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Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number 1676619

Licence No.: HPV5819

Date: April 13, 2022

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 GAVIN K CHRISTIE**

On December 6, 2021, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario "AGCO" was advised of a positive reading for the Class 2 drug capsaicin and dihydrocapsaicin, for the urine test tag 45 21325 306. The sample was obtained from the Standardbred horse, "SHES SPEECHLESS", (tattoo #3R823), which finished second (2nd), in the tenth (10th) race on November 21, 2021 at Rideau Carleton Raceway. SHES SPEECHLESS was trained by Gavin Christie, "CHRISTIE".

TAKE NOTICE that based on the above CHRISTIE is found to have violated 9.09(b), 26.02.01, 26.02.02 and 26.02.03(c) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing. In accordance with 6.04, 9.08.02 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing and Policy Directive 1-2018, CHRISTIE is hereby fully suspended for ONE YEAR (NINE (9) months stayed), (April 28, 2022 to July 26, 2022, inclusive) and issued a monetary penalty of TEN THOUSAND dollars (EIGHT THOUSAND (\$8,000.00) dollars stayed).

TAKE NOTICE that any further reoffence of Class 1 or 2 positive test rules in the next two years (July 27, 2022 to July 26, 2024, inclusive) will result in the stayed portion of the penalty being lifted.

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, 6.13.02 and 26.08 and Policy Directive No. 2-2008.

In accordance with 18.08.03 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing, SHES SPEECHLESS is hereby declared disqualified for all purposes with the exception of Pari-Mutuel Wagering and all purse monies must be returned. The revised order of finish for Race 10th, at Rideau Carleton Raceway on November 21, 2021 is as follows:

1 st	#4	Red John
2 nd	#3	Reddit Hanover
3 rd	#1	Dean Street
4 th	#5	Lady Lakeshore
5 th	#2	Sports Bliss
	#6	Shes Speechless – disqualified

The following terms are added to CHRISTIE's license: two years of probation commencing (July 27, 2022 to July 26, 2024, inclusive), pursuant to 6.04 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 Race Officials for any breach of the terms of their license.

BY ORDER OF



Brent Stone
Director, Regulatory Compliance Branch