



Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number 2079434

Licence No.: HPY6632

Date: March 8, 2023

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 MATTHEW MCDONALD**

On October 16, 2022, the standardbred horse "SEA LAIRD" (tattoo number 2PN10) finished first (1st) in the eighth (8th) race at Rideau Carleton Raceway. SEA LAIRD is trained by MATTHEW MCDONALD "MCDONALD".

On October 19, 2022, Racing Forensics Inc. reported that the blood sample with Test Tag number 452228915, contained TC02 with a value measured at 39.5 mmol/L.

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

AND TAKE NOTICE that MCDONALD has had previous positive tests.

In accordance with Rules 4.02, 6.04 and 22.38.06 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing and Policy Directive 1-2018, MCDONALD is hereby fully suspended for one year (November 3, 2022 to November 2, 2023, inclusive) and issued a monetary penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) 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, SEA LAIRD is hereby declared unplaced for all purposes, with the exception of Pari-Mutuel Wagering. The revised order of finish for Race 8 at Rideau Carleton Raceway on October 16, 2022 is as follows:

1 st	#2	D GS De Vito
2 nd	#9	Thrilling Times
3 rd	#4	Blue Moose
4 th	#7	The Light Speed
5 th	#5	St Lads Cash
7 th	#8	Jet Rock
8 th	#6	Major Hill
9 th	#3	Lovemyrockinbird

#1 SEA LAIRD - disqualified

The following terms are added to MCDONALD license: two years of probation commencing (November 3, 2023 to November 2, 2025, inclusive), pursuant to Rule 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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brent Stone", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Brent Stone
Director, Regulatory Compliance Branch