

BEFORE THE INTERNAL ADJUDICATION PANEL

HIWU

Case Number: ECM2026-61
IAP Member Edward J. Weiss

v.

Stephen Trevino

[Insert Name of Covered Person]

FINAL RULING OF INTERNAL ADJUDICATION PANEL

Section One – Parties

Default Judgment

Date of Hearing:

(hearing waived, check here)

Date of Decision: 5/11/26

HIWU Counsel: Zach Ceriani

Covered Person: Stephen Trevino

Counsel/Representative of Covered Person: N/A

Any Third Parties: None

Section Two – Charges

The Covered Person is charged with violating the following Series 3000 Equine Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program Rules (“Protocol”):

The Covered Person is charged with violating ADMC Program Rule 3329 for participating in activities involving a Covered Horse during a period of Ineligibility, specifically on October 22, 23, 25, and 27, 2025.

Section Three – Motions

The Internal Adjudication Panel considered the following motions:

A. Motions filed by Covered Person:

None

(For each motion, include: motion title, date filed, ruling, and date of order.)

B. Motions filed by HIWU:

None

(For each motion, include: motion title, date filed, ruling, and date of order.)

Section Four – Burdens of Proof and Evidence

A. Pursuant to ADMC Program Rule 3121 (Protocol), HIWU has established the following evidence, set forth in detail below, to the comfortable satisfaction of the Internal Adjudication Panel:

On May 12, 2025, Respondent was charged with a Class B Controlled Medication Violation ("CMVR") after a Covered Horse for which he was responsible had a Post-Race Sample result in an Adverse Analytical Finding for acepromazine. After admitting the CMVR he accepted the consequences that included a seven (7) day period of Ineligibility that commenced on May 27, 2025. Respondent was served with a Notice of Sanctions on that date. (Exh. 2). On June 2, 2025, during his period of ineligibility, Respondent participated in activities involving a Covered Horse in violation of Rule 3329. On August 12, 2025, Respondent was charged with a violation of Rule 3329 and on October 21, 2025 the IAP found Respondent violated his period of ineligibility. (Exh. 3). On October 21, 2025, Respondent was served with a Notice of Sanctions pertaining to the violation that included a period of seven (7) days of ineligibility and two (2) penalty points which we was advised brought his total of penalty points to four (4). (Exh. 4). The period of ineligibility commenced on October 22, 2025 at 12:01 a.m. and ran through October 28, 2025.(Exh. 4).

On October 22, 2025, at 9:36 a.m., Jockey Agent Justin Poole submitted an entry at Mahoning Valley for the Covered Horse Miss Shady for a race scheduled to be held on October 28, 2025. (HIWU Exh. 5). Respondent was the trainer of Miss Shady. (Exh. 5). Respondent was the Responsible Person and Designated Owner for Miss Shady. (Exh. 6).

On October 23, 2025, Jockey Agent Poole submitted an entry to Miss Shady for a race scheduled for October 29, 2025, at Mahoning Valley. (Exh. 7). Respondent was the trainer and owner of Ms. Shady. (Exh. 7). Respondent was the Responsible Person and Designated Owner for Miss Shady on October 23, 2025. The entry blank states that Miss Shady's owner cannot race. (Exh. 7).

On October 25, 2025, someone HIWU represents to have been Respondent was photographed while present at Mahoning Valley during live racing saddling the Covered Horse Ryka for the 6th race of the day. (Exh. 8) Surveillance Photographs). Ryka was trained by Trainer David Wolchuk. (Exh. 9). After that race, Respondent retrieved Ryka from the racing surface and accompanied the horse to the Winner's Circle, where Respondent participated in the win photo. (Exh. 10).

On October 27, 2025, Ms. Shady was scratched from the October 29, 2025 race. The steward provided the reason that "Ms. Shady was entered on 10/23/25 during RP TREVINO's period of ineligibility." (Exh. 10).

On October 27, 2025, HISA Steward Larry Fontenot and HIWU Investigator contacted Respondent at his barn at Mahoning Valley and provided him with a copy of his October 21 Notice of Sanctions. (Exh. 10). The HISA and HIWU representatives advised Respondent that his horse Fatih could participate in the race that day due to the horse being entered prior to his period of ineligibility. He also was advised that he could not participate in any activities related to any Covered Horse. (Exh. 10). Respondent stated the he understood the restrictions and Trainer Ricardo Bailey saddled Fatih for Respondent before the 4th race. (Id.).

On October 27, 2025, Fatih participated in and won the 4th race at Mahoning Valley. (Exh. 10). Respondent retrieved Fatih from the racing surface and accompanied the horse to the Winner's Circle. (Exh. 10). Respondent participated in the win photo following the 4th race. (Exh. 10).

The foregoing proves to the comfortable satisfaction of the IAP Member that Respondent violated his period of Ineligibility on October 22, 23, 25 and 27, 2025.

B. Pursuant to ADMC Program Rule 3121 (Protocol), the Covered Person has established the following evidence, set forth in detail below, by a balance of probability:

N/A. The Covered Person did not submit any evidence or participate.

Section Five – Violations Determined

Based on the applicable ADMC Program Rules (Protocol) listed above in Section Two, and based upon the established evidence as set forth in Section Four above, the Internal Adjudication Panel has determined that the Covered Person has violated the following ADMC Program Rules (Protocol):

ADMC Rule 3329(a)(2) for participating in an activity involving a Covered Horse during a period of Ineligibility. Specifically, Respondent participated in activities involving a Covered Horse on October 22, 23, 25 and 27, 2025 during his period of Ineligibility.

Section Six – Finding of No Fault/Negligence or No Significant Fault/Negligence

Pursuant to ADMC Program Rules 3324 and 3325 (Protocol), a Covered Person is entitled to elimination or reduction of any period of Ineligibility if the Internal Adjudication Panel determines that the Covered Person has established that he or she bears No Fault or Negligence, or No Significant Fault or Negligence for the violation(s). Based on the foregoing evidence, the IAP Member finds that the Covered Person **has** **has not** (*check one*) established that he or she bears **No Fault or Negligence**; or the Covered Person **has** **has not** (*check one*) established that he or she bears **No Significant Fault or Negligence** for the violation(s). Where the Covered Person has established that he or she bears No Fault or Negligence or No Significant Fault or Negligence for the violation(s), the following evidence supports this conclusion:

N/A

Section Seven – Elimination, reduction, or suspension of period of Ineligibility and/or other Consequences for reasons unrelated to degree of fault

Pursuant to ADMC Program Rule 3326(b) – (d) (Protocol), the Covered Person is entitled to elimination, reduction, or suspension of a period of Ineligibility and/or other Consequences if he or she has satisfied any of the following (*check all that apply*):

Rule 3326(b): Voluntary Admission of a Controlled Medication Rule Violation in the absence of other evidence.

Rule 3326(c): Application of multiple grounds for reduction of a sanction; where the Covered Person has established entitlement to a reduction or suspension of period of Ineligibility under two or more of Rules 3324, 3325, or 3326.

Rule 3326(d): Reductions for certain Controlled Medication Rule Violations based on early admission and acceptance of sanction; where the Covered Person admits violation(s) and accepts Consequence(s) within seven (7) days of receiving Charge Letter.

Based on the application of these Rules, the Covered Person is entitled to the following elimination, reduction, or suspension of a period of Ineligibility and/or other Consequences:

N/A

Section Eight – Aggravating Circumstances

HIWU has established the following aggravating circumstances to the comfortable satisfaction of the Internal Adjudication Panel (*write N/A if none*):

N/A

Based upon the Aggravating Circumstances, the Covered Person’s period of Ineligibility is increased by ___ months (up to 6 months), and an additional fine in the amount of \$ _____ is imposed (up to \$5,000.00 USD or 5% of the purse, whichever is greater).

Section Nine – Consequences

The following Consequences are imposed upon the Covered Person for each violation that has been established in this case:

A period in Ineligibility of seven (7) days; assignment of two (2) penalty points pursuant to ADMC Rule 3328; Disqualification of any results obtained for any related participation, specifically the Disqualification of the Race Results obtained by Fatih in Race 4 at Mahoning Valley Race Course in Youngstown, Ohio, on October 27, 2025, and forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings, and repayment or surrender (as applicable) to the Race Organizer, pursuant to ADMC Rules 3321 and 3330(a)(1); and Public Disclosure pursuant to ADMC Rules 3321 and in accordance with ADMC Program Rule 3620. In addition, pursuant to Rule 3328, additional period of Ineligibility of thirty (30) days is required and thus the total period of Ineligibility is thirty seven (37) days beginning on the day following the service of a Notice of Final Civil Sanctions related to this matter.

Section Ten – Penalty Points

The total penalty points issued against Covered Person as a result of this final decision are: 2. The Covered Person has 4 prior penalty points, bringing his or her current total penalty points to 6.

Subject to ADMC Program Rule 3364 (Protocol), this decision is final and binding pursuant to ADMC Program Rule 3363 (Protocol).

Edward J. Weiss Digitally signed by Edward J. Weiss
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