



Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number: 2912722

Licence No.: HPY1934

Date: November 15, 2024

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 ISABELLE D. DARVEAU**

On October 21, 2023, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (the "AGCO") was advised of a positive reading for the Class 2 substance ractopamine, in the urine sample with Test Tag #45 23278 303. The sample was obtained from the Standardbred horse "BLACK TIE BASH" (tattoo number 2S525), which finished first (1st) in the fourth (4th) race, on October 5, 2023, at Rideau Carleton Raceway. The trainer of record for BLACK TIE BASH was ISABELLE D. DARVEAU (Licence no. HPY1934) ("DARVEAU").

TAKE NOTICE that DARVEAU and the AGCO have entered into a settlement agreement and agree that DARVEAU has violated rule 26.02.03(c) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing (the "Rules"). DARVEAU has agreed that there shall be no appeal of this ruling to the Horse Racing Appeal Panel.

In accordance with rule 9.08.02 of the Rules and Policy Directive No. 1-2018, DARVEAU is hereby fully suspended for a period of one (1) year. The first six (6) months of the suspension shall be served commencing on November 15, 2024 and ending on May 14, 2025. The remaining six (6) months of the suspension shall be stayed for a period of two (2) years following the date the first six (6) months of the suspension is completed. DARVEAU is hereby also issued a monetary penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), with payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of that amount stayed until two (2) years following the date the first six (6) months of the suspension is completed.

If DARVEAU commits an equine drug violation in relation to a Class 1, 2 or 3 drug or non-therapeutic substance or TCO₂ contrary to the Rules before two (2) years following the date the first six (6) months of the suspension is completed, the above-noted stays of the remaining six (6) months of the suspension and the payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of the monetary penalty will be lifted and DARVEAU will be required to serve the stayed portion of the suspension and pay the stayed portion of the monetary penalty on dates to be determined by AGCO Race Officials.

If DARVEAU is compliant with the equine drug Rules and requirements in relation to Class 1, 2 and 3 drugs and non-therapeutic substances and TCO₂ before two (2) years following the date the first six (6) months of the suspension is completed, the stayed portion of the suspension and stayed portion of the monetary penalty will be waived.

TAKE NOTICE that all horses owned in whole or in part by DARVEAU are suspended and are not eligible to race during the above-noted suspension period, in accordance with rule 6.13.01 of the Rules. Any horse trained by DARVEAU may, with the consent of the AGCO Race Officials, be released to another trainer, in accordance with rule 26.08 of the Rules and Policy Directive No. 2-2008.

In accordance with rule 9.13 of the Rules, BLACK TIE BASH is hereby declared disqualified from race 4 at Rideau Carleton Raceway on October 5, 2023, for all purposes except for pari-mutuel wagering. The revised order of finish for race 4 at Rideau Carleton Raceway on October 5, 2023, is as follows:

#5 Duke Lavictoire	1st
#2 Raising Rusty	2nd
#1 Fashion Ken	3rd
#3 Emma Town Bud	4th

#4 BLACK TIE BASH – disqualified

In accordance with rules 9.13 and 18.08.01 of the Rules, all purse monies affected by the disqualification of BLACK TIE BASH shall be returned for redistribution within 15 days.

In accordance with rule 6.01(a) of the Rules, DARVEAU is prohibited from accessing association grounds, including the “Winner’s Circle”, with the exception of the grandstand, while his licence is suspended.

DARVEAU is required to complete the AGCO Equine Medication Use and Awareness Program before reinstatement.

BY ORDER OF



Katherine Cunningham
Deputy Registrar