



Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number 2079433

Licence No.: HPY6632

Date: April 12, 2023

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

On November 2, 2022, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario "AGCO" was advised of a positive reading for the Class 3 drug arsenic, in the urine sample Test Tag 45 22296 304. The sample was obtained from the Standardbred horse, "SUNNY BO", (tattoo #4PM78), which finished first (1st), in the sixth (6th) race on October 23, 2022, at Rideau Carleton Raceway. SUNNY BO was trained by Matthew MCDONALD, "MCDONALD".

On November 2, 2022, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario "AGCO" was advised of a positive reading for the Class 3 drug arsenic, in the urine sample Test Tag 45 22296 302. The sample was obtained from the Standardbred horse, "YS MATHIS", (tattoo #9RM61), which finished first (1st), in the fifth (5th) race on October 23, 2022 at Rideau Carleton Raceway. YS MATHIS was trained by MCDONALD.

TAKE NOTICE that based on the above MCDONALD 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 4.02(i), 6.04, 9.08.02 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing and Policy Directive 1-2018, MCDONALD is hereby fully suspended for one year, (one hundred and eighty (180) days stayed), (November 3, 2023 to May 2, 2024, inclusive) and issued a monetary penalty of FIVE THOUSAND dollars (\$5,000.00)(\$2,000.00 stayed).

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, SUNNY BO and YS MATHIS are 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 Races 5 and 6, at Rideau Carleton Raceway on October 23, 2023 are as follows:

Race 5

1st #1 Wrangler Cash
2nd #5 Jon Snow
2nd #6 Bet Till Dawn
3rd #8 Luck Leonard
4th #3 Levis Day
5th #4 Dr. Joe
6th #7 De Chairman

#2 YS Mathis – disqualified

Race 6

1st #1 Star Dog
2nd #8 Officer Jones
3rd #6 Woo Shark
4th #9 Pantheon Seelster
5th #2 Radley Hanover
6th #3 Prince Giovanni
7th #4 Stonebridge Beach

#5 Sunny Boy - disqualified

The following terms are added to MCDONALD's license: two years of probation commencing (May 3, 2024 to May 2, 2026, inclusive), pursuant to 4.02(1) and 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 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