



Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number 2191041

Licence No.: TRNE4599

Date: May 28, 2023

Rideau Carleton Raceway

**IN THE MATTER OF THE *HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, 2015*,
S.O. 2015, c.38, Sched. 9;
AND IN THE MATTER OF YVES TESSIER**

As the trainer of record, Yves Tessier was adjudged guilty of violating AGCO rules 9.09(b), 26.02.01, 26.02.02 and 26.02.03(c) resulting from the Certificate of Positive Analysis (4523120004) for the Class 3 drug arsenic (444 ng/mL) from the official sample of LITTLE MANNY (3RP53 - disqualified per AGCO rule 9.13) in the third race at Rideau Carleton on 30 April 2023. Mr. Tessier has accepted a settlement agreement constituting a fifteen (15) day full suspension (29 May to 12 June, inclusive) and a one thousand dollar (\$1000) monetary penalty.

All purse monies, including driver and trainer fees, awarded to LITTLE MANNY on 30 April 2023 are ordered returned to be redistributed within fifteen (15) days of this ruling (AGCO rule 18.08.01).

Any horse trained by Mr. Tessier but not owned, in whole or in part by the participant, may be released to the care of another trainer with the approval of Race Officials (AGCO rule 26.08).

Mr. Tessier is required to complete the AGCO Medication Use and Awareness program prior to reinstatement.

The following conditions entered on the participant's licence per Policy Directive No. 3-2008.

1. The Licensee shall keep the peace and be of good behaviour;
2. The Licensee shall allow Commission investigators access to his/her stabling area at any time to conduct unannounced random searches for illegal or non-therapeutic medications or drugs;
3. The Licensee shall allow Commission investigators to seize any illegal or non-therapeutic medications or drugs found at his/her stabling area; and
4. The Licensee shall be subject to the Commission's Out of Competition Program.
5. The Licensee may be subject to a Notice of Proposed Order in addition to any penalty imposed by the AGCO Judges or Stewards for any breach of the terms of their licence.

By Order of the Racing Officials

COB5257 - Commission Official
(Active) - MICHAEL LC WEBER

COZ7442 - Commission Official
(Active) - Sharla Coles

CO1290654 - Commission Official
(Active) - KATELYNN ROURKE