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Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number 3390888

Licence No.: HP3187P

Date: October 3, 2025

Mohawk Park

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

Whereas the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) Standardbred Rule 3.10 states:

Where the licensee is suspended by the Registrar, or by the pari-mutuel regulatory agency of another province or state recognized by the Commission, or Standardbred Canada or the United States Trotting Association, the suspended licensee shall be prohibited from participating in any activity regulated by the Commission. The suspension shall, in addition, render ineligible for declaration or starting, every horse in which the suspended licensee has any ownership interest or trainer responsibility. Eligibility for affected horses in such cases may be restored by transfer of the suspended licensee's interest or responsibilities to another licensed person, if approved by the Judges of the meeting.

And whereas the following Ruling was issued by the Delaware Harness Racing Commission October 1st, 2025, which states:

Name: HOWARD ARTHUR TAYLOR
Ruling Date: October 1st, 2025
Jurisdiction: Delaware Harness Racing Commission
Facility: Harrington Raceway
Ruling Number: HAR-79-25
Ruling Type: License Denied, Rescinded, Revoked, Suspended, Withdrawn or Exclusion
Breed: Harness
Division: Horse
Fine Amount: N/R
Fine Paid: N/R
Suspension Start: October 1st, 2025
Suspension End: May reapply on or after October 1st, 2035

Ruling Text: After careful consideration, and in accordance with the State of Delaware Administrative code, Delaware Harness Racing Rules and Regulations, the Delaware Harness Racing Commission ("DHRC") hereby denies Mr. Howard A. Taylor's (DHRC #2578) application for a license. During the course of a through review of Mr. Taylor's eligibility for a license, DHRC staff learned that the United States v. Navarro, 20 Cr. 160 (MKV) that on multiple occasions Mr. Taylor purchased banned substances from individuals who were convicted in Federal Court with manufacturing and selling performance enhancing drugs. The conduct constitutes a serious violation of DHRC rules which prohibit a licensee from associating, directly or indirectly, with persons whose conduct is detrimental to the best interests of harness racing and who have been convicted of offenses related to the manufacture, distribution and or sale of illegal performance enhancing drugs. 5.1.7 Licensees' Obligation to Protect Horses. Each person licensed by the Commission shall do all that is reasonable and within his power and scope of duty to guard against and prevent the administration of any drug, medication or other substance, including permissible medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, to any horse entered or to be entered in an official workout or race, as prohibited by these rules. The United States Attorney's office, Southern District of New York, described United States v. Navarro, 20 Cr. 160 (MKV), as "a case arising from an investigation of widespread schemes by racehorse trainers, veterinarians, PED distributors, and others to manufacture, distribute, and received adulterated and mis branded PEDs and to secretly administer those PEDs to racehorses competing at all levels of professional horse racing. By evading PED prohibitions and deceiving drug regulators and horse racing officials, participants in these schemes sought to improve race performance and obtain prize money from racetracks throughout the United States and other countries, including New York, New Jersey, Florida, Ohio, Kentucky, and the United Arab Emirates ("UAE"), all to the detriment and risk of the health and well-being of the racehorses."

Take notice that HOWARD TAYLOR is hereby suspended in the Province of Ontario immediately from October 3rd, 2025 indefinitely, in accordance with AGCO Standardbred Rule 3.10.

By Order of the Racing Officials

COJ8804 - Commission Official
(Active) - Frederick E Brethour

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