



Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number 2097669

Licence No.: HP1195885

Date: March 22, 2023

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

On December 12, 2022, the standardbred horse "MISTER X" (tattoo number 6JM32) finished eighth (8th) in the tenth (10th) race at Western Fair Raceway. MISTER X is trained by MICHELLE SHERMAN "SHERMAN". MISTER X is in the EIPH Program.

On December 14, 2022, Racing Forensics Inc. reported that the blood sample with Test Tag number 49 2234619, contained TC02 with a value measured at 39.3 mmol/L.

TAKE NOTICE that based on the above SHERMAN 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.

In accordance with Rules 4.02(i), 6.04 and 22.38.06 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing and Policy Directive 1-2018, SHERMAN is hereby fully suspended for 45 days (April 7, 2023 to May 21, 2023 inclusive) and issued a monetary penalty of two thousand five hundred (\$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, MISTER X is hereby declared unplaced for all purposes, with the exception of Pari-Mutuel Wagering. The revised order of finish for Race 10 at Western Fair Raceway on December 12, 2022 is as follows:

1 st	#3	Shadow Warrior
2 nd	#6	Cal Hanover
3 rd	#7	External Ruler
4 th	#2	Rymar Champ
5 th	#5	Debs New Man
6 th	#8	Podium Seelster
7 th	#1	Delightful Wine
	#4	MISTER X - disqualified

The following terms are added to SHERMAN license: two years of probation commencing (May 22, 2023 to , May 21, 2025 inclusive), pursuant to Rule 4.02(i), 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Stone", is centered below the text "BY ORDER OF".

Brent Stone
Director, Regulatory Compliance Branch