



Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number 1125461

Licence No.: HPY2882

Date: December 17, 2020

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 ANDRE CHAMPAGNE**

Resulting from a Certificate of Positive Analysis quantifying cobalt (Class 3) at 145 ng/mL (above the allowable limit of 100 ng/mL) in the official urine sample (Tag # 45 20310008) obtained from the race winner PL GYRO (0HM01) of race 6 on 5 November at Rideau Carleton, and trained by Mr. Andre Champagne (Y2822), Mr. Champagne has entered into a settlement agreement regarding violation of AGCO rules 9.09(b), 26.02.01, 26.02.02, and 26.02.03(c). Mr. Champagne is fully suspended for a period of forty-five (45) days (2 January to 15 February 2021, inclusive) and assessed a monetary penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500).

All purse monies, driver fees and trainer's fees are ordered returned to the Association for redistribution within fifteen (15) days of this ruling (AGCO rules 9.13 and 18.08.01).

All horses trained, but not owned, by Mr. Champagne may be transferred to the care of another trainer approved the Judges (AGCO rule 26.08).

All horses owned, in whole or in part, by Mr. Champagne are ineligible to be entered to race (AGCO rule 6.13.01).

9.09(b)-SB	Enters, Allows, Authorize a Horse to Race That Has Been Administered Drug	Any person has violated the rules who: (b) Enters a horse in a race, allows or authorizes a horse to compete in a race that has been administered any drug which results in a positive test.
26.02.01-SB	Trainer Responsibility	A trainer shall be responsible at all times for the condition of all horses trained by him/her. The trainer must safeguard from tampering each horse trained by him/her and must exercise all reasonable precautions in guarding, or causing any horse trained by him/her to be guarded, from the time of entry to race until the conclusion of the race. No trainer shall start a horse or permit a horse in his/her custody to be started if he/she knows, or, if by the exercise of a reasonable degree of care having regard to his/her duty to safeguard their horse from tampering, he/ she might know or have cause to believe, the horse is not in

		a fit condition to race or has received any drug that could result in a positive drug test. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, every trainer must guard, or cause to be guarded by the exercise of all reasonable standards of care and protection, each horse trained by him/her so as to prevent any person from obtaining access to the horse in such a manner as would permit any person not employed by or not connected with the owner or trainer from administering any drug or other substance resulting in a pre-race or post race positive test. Every trainer must also take all reasonable precautions to protect the horse and guard it against wrongful interference or substitution by anyone in connection with the taking of an official sample.
26.02.02-SB	Trainer, Fail to Protect Horse From Positive Test	Any trainer who fails to protect or cause any horse trained by him to be protected and a positive test thereby results or who otherwise violates this rule, violates the rules.
26.02.03(c)-SB	Trainer, Absolute Liability, Pari-Mutuel Betting Supervision Regulations	Notwithstanding 26.02.01, the Commission and all delegated officials shall consider the following to be absolute liability violations: (c) Any trainer whose horse(s) tests positive resulting from testing in accordance with or under the Pari-Mutuel Betting Supervision Regulations
9.13-SB	Positive Test, Horse Disqualified, Purse Redistribution	The detection of any drug in an official sample by the Official Chemist which constitutes a positive test shall disqualify the owner from participation in the purse distribution in that race and the horse shall be declared disqualified except for pari-mutuel wagering. In such case, the purse monies so affected shall be redistributed among the other horses in the race entitled to same, and any time record which may have been established shall be null and void.
18.08.01-SB	Purse Money or Trophies Returned Due to Disqualification or Ineligible	If for any reason a horse is disqualified or declared ineligible, any purse monies or trophies received by the owner, or driving and/or training fees (paid under Rule 18.11 to the driver and/or trainer of the horse in the race) shall be returned, within 15 days of notification, to the Association for redistribution.
26.08-SB	Trainer Transfer Approval	Whenever a trainer is suspended under any provisions of the Rules, any horse trained by him/her or under his or her care, but not owned wholly or in part by him/her, may, with the consent of the Judges at that meeting, be released to the care of another licensed trainer and may race.
6.13.01-SB	May Not Enter or Start When Suspended	A horse shall not be eligible to be entered to, or start in any race, if owned or controlled in whole or in part, by a suspended, disqualified, unlicensed or ineligible person.

By Order of the Racing Officials

COB5257 - Commission Official
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