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## Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number 3011776

Licence No.: HPR4785

Date: February 07, 2025

**Leamington Raceway** 

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## IN THE MATTER OF THE HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, 2015, S.O. 2015, c.38, Sched. 9; AND IN THE MATTER OF JANICE L. MCEACHERN

On September 12, 2024, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (the "AGCO") was advised of a Certificate of Positive Analysis for the Class 3 substance cobalt, quantified at a concentration of 252 ng/mL (allowable limit: 100 ng/mL), in the urine sample with Test Tag no. 44 24245 004. The sample was obtained from the Standardbred horse "ALLSTAR SMILES" (tattoo no. 3VM90), which finished first (1st) in the third (3rd) race on September 1, 2024 at Leamington Raceway. The trainer of record for ALLSTAR SMILES was JANICE L. MCEACHERN (licence no. HPR4785) ("MCEACHERN").

**TAKE NOTICE** that MCEACHERN and the AGCO have entered into a settlement agreement and agree that MCEACHERN has violated rules 9.09(b), 26.02.01, 26.02.02, and 26.02.03(c) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing (the "Rules"). MCEACHERN has agreed that there shall be no appeal of this ruling to the Horse Racing Appeal Panel.

This is MCEACHERN's second Class 3 equine drug violation within the past three (3) years.

In accordance with rules 4.02(i), 6.04, and 9.08.02 of the Rules and Policy Directive No. 1-2018, MCEACHERN is hereby fully suspended for a period of six (6) months. The first three (3) months of the suspension shall be served from January 31, 2025 to April 30, 2025, inclusive. Service of the remaining three (3) months of the suspension shall be stayed for a period of two (2) years from May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2027, inclusive. MCEACHERN is hereby also issued a monetary penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), Payment of \$2,500 of the monetary penalty will be due by April 30, 2025. Payment of the remaining two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) stayed for a period of two (2) years from May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2027, inclusive.

If MCEACHERN commits an equine drug violation in relation to a Class 1, 2 or 3 or Non-Therapeutic drug or substance or TCO2 contrary to the Rules before May 1, 2027, the above-noted stays of the service of the remaining three (3) months of the suspension and of the payment of the remaining two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) of the monetary penalty will be lifted and MCEACHERN 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 Racing Officials.

If MCEACHERN is compliant with the equine drug Rules and requirements in relation to Class 1, 2 and 3 and Non-Therapeutic drugs and substances and TCO2 until May 1, 2027, the stayed portion of the suspension and stayed portion of the monetary penalty will be waived.

In accordance with rule 6.01(a) of the Rules, MCEACHERN is prohibited from accessing association grounds, including the "Winner's Circle", with the exception of the grandstand, while her licence is suspended.

MCEACHERN is required to complete the AGCO Equine Medication Use and Awareness Program before her licence is reinstated following service of the first three (3) months of the above-noted suspension.

Any subsequent equine drug violation(s) by MCEACHERN contrary to the Rules may result in the imposition of further monetary penalties, conditions, suspensions, and/or revocation of licence.

**TAKE NOTICE** that, in accordance with rule 6.13.01 of the Rules, any horse owned or controlled in whole or in part by MCEACHERN is suspended and is not eligible to race during any periods that MCEACHERN's licence is suspended. Any horse trained by MCEACHERN may, with the consent of the AGCO Racing 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, ALLSTAR SMILES is hereby declared disqualified from race 3 at Leamington Raceway on September 1, 2024, for all purposes except for parimutuel wagering.

The revised order of finish for race 3 at Leamington Raceway on September 1, 2024, is as follows:

Place	#	Horse Name
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>	3 4 6 5 2 7	FULL RACE CAM MACK THE KNIFE COME ON SUN MIRAMICHI DAVID EINHORN DISTINCTIV SEAN Scratched – Vet ALLSTAR SMILES (disqualified)
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In accordance with rules 9.13 and 18.08.01 of the Rules, all purse monies affected by the disqualification of ALLSTAR SMILES shall be returned for redistribution by February 11, 2025.

Standardbred Official Ruling no. 2997729, issued on January 27, 2025, is hereby repealed.

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