. The sample was taken from the **Two (2) horse, "Ur Fabulous"** which ran in the **1st Race on 5/09/26, finishing first.**

Mr. Joy elected to have a split sample tested. The split **#E683238** was sent to **EQIAS Labs** and was received **on 06/11/2026** and reported on **06/30/2026.** Sample **#E683238 contained 109.6 ng/ml** which is above the permissible level for this drug, confirming the presences of the drug **Flunixin.**

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 24.11.o,** The Stewards are authorized to take disciplinary action against a permit holder for violating any provision of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule.

Pursuant to section **51.1.a, of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W.Va.C.S.R.1:** "The trainer is the absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of the horses he or she enters in an official workout 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, 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."

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 49.4.a.2.**, a finding by a Racing Commission approved laboratory of a prohibited drug, chemical or other substance in a test specimen of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited drug, chemical or other substance was administered to the horse, and in the case of a post-race test, was present in the horse's body while it was participating. Prohibited substances included controlled therapeutic medications in excess of established threshold concentrations as set forth in the Association of Racing Commissioners International Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule, Version 3.2., contained in Table 178-1 F of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, Table 178-1 F**,. Because the amount of **Flunixin in "Ur Fabulous"** exceeded the acceptable threshold set forth **in Table 178-1 F, Mr. Joy** may be held responsible and his occupational permit disciplined pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, sections 49.4.a.2.** and **51.1.a.**

This violation is **Mr. Joy's** first in this category for a medication/substance violation in a 365 days period.

The permit holder has accumulated **0 points** under the multiple medication violation point system. **Mr. Joy** is assessed **½ point** for this medication/substance violation pursuant to section **49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1.**

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 an analysis of the factors set forth in section **49.1 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule:**

1. ***(Mitigating)*** **The Permit holder's past record: Mr. Joy's** first in this category for a medication/substance violation in a 365 days period.
2. ***(Mitigating)*** **The potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance:** Pursuant to 178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 49.2.d, Class 4 drugs may influence performance, but generally have a more limited ability to do so. This is a mitigating factor although it is always of concern to the Stewards when a horse tests in excess of a threshold set forth in the Thoroughbred Racing Rule inasmuch as such thresholds are designed to ensure that horses aren't racing under the effects of the medication, to allow a state veterinarian conducting a pre-race examination to have as clean a look at the

horse as is possible to make sure that the horse does not have some condition that would cause it to harm itself if it races, and to ensure the integrity of racing so that horses aren't racing under the effect of a medication that could affect performance.

3. ***(Mitigating)*** **The legal availability of the drug: Flunixin** is legally available.
4. **Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug, or the circumstances under which the drug may have been given. Therefore this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
5. **The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this case it is unknown what efforts the trainer made to ensure that the treatment of the horse with **Flunixin** was done within the withdrawal guidelines and dosing specifications set forth in **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, Table 178-1 F**, so as to avoid a positive. Therefore this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
6. **The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use:** This factor is not applicable to this case.
7. **The purse of the race:** The race in question was a **Maiden** race with a **$32,900 purse**. The Stewards place no weight, either aggravating or mitigating, based upon the purse in this case.
8. **Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving as a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not the horse was being treated by a veterinarian with **Flunixin.** Therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
9. **Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race:** There is no evidence of a suspicious betting pattern in this case and therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
10. **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:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not the horse was being treated with **Flunixin** by a veterinarian. Therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense:

Mr. Joy's horse "Ur Fabulous" will be disqualified from all purse money and Mr. Joy will have a total of 0.5 point on his record. With the **Flunixin** positive **being the first medication** violation in 365 day. **Mr. Joy is fined $1000 dollars. The horse "Ur Fabulous" is disqualified from all purse money; The distribution is as follows.**

1. **#5 Miss Fortunate**
2. **#7 Jane N Margo**
3. **#4 Apicturesworth**
4. **#8 Cajun Prime**
5. **#3 Lookinforjoybaloo**
6. **#6 Tiz a Monster**

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 $500.00.

Dated: July 1, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARD:

DENVER K. BECKNER **ROY S. CAVE** **CARLOS A. PARTIDA**

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **JULY, 2, 2026**

RULING #22

Owner's license of **Steven C. Silver,** Permit **#88465** DOB 08/30/1967 has been rescinded without prejudice at the request of the permit holder.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **July 17, 2026**

RULING #23

Jockey, **Moises Santaella, Permit**: #87769, **DOB**: 11/02/2005 is hereby fined **$500.00 (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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Santaella** let his mount **"Classy Bay"** come in nearing the eighth pole impeding with **"Remy's Hotshot"** in the **Fourth Race, Saturday, July 11, 2025.**

"Classy Bay" was disqualified from First (1st) and placed Fifth (5th)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **JULY 21, 2026**

RULING #24

Jockey **Juan Mauricio Nunez**, **Permit** #83359, **DOB** 7/15/1999, is hereby suspended **One Day (1), July 24, 2026** for being in violation of **Rule 178-1-45.5d** applicable part which reads. 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.

Jockey **Nunez** failed to make his reported weight on **Saturday, July 18, 2026.**

Jockey **Nunez** is a repeat offender of this rule.

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **JULY 28, 2026**

RULING #25

Jockey **Juan Mauricio Nunez**, **Permit** #83359, **DOB** 7/15/1999, is hereby suspended **One Day (1), Friday, July 31, 2026** for being in violation of **Rule 178-1-45.5d** applicable part which reads. 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.

Jockey **Nunez** failed to make his reported weight on **Saturday, July 25, 2026.**

Jockey **Nunez** is a repeat offender of this rule.

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **AUGUST 4, 2026**

RULING #26

Owner/Trainer **Jacob Hess**, **Permit** #86137, **DOB** 10/16/1974, is hereby fined **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00)** for not having the horse, **"Ready to Rocknroll"** in the paddock at the appointed time for the running of the **Fifth (5th) Race on Saturday July 25, 2026** necessitating a late scratch, **Per 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."

All fines imposed by the stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within (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 the ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars ($ 500.00).

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **AUGUST 11, 2026**

RULING #27

Jockey **Juan Mauricio Nunez**, **Permit** #83359, **DOB** 7/15/1999, is hereby suspended **One Day (1), Friday, August 14, 2026** for being in violation of **Rule 178-1-45.5d** applicable part which reads. 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.

Jockey **Nunez** failed to make his reported weight on **Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8, 2026.**

Jockey **Nunez** is a repeat offender of this rule.

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **AUGUST 11, 2026**

RULING #28

Jockey, **Moises Santaella, Permit** #87769 **DOB** 11/02/2005 is fined **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** for being in violation of **Rules 178-1-45.7.f.5.** applicable part which reads. A rider who elects to use a riding crop, may not: **45.7.f.5.A.** Use the crop more than six (6) times during the race; and **45.7.f.5.B.** Use the crop more than two (2) times without allowing the horse to respond

Jockey **Santaella** used his crop excessively in **Race 6** on **Friday, August 7, 2026.**

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **AUGUST 13, 2026**

RULING #29

Owner/Trainer, **Tabitha Wilhelm, Permit** #85822, **DOB** 12/20/1987, is hereby fined **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)**, for being in violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number **178-1-43.1**, which reads: "Any horse which has not raced for a period of sixty (60) days shall have one (1) published work, or a workout certified by the clocker, to be announced over the public address system prior to the horse starting."

Ms. Wilhelm did not have a published work for the first-time starter **"Ebony Renegade"** in the **Sixth Race on Thursday, August 13, 2026, 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 **Five-Hundred ($500.00) Dollars**.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **AUGUST 14, 2026**

RULING #30

Jockey, **Alexis Rios Conde Jr., Permit**: #88686, **DOB**: 1/04/2003 is hereby **Suspended Three (3) Days Thursday August 20, Friday August 21, and Saturday 22, 2026** 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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Rios Conde Jr.** let his mount **"Logstradamus"** come in nearing the wire impeding with **"Fortunate Son"** in the **Fourth Race, Saturday, August 8, 2026.**

"Logstradamus" was disqualified from First (1st) and placed Third (3rd)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

L. ROBERT LOTTS

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **AUGUST 20, 2026**

RULING #31

Jockey, **Denis Araujo, Permit**: #85592, **DOB**: 10/28/1986 is hereby fined **$500.00 (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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Araujo** let his mount **"Stettie Hayesen"** come in nearing the quarter pole impeding with **"Pedro's Fancy Man"** in the **Second Race, Friday, August 14, 2026.**

"Stettie Hayesen" was disqualified from Second (2nd) and placed Third (3rd)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **AUGUST 22, 2026**

RULING #32

On **August 21, 2026** the Board of Stewards conducted a hearing for Owner/Trainer **Ronney W. Brown** Permit #86708 DOB 03/29/1961. **Mr. Brown** was present in person and testified before the Board of Stewards. **Mr. Brown** was represented by Maria Catignani, Executive Director, Charles Town, HBPA. The Board of Stewards hereby finds the following:

The official sample **#E683465** taken on **July 11, 2026** was reported by Industrial Laboratories to contain **Higenamine**, confirmed in urine. Pursuant to **Table 178-1 E** of the **Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 C.S.R. 1, Higenamine** is a **Class C** drug, carrying a **Category B** penalty. The sample was taken from **"Bull's Gold"**, which ran in **Race Number 3** on **July 11, 2026**, finishing **First (1st).** The horse is owned by **Nicole and Ronney W. Brown** and trained by **Ronney W. Brown.**

After notification to **Mr. Brown**, he declined split sample testing.

Pursuant to section **49.4.a.1.** of the **Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 C.S.R. 1,** a finding by a Racing Commission approved laboratory of a prohibited drug, chemical or other substance in a post-race test specimen of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited drug, chemical or other substance was present in the horse's body while it was participating in a race. **Higenamine** confirmed to be present in **"Bull's Gold's"** body while it was participating in a race, is a drug or medication for which the West Virginia Racing Commission has established no acceptable threshold concentration.

Additionally, as the trainer of **"Bull's Gold" Ronney W. Brown** is the absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of the horse he entered in the **3rd race** at **Charles Town** that ran on **July 11, 2026. 178 C.S.R. 1, § 51.1.a.**

The Board of Stewards concludes that while **Mr. Brown** is responsible for the positive in **"Bull's Gold"** under **§ 51.1.a**. and the presence of the drug has been established to have been in the horse during the **3rd race** on **July 11, 2026** there are mitigating factors which cause the Stewards to impose no penalty against **Mr. Brown's** permit in this matter. Those factors are as follows:

Mr. Brown's record as a permit holder is good in that he has no medication violations in any jurisdiction in the past two and half years.

Higenamine often enters the equine system inadvertently through unregulated herbal supplements, or blended calming and pre-workout formulas where it is unlisted on the label.

The amounts of **Higenamine** found in the horse are at levels which lends credibility to the probability that the horse was inadvertently exposed to the drug in some manner. Based upon an evaluation of the evidence, the Stewards conclude that the positive is attributable to inadvertent exposure.

There is no reason to believe that **Mr. Brown** knew of or caused the drug to be administered to the horse.

178 C.S.R. 1, §49.10.a, the Stewards are explicitly authorized to consider inadvertent exposure as a factor in determining medication violations. Further, pursuant to **§49.1.**, the Stewards are to determine medication violations on a case by case basis and may determine to impose no penalty against a trainer's permit, if warranted.

Weighing and balancing these factors, the Board of Stewards find that while **Mr. Brown** is held responsible for the positive in this case, the Stewards shall impose no penalty against **Mr. Brown's** permit. Therefore, the standard penalty for a **Class C with a B Penalty** medication violation is not imposed in this matter. In addition, the Stewards do not impose the Multiple Medication Violation points that would typically be imposed under § **49.3.m.** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule.

Because **"Bull's Gold"** was found to have carried **Higenamine** in its system during the running of the race, the purse of the race is ordered to be **FORFEITED** and **"Bull's Gold"** is **DISQUALIFIED** from its **(1st) first place** finish in the **third (3rd) race** on **July 11, 2026**. This disqualification is justified due to the irrefutable drug positive, even though **Mr. Brown's** permit was not disciplined in this matter. The horse likely carried the drug in its system due to inadvertent exposure, it nonetheless carried the drug in its system which necessitates the disqualification to ensure the integrity of racing and to instill confidence in the betting public. The order of finish is hereby re-ordered as follows:

1. **#1 Arrayaofgrace**
2. **#3 Lookinforahandout**
3. **#2 Fake Strolling**
4. **#4 Candygram Cat**
5. **#9 Contra Costa**
6. **#6 She's Rambo**

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 $500.00.

Dated: August 22, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARD:

DENVER K. BECKNER **ROY S. CAVE** **CARLOS PARTIDA**

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **AUGUST 22, 2026**

RULING #33

On **August 21, 2026** the Board of Stewards conducted a hearing for Owner/Trainer **Willie Straughn** Permit #88681 DOB 02/19/1959. **Mr. Straughn** was present in person and testified before the Board of Stewards. **Mr. Straughn** was represented by Maria Catignani, Executive Director, Charles Town, HBPA. The Board of Stewards hereby finds the following:

The official sample **#E683477** taken on **July 16, 2026** was reported by Industrial Laboratories to contain **Higenamine**, confirmed in urine. Pursuant to **Table 178-1 E** of the **Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 C.S.R. 1, Higenamine** is a **Class C** drug, carrying a **Category B** penalty. The sample was taken from **"Genuine Gomo"**, which ran in **Race Number 5** on **July 16, 2026**, finishing **First (1st).** The horse is owned by **Gokman Kaya** and trained by **Willie Straughn.**

After notification to **Mr. Straughn**, he declined split sample testing.

Pursuant to section **49.4.a.1.** of the **Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 C.S.R. 1,** a finding by a Racing Commission approved laboratory of a prohibited drug, chemical or other substance in a post-race test specimen of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited drug, chemical or other substance was present in the horse's body while it was participating in a race. **Higenamine** confirmed to be present in **"Genuine Gomo's"** body while it was participating in a race, is a drug or medication for which the West Virginia Racing Commission has established no acceptable threshold concentration.

Additionally, as the trainer of **"Genuine Gomo" Willie Straughn** is the absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of the horse he entered in the **5th race** at **Charles Town** that ran on **July 16, 2026. 178 C.S.R. 1, § 51.1.a.**

The Board of Stewards concludes that while **Mr. Straughn** is responsible for the positive in **"Genuine Gomo"** under **§ 51.1.a**. and the presence of the drug has been established to have been in the horse during the **5th race** on **July 16, 2026** there are mitigating factors which cause the Stewards to impose no penalty against **Mr. Straughn's** permit in this matter. Those factors are as follows:

Mr. Straughn's record as a permit holder is good in that he has no medication violations in any jurisdiction in the past three years and only one in his career.

Higenamine often enters the equine system inadvertently through unregulated herbal supplements, or blended calming and pre-workout formulas where it is unlisted on the label.

The amounts of **Higenamine** found in the horse are at levels which lends credibility to the probability that the horse was inadvertently exposed to the drug in some manner. Based upon

an evaluation of the evidence, the Stewards conclude that the positive is attributable to inadvertent exposure.

There is no reason to believe that **Mr. Straughn** knew of or caused the drug to be administered to the horse.

178 C.S.R. 1, §49.10.a, the Stewards are explicitly authorized to consider inadvertent exposure as a factor in determining medication violations. Further, pursuant to **§49.1.**, the Stewards are to determine medication violations on a case by case basis and may determine to impose no penalty against a trainer's permit, if warranted.

Weighing and balancing these factors, the Board of Stewards find that while **Mr. Straughn** is held responsible for the positive in this case, the Stewards shall impose no penalty against **Mr. Straughn's** permit. Therefore, the standard penalty for a **Class C with a B Penalty** medication violation is not imposed in this matter. In addition, the Stewards do not impose the Multiple Medication Violation points that would typically be imposed under § **49.3.m.** of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule.

Because **"Genuine Gomo"** was found to have carried **Higenamine** in its system during the running of the race, the purse of the race is ordered to be **FORFEITED** and **"Genuine Gomo"** is **DISQUALIFIED** from its **(1st) first place** finish in the **fifth (5th) race** on **July 16, 2026**. This disqualification is justified due to the irrefutable drug positive, even though **Mr. Straughn's** permit was not disciplined in this matter. The horse likely carried the drug in its system due to inadvertent exposure, it nonetheless carried the drug in its system which necessitates the disqualification to ensure the integrity of racing and to instill confidence in the betting public. The order of finish is hereby re-ordered as follows:

1. **#9 This Juice B Loose**
2. **#4 Iceteca**
3. **#8 Mr. Dumbledore**
4. **#7 Direct Appeal**
5. **#6 Road Minister**
6. **#3 Bad Lineage**

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 $500.00.

Dated: August 22, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARD:

DENVER K. BECKNER **ROY S. CAVE** **CARLOS PARTIDA**

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **AUGUST 26, 2026**

RULING #34

Jockey, **Alexis Espinoza, Permit**: #88701, **DOB**: 4/28/1998 is hereby fined **$500.00 (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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Espinoza** let his mount **"Knocking Luck"** come in nearing the eighth pole impeding with **"Mersin Heat"** in the **First Race, Friday, August 21, 2026.**

"Knocking Luck" was disqualified from Fourth (4th) and placed Seventh (7th)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

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CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **SEPTEMBER 3, 2026**

RULING #35

Owner/Trainer, Adam King **Permit #88068**

On **September 2, 2026,** the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to **Owner/Trainer, Adam King, Permit #88068, DOB 10/11/1984** to which he waived his right to a hearing regarding a medication violation pertaining to his horse **"Hamdoun" who finished first (1st) in the eighth (8th) race on Thursday August 13, 2026.**

The Stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample **#E683588,** taken on **08/13/26** was reported by **Industrial Laboratories**, the official testing laboratory, to contain **Methocarbamol** which is a **Class 4** drug, with a **C Penalty**, designation. The permissible threshold for **Methocarbamol** is **1 ng/ml** in blood. Sample **#E683588** contained **7.37 ng/ml** of the drug, which is above the permissible threshold for this drug. The sample was taken from the **Six (6) horse, "Hamdoun",** which ran in the **8th Race on 08/13/26, finishing First (1st)**

Mr. King elected not to have a split sample tested

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 24.11.o**, The Stewards are authorized to take disciplinary action against a permit holder for violating any provision of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule.

Pursuant to section **51.1.1a, of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W.Va.C.S.R.1:** "The trainer is the absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of the horses he or she enters in an official workout 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, 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."

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 49.4.a.2.**, a finding by a Racing Commission approved laboratory of a prohibited drug, chemical or other substance in a test specimen of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited drug, chemical or other substance was administered to the horse, and in the case of a post-race test, was present in the horse's body while it was participating. Prohibited substances included controlled therapeutic medications in excess of established threshold concentrations as set forth in the Association of Racing Commissioners International Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule, Version 2.1., contained in Table 178-1 F of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, Table 178-1 F**, the post-race threshold for **Methocarbamol** is **1 ng.ml** in the blood. Because the amount of **Methocarbamol** in **"Hamdoun"** exceeded the acceptable threshold set forth **in Table 178-1 F, Mr. King** may be held responsible and his occupational permit disciplined pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, sections 49.a.1.** and **51.1.a.**

The **Methocarbamol** positive in **"Hamdoun"** is **Mr. King's First Offense** in this category for a medication/substance violation in a 365 days period.

The permit holder has accumulated **0 points** under the multiple medication violation point system as a result of the issuance of. **Mr. King** is assessed **½ point** for this **Methocarbamol** medication/substance violation pursuant to section **49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1.**

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 an analysis of the factors set forth in section **49.1 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule:**

1. ***(Mitigating)*** **The Permit holder's past record:** The permit holder has no violations in the last 365 days
2. ***(Mitigating)*** **The potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance:** Pursuant to 178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 49.2.d, Class 4 drugs may influence performance, but generally have a more limited ability to do so. This is a mitigating factor although it is always of concern to the Stewards when a horse tests in excess of a threshold set forth in the Thoroughbred Racing Rule inasmuch as such thresholds are designed to ensure that horses aren't racing under the effects of the medication; to allow a state veterinarian conducting a pre-race examination to have as clean a look at the

horse as is possible to make sure that the horse does not have some condition that would cause it to harm itself if it races, and to ensure the integrity of racing so that horse aren't racing under the effect of a medication that could affect performance.]

3. ***(Mitigating)*** **The legal availability of the drug: Methocarbamol** is legally available.
4. **Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentional administered the drug:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug, or the circumstances under which the drug may have been given. Therefore this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
5. **The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this case it is unknown what efforts the trainer made to ensure that the treatment of the horse with **Methocarbamol** was done within the withdrawal guidelines and dosing specifications set forth in **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, Table 178-1 F**, so as to avoid a positive. Therefore this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
6. **The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use:** This factor is not applicable to this case.
7. **The purse of the race:** The races in question was an **Claiming** race with a **$13,300 purse**. The Stewards place no weight, either aggravating or mitigating, based upon the purse in this case.
8. **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:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not the horse was being treated by a veterinarian with **Methocarbamol**. Therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
9. **Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race:** There is no evidence of a suspicious betting pattern in this case and therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
10. **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**: Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not the horse was being treated with **Methocarbamol** by a veterinarian. Therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: **Mr. King's horse "Hamdoun" will be disqualified from all purse money and will have a total of ½ points on his record**. With the **Methocarbamol** positive **being his first medication** violation in 365 days, **Mr. King is fined $1000 dollars.**

The horse "Hamdoun" is disqualified from all purse money; Re-Distribution is as following.

1. **#7 Abdicate**
2. **#9 Souper Vinnie**
3. **#2 Monterrey**
4. **#5 Tree of Dem**
5. **#4 C'Est La Vie Nick**
6. **#1 Jaker**

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 $500.00

Dated: September 3, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER **ROY S CAVE** **CARLOS A PARTIDA**

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **SEPTEMBER 11, 2026**

RULING #36

Jockey, **Victor A. Rodriguez, Permit**: #92082, **DOB**: 07/12/1981 is hereby fined **$500.00 (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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Rodriguez** let his mount **"Conejo Dorado"** come in near the eighth pole taking the room away from **"A Notable Nature"** forcing that rival to take up in the **Third Race, Saturday, August 29, 2026.**

"Conejo Dorado" was disqualified from First (1st) and placed Forth (4th)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**

RULING #37

Owner/Trainer, Willie Straughn Permit #88681

On **September 12, 2026,** the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to **Owner/Trainer, Willie Straughn Permit #88681, DOB 2/19/1959** to which he waived his right to a hearing, regarding a medication violation of his horse **"Hobnob's Girl" who finished first (1st) in the First race on Thursday, August 20, 2026.**

The Stewards hereby find the following:

The official blood sample **#E683615,** taken on **8/20/26**, was reported by Industrial Laboratories, the official testing laboratory, to contain 3-Hydroxylidocaine, a Class 2 drug with a B Penalty designation. The permissible threshold for **3-Hydroxylidocaine** in the blood is 20 pg/ml. Sample **#E683615** contained **53.4 pg/ml** of the drug, which is above the permissible threshold for this drug. The sample was taken from the **two (2) horse, "Hobnob's Girl",** which ran in the **1st race** on **8/20/2026 finishing first.**

Mr. Straughn elected not to have a split sample tested.

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 24.11.o**, The Stewards are authorized to take disciplinary action against a permit holder for violating any provision of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule.

Pursuant to section **51.1.a, of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W.Va.C.S.R.1:** "The trainer is the absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of the horses he or she enters in an official workout 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, 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."

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 49.4.a.2.**, a finding by a Racing Commission-approved laboratory of a prohibited drug, chemical or other substance in a test specimen of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited drug, chemical or other substance was administered to the horse, and in the case of a post-race test, was present in the horse's body while it was participating. Prohibited substances included controlled therapeutic medications in excess of established threshold concentrations as outlined in the Association of Racing Commissioners International Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule, Version 2.1., contained in Table 178-1 F of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule.

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, Table 178-1 F**, the post-race threshold for **3-Hydroxylidocaine** is 20 pg/ml in the blood. Because the amount of **3-Hydroxylidocaine** in **"Hobnob's Girl"** exceeded the acceptable threshold outlined in **Table 178-1 F**, **Mr. Straughn** may be held responsible and his occupational permit disciplined pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, sections 49.a.1.** and **51.1.a.**

The **3-Hydroxylidocaine** positive in **"Hobnob's Girl"** is **Mr. Straughn's 1st offense** for a medication/substance violation in 365 days.

The permit holder has accumulated **0 points** under the multiple medication violation point system. As a result of the issuance of this ruling, **Mr. Straughn** is assessed **2 points** for this **3-Hydroxylidocaine** medication/substance violation pursuant to section **49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1.**

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 an analysis of the factors outlined in section 49.1 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule:

1. ***(MITIGATING)* The Permit holder's record:** The permit holder's record includes no (0) drug violations. Therefore, the permit holder's past record is a mitigating factor.
2. ***(AGGRAVATING)* The potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance:** Pursuant to 178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 49.2.d, Class 2 drugs could influence performance. This is an aggravating factor although it is always of concern to the Stewards when a horse tests in excess of a threshold set forth in the Thoroughbred Racing Rule inasmuch as such thresholds are designed to ensure that horses aren't racing under the effects of the medication; to allow a state veterinarian conducting a pre-race examination to have as clean a look at the horse as is possible to make sure that the

horse does not have some condition that would cause it to harm itself if it races, and to ensure the integrity of racing so that horse aren't racing under the effect of a medication that could affect performance.]

3. ***(MITIGATING)*** **The legal availability of the drug: 3-Hydroxylidocaine** is legally available.
4. **Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug, or the circumstances under which the drug may have been given. Therefore this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
5. **The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this case it is unknown what efforts the trainer made to ensure that the treatment of the horse with **3-Hydroxylidocaine** was done within the withdrawal guidelines and dosing specifications outlined in **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, Table 178-1 F**, so as to avoid a positive. Therefore this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
6. **The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use:** This factor does not apply to this case.
7. **The purse of the race:** The races in question were a $7,500 claiming race with a $16,200 purse. The Stewards place no weight, either aggravating or mitigating, based upon the purse in this case.
8. **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:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not a veterinarian was treating the horse with **3-Hydroxylidocaine.** Therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
9. **Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race:** There is no evidence of a suspicious betting pattern in this case and therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
10. **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**: Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter, it was not established whether or not the horse was being treated with **3-Hydroxylidocaine** by a veterinarian. Therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense: **Mr. Straughn's horse "Hobnob's Girl" will be disqualified from all purse money and will have a total of 2 points on his record.** With the **Hydroxy-lidocaine** positive is **Mr. Straughn's first medication** violation in 365 day. **Mr. Straughn is fined $500 (Five Hundred Dollars) and is given a 15-day suspension starting Sunday, September 13, 2026 through and including Monday, September 28, 2026.**

The horse "Hobnob's Girl" is disqualified from all purse money; re-distribution is as following.

1. **#5 Unusual Bay**
2. **#3 Graceful Cat**
3. **#6 Sola Vino**
4. **#8 Ekati Indian**
5. **#7 Pawleys Island**
6. **#1 Duchess Dee Anna**

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 $500.00

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER **ROY S. CAVE** **CARLOS A. PARTIDA**

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **SEPTEMBER 18, 2026**

RULING #38

Jockey **Juan Mauricio Nunez**, **Permit** #83359, **DOB** 7/15/1999, is hereby suspended **One Day (1), Thursday, September 24, 2026** for being in violation of **Rule 178-1-45.5d** applicable part which reads. 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.

Jockey **Nunez** failed to make his reported weight on **Thursday, September 17, 2026.**

Jockey **Nunez** is a repeat offender of this rule.

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **OCTOBER 6, 2026**

RULING #39

Trainer, Jean L. Adorno **Permit #88644**

On **Saturday, October 3, 2026,** the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to **Owner/Trainer, Jean L. Adorno, Permit #88644, DOB 2/22/1989,** to which he waived his right to a hearing regarding a medication violation pertaining to his horse **"Amama" who finished first (1st) in the second (2nd) race on Saturday, September 12, 2026.**

The Stewards hereby find the following: The official blood sample **#E694248** taken on **09/12/26** was reported by Industrial Laboratories, the official testing laboratory, to contain **Flunixin and Phenylbutazone,** which are Class 4 drugs, with a C Penalty designation. Sample **#E69448** contained **6.35 ng/ml** of **Flunixin** and **.565 ug/ml of Phenylbutazone**, which is above the permissible thresholds for these drugs when stacked together. The sample was taken from the **One (1) horse**, **"Amama"**, which ran in the **1st Race on 09/12/26,** finishing **first.**

Mr. Adorno elected not to have a split sample tested.

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 24.11.o**, The Stewards are authorized to take disciplinary action against a permit holder for violating any provision of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule.

Pursuant to section **51.1.a, of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W.Va.C.S.R.1:** "The trainer is the absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of the horses he or she enters in an official workout 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, 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."

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 49.4.a.2.**, a finding by a Racing Commission-approved laboratory of a prohibited drug, chemical or other substance in a test specimen of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited drug, chemical or other substance was administered to the horse, and in the case of a post-race test, was present in the horse's body while it was participating. Prohibited substances included controlled therapeutic medications in excess of established threshold concentrations as set forth in the Association of Racing Commissioners International Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule, Version 3.2., contained in Table 178-1 F of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, Table 178-1 F**,. Because the amount of **Flunixin and Phenylbutazone in "Amama"** exceeded the acceptable threshold set forth **in Table 178-1 F, Mr. Adorno** may be held responsible and his occupational permit disciplined pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, sections 49.4.a.2.** and **51.1.a.**

This violation is **Mr. Adorno's** first in this category for a medication/substance violation in a 365 days period.

The permit holder has accumulated **0 points** under the multiple medication violation point system. **Mr. Adorno** is assessed **½ point** for this medication/substance violation pursuant to section **49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1.**

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 an analysis of the factors set forth in section **49.1 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule:**

1. ***(Mitigating)*** **The Permit holder's past record:** The permit holder has not had a medication violation in four years.
2. ***(Mitigating)*** **The potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance:** Pursuant to 178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 49.2.d, Class 4 drugs may influence performance, but generally have a more limited ability to do so. This is a mitigating factor although it is always of concern to the Stewards when a horse tests in excess of a threshold set forth in the Thoroughbred Racing Rule inasmuch as such thresholds are designed to ensure that horses aren't racing under the effects of the medication, to allow a state veterinarian conducting a pre-race examination to have as clean a look at the horse as is possible to make sure that the horse does not have some condition that would cause it to harm itself if it

races, and to ensure the integrity of racing so that horses aren't racing under the effect of a medication that could affect performance.

3. ***(Mitigating)*** **The legal availability of the drug: Flunixin and Phenylbutazone** are legally available.
4. **Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug, or the circumstances under which the drug may have been given. Therefore this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
5. **The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this case it is unknown what efforts the trainer made to ensure that the treatment of the horse with **Flunixin and Phenylbutazone** was done within the withdrawal guidelines and dosing specifications set forth in **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, Table 178-1 F**, so as to avoid a positive. Therefore this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
6. **The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use:** This factor is not applicable to this case.
7. **The purse of the race:** The race in question was a **Maiden Claiming** race with a **$21,900 purse**. The Stewards place no weight, either aggravating or mitigating, based upon the purse in this case.
8. **Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving as a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not the horse was being treated by a veterinarian with **Flunixin and Phenylbutazone.** Therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
9. **Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race:** There is no evidence of a suspicious betting pattern in this case and therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
10. **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**: Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter, it was not established whether or not the horse was being treated with **Flunixin and Phenylbutazone** by a veterinarian. Therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense:
Mr. Adorno will be fined Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) and assessed ½ point.

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 $500.00.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARD:

DENVER K. BECKNER **ROY S. CAVE** **CARLOS A. PARTIDA**

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **OCTOBER 9, 2026**

RULING #40

Apprentice Jockey, **Nomar Arroyo Bueno, Permit**: #88323, **DOB**: 04/13/2006 is hereby fined **$500.00 (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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Arroyo Bueno** let his mount **"Judy G"** come in past the eighth pole taking the room away from **"Super Wicked"** forcing that rival to take up in the **Eighth Race, Saturday, October 3, 2026.**

"Judy G" was disqualified from Third (3rd) and placed Sixth (6th)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CARLOS A. PARTIDA

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **OCTOBER 13, 2026**

RULING #41

Jockey, **Carlos E. Lopez, Permit**: #88735, **DOB**: 03/06/1991 is hereby **Suspended Three (3) days, Saturday, October 17, Wednesday, October 21, and Thursday, October 22, 2026** 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."

Mr. Lopez's mount **"Ragtime Scribble"** came down on **"Excitable Boy"** near the quarter pole forcing his rider to take up in the **Third (3rd) race** on Friday **October 9, 2026**.

"Ragtime Scribble" was disqualified from Third (3rd), and placed Fourth (4th).

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **OCTOBER 13, 2026**

RULING #42

Jockey, **Jeiron Barbosa, Permit**: #86587, **DOB**: 12/18/2003 is hereby **Suspended Three (3) days, Friday, October 16, Saturday, October 17, and Wednesday, October 21, 2026** 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."

Mr. Barbosa's mount **"Namaste"** angled in on **"Can't Deny This"** forcing that rival to take the room away from **"Saichi's Girl"** turning for home forcing that rider to take up in the **Seventh (7th) race** on **Friday October 9, 2026**.

"Namaste" was disqualified from First (1st) and placed Fifth (5th).

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **OCTOBER 15, 2026**

RULING #43

Exercise Rider, **Dale M. Whittaker, Permit** #88460, **DOB** 3/12/1970, is hereby fined **Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00)**, for being in violation of West Virginia Rule of Racing Number **178-1-48.3.d**, which reads in part: "Any unauthorized contact may result in the horse being scratched from the race in which it was scheduled to compete and may result in further disciplinary action by the stewards."

Mr. Whittaker was seen giving a liquid with a dose syringe to **"Aim's Jubilee" on Tuesday, October 13. Mr. Whittaker** was in the wrong stall. **"Aim's Jubilee"** was in the **Fourth Race on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, and had to be a 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 **Five-Hundred ($500.00) Dollars**.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

L. ROBERT LOTTS

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **OCTOBER 16, 2026**

RULING #44

Jockey, **Angel Cruz, Permit**: #89947, **DOB**: 03/29/1995 is hereby fined **$500.00 (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." And 45.7.c.2. The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

Jockey **Cruz** let his mount **"Navy Band"** come in past the quarter pole taking the room away from **"Cappuccino Crunch"** forcing that rival to take up in the **Seventh Race, Saturday, October, 10, 2026.**

"Navy Band" was disqualified from Second (2nd) and placed Fifth (5th)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

ROY S. CAVE

L. ROBERT LOTTS

CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **OCTOBER 24, 2026**

RULING #45

Apprentice Jockey, **Nomar Arroyo Bueno, Permit**: #88323, **DOB**: 04/13/2006 is hereby **suspended three racing days, Thursday, October 29, Friday, October 30, Saturday, October 31** 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."

Jockey **Arroyo Bueno's** mount **"Romantic Warrior"** came in nearing the quarter pole, taking the room away from **"Little Roo Roo"** causing his rider to take up in the **Seventh Race, Thursday, October 22, 2026.**

"Romantic Warrior" was **disqualified from First (1st) and placed Second (2nd)**

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULING** **NOVEMBER 5, 2026**

RULING #46

Veterinarian **Benjamin B. Dubois, Permit** #90728 **DOB**; 06/03/1990 is fined **Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00)** for being in violation of **Rule 178-1-31.2.** The following provisions apply to the responsibilities of practicing veterinarians:

Rule 178-1-31.2.a. All practicing veterinarians administering drugs, medications or other substances shall be responsible for ensuring that the drugs, medications or other substances and the veterinary treatment of horses are administered in accordance with this rule.

Veterinarian **Dubois** mistakenly treated **"Ojin"** with Lasix, **"Ojin"** was entered in the **First (1st) race on Wednesday, November 4, 2026** and was treated with Lasix even though he was not supposed to be running on Lasix, necessitating a late scratch.

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER

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CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **NOVEMBER 10, 2026**

RULING #47

Apprentice Jockey, **Abnel J. Bocachica, Permit**: #91859, **DOB**: 06/04/2004 is hereby **fined $500.00 (FIVE HUNDRED)** 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."

Jockey **Bocachica** let his mount **"Allformenoneforyou"** angle in down the backstretch, taking the room away from **"Boss Lady K P"** causing her rider to take up in the **Fifth Race, Friday November 6, 2023.**

"Allformenoneforyou" was disqualified from First (1st) and placed Second (2nd)

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 Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

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CHARLES TOWN RACES **STEWARDS RULINGS** **NOVEMBER 11, 2026**

RULING #48

Owner/Trainer Isaac Barahona **Permit #86113**

On **November 5, 2026,** the Board of Stewards offered a hearing to **Owner/Trainer, Isaac Barahona, Permit #86113, DOB 12/02/1980** to which he waived his right to a hearing regarding a medication violation pertaining to his horse **"Bull Rider" who finished first (1st) in the second (2nd) race on Thursday, October 1, 2026.**

The Stewards hereby find the following: The official blood sample **#E694314,** taken on **10/01/2026** was reported by Industrial Laboratories, the official testing laboratory, to contain **Hydroxyethylpromazine sulfoxide** which are **Class 3** drugs, with a B Penalty, designation. Sample **#E69314** contained **Hydroxyethylpromazine sulfoxide** confirmed in urine at **17.1ng/ml**. The measurement uncertainty of method is **1.7 ng/ml** at the threshold of **10 ng/ml**. The sample was taken from the **Seven (7) horse, "Bull Rider"** which ran in the **2nd Race on 10/01/2026, finishing first.**

Mr. Barahona elected not to have a split sample tested. The Board of Stewards find the following:

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 24.11.o**, The Stewards are authorized to take disciplinary action against a permit holder for violating any provision of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule.

Pursuant to section **51.1.a, of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 W.Va.C.S.R.1:** "The trainer is the absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of the horses he or she enters in an official workout 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, 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."

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, section 49.4.a.2.**, a finding by a Racing Commission approved laboratory of a prohibited drug, chemical or other substance in a test specimen of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited drug, chemical or other substance was administered to the horse, and in the case of a post-race test, was present in the horse's body while it was participating. Prohibited substances included controlled therapeutic medications in excess of established threshold concentrations as set forth in the Association of Racing Commissioners International Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule, Version 3.2., contained in Table 178-1 F of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule.

Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, Table 178-1 F**, Because the amount of **Hydroxyethylpromazine sulfoxide** in **"Bull Rider"** exceeded the acceptable threshold set forth **in Table 178-1 F. Mr. Barahona** may be held responsible and his occupational permit disciplined pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1. sections 49.4.a.2.** and **51.1.a.**

The **Hydroxyethylpromazine sulfoxide** positive in **"Bull Rider"** is **Mr. Barahona's First Offense** in this category for a medication/substance violation in a 365 days period.

The permit holder has accumulated **0 points** under the multiple medication violation point system as a result of this issuance. **Mr. Barahona** is assessed **2 points** for this **Hydroxyethylpromazine sulfoxide** medication/substance violation pursuant to section **49.3.m. of 178 of W.Va.C.S.R.1.**

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 an analysis of the factors set forth in section **49.1 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule:**

1. ***(Mitigating)*** **The Permit holder's past record:** The permit holder has no violations in any class category during his training career.
2. ***(Mitigating)*** **The potential of the drug to influence the horse's racing performance:** Pursuant to **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1,** section **49.2.d**, Class 3 drugs may influence performance, but generally have a more limited ability to do so. This is a mitigating factor although it is always of concern to the Stewards when a horse tests in excess of a threshold set forth in the Thoroughbred Racing Rule inasmuch as such thresholds are designed to ensure that horses aren't racing under the effects of the medication, to allow a state veterinarian conducting a pre-race examination to have as clean a look at the

horse as is possible to make sure that the horse does not have some condition that would cause it to harm itself if it races, and to ensure the integrity of racing so that horse's aren't racing under the effect of a medication that could affect performance.

3. ***(Mitigating)*** **The legal availability of the oral application: Hydroxyethylpromazine sulfoxide** is legally available.
4. **Whether there is reason to believe the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug or intentional administered the drug:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not the permit holder knew of the administration of the drug, or the circumstances under which the drug may have been given. Therefore this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
5. **The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this case it is unknown what efforts the trainer made to ensure that the treatment of the horse with **Hydroxyethylpromazine sulfoxide** was done within the withdrawal guidelines and dosing specifications set forth in **178 W. Va. C.S.R. 1, Table 178-1 F**, so as to avoid a positive. Therefore this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
6. **The probability of environmental contamination exposure due to human use:** This factor is not applicable to this case.
7. **The purse of the race:** The race in question was a Claiming race with a **$13,300 purse**. The Stewards place no weight, either aggravating or mitigating, based upon the purse in this case.
8. **Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving as a treatment as documented by the treating veterinarian licensed to practice in West Virginia and holding an occupational permit issued by the Racing Commission:** Inasmuch as there was no hearing in this matter it was not established whether or not the horse was being treated by a veterinarian with **Hydroxyethylpromazine sulfoxide** therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.
9. **Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race:** There is no evidence of a suspicious betting pattern in this case and therefore, this factor is not considered in weighing the penalty in this case.

Based on the above, the Stewards hereby impose the following penalty for the underlying offense:
Mr. Barahona's horse "Bull Rider" will be disqualified from all purse money and Mr. Barahona will have a total of 2 points on his record. With the **Hydroxyethylpromazine sulfoxide** positive being the first medication violation in 365 days, and due to the presence of mitigating circumstances the Board of Stewards imposes **15 days suspension** of **Mr. Barahona's** license and fined **($500) Five Hundred Dollars, The suspension is stayed under the stipulation that Mr. Barahona will not have another violation through May 10, 2027. (180 days) He cannot have any medication violations, or the 15 days suspension** will accompany any fines or suspensions for additional violations.

The horse "Bull Rider" is disqualified from all purse money. Redistribution is as following:

1. **#6 Ed's Prophecy**
2. **#1 Ziggy Stardust**
3. **#8 Musical Entourage**
4. **#5 Randy Said So**
5. **#4 Bold Rock**

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 $500.00.
Dated: November 11, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS:

DENVER K. BECKNER **ROY S. CAVE** **CARLOS A. PARTIDA**