



Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number 1606973

Licence No.: HPW8559

Date: February 11, 2022

The Raceway at Western Fair District

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

On December 13, 2021, the standardbred horse "ASKMYSECRETARY" (tattoo number 1NM66) finished third (3rd) in the fifth (5th) race at Western Fair Raceway. "ASKMYSECRETARY" is trained by Brett Lester "LESTER".

On December 16, 2021, Racing Forensics Inc. reported that the blood sample with Test Tag number 492134719, contained TC02 with a value measured at 39.7 mmol/L.

TAKE NOTICE that based on the above LESTER is found to have violated 22.38 (a), 26.02.01, 26.02.02 and 26.02.03 (d) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing.

Accordingly, in accordance with Rules 6.01, 6.04, 9.08.2, 22.38.06 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing ("Rules"), and Policy Directive 1-2018, LESTER is hereby fully suspended for FORTY FIVE days (45) (March 2, 2022 to April 15, 2022, inclusive) and issued a monetary penalty of twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500) dollars.

TAKE NOTICE that all horses owned in whole or in part are suspended and are not eligible to race during the suspension period. All horses may with the consent of the AGCO Racing Officials be released to another trainer in accordance with Rules 6.13.01 and 26.08. All purse monies shall be returned for redistribution. In accordance with Rules 9.13 and 18.08.01, "ASKMYSECRETARY" is hereby declared unplaced for all purposes, with the exception of Pari-Mutuel Wagering. The revised order of finish for Race 5 at Western Fair Raceway on December 13, 2021 is as follows:

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| 1 st | #1 | Watt Machs Me Win |
| 2 nd | #5 | Scottish Mach |
| 3 rd | #3 | Dex The Land |
| 4 th | #4 | Vee Breeze |
| 5 th | #6 | Larjon Lucy |
| 6 th | #7 | Rollwithitannie |
| | #4 | ASKMYSECRETARY - disqualified |

The following terms are added to LESTER' license: two years of probation commencing (April 16, 2022 to April 15, 2024, inclusive), pursuant to Rule 6.01 (d) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing and Policy Directive No. 3-2008.

1. The Licensee is required to complete the AGCO Equine Medication Use and Awareness Program before reinstatement;
2. The Licensee shall keep the peace and be of good behaviour;
3. The Licensee may be subject to a Notice of Proposed Order in addition to any penalty imposed by the AGCO Judges for any breach of the terms of their license.

BY ORDER OF

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Brent Stone
Director, Regulatory Compliance Branch