



Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number 1491934

Licence No.: HPW7731

Date: October 25, 2021

Kawartha Downs

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

On August 10, 2021, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario "AGCO" was advised of a positive reading for the Class 2 drug cannabidiolic acid, for the urine sample with Test Tag 42 21205 005. The sample was obtained from the Standardbred horse "KEN KAN WIN" (tattoo #0HN43), which finished first (1st) in the third race (3rd), on July 24, 2021, at Kawartha Downs Raceway. KEN KAN WIN is trained by Ronda Markle (Licence #HPW7731) ("MARKLE").

On August 13, 2021, the AGCO was advised of a positive reading for the Class 2 drug cannabidiolic acid, for the urine sample with Test Tag 42 21212 007. The sample was obtained from KEN KAN WIN, which finished first (1st) in the fourth race (4th), on July 31, 2021, at Kawartha Downs Raceway.

TAKE NOTICE that based on the above MARKLE 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 ("Rules"). In accordance with 6.04, 9.08.02 of the Rules and Policy Directive 1-2018, MARKLE is hereby fully suspended for a period of one (1) year (November 9, 2021 to November 8, 2022 and issued a monetary penalty of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000).

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:

In accordance with Rules 9.13 and 18.08.01, All purse monies shall be returned for redistribution. Horses trained by MARKLE will be transferred to another trainer in good standing and in accordance with Policy Directive No. 2-2008;

In accordance with 18.08.03 of the Rules, KEN KAN WIN is hereby declared disqualified for all purposes with the exception of pari-mutuel wagering. The revised order of finish for race 3 at Kawartha Downs Raceway on July 24, 2021, is as follows:

1st #4 YC Broadway
2nd #1 Janes Angel
3rd #7 Stormont Dundas
4th #9 Ramas Last Son
5th #3 Goldie Rocket
6th #5 Frick
7th #2 Wichita Jazz

#8 KEN KAN WIN – disqualified;

In accordance with 18.08.03 of the Rules, KEN KAN WIN is hereby declared disqualified for all purposes with the exception of pari-mutuel wagering. The revised order of finish for race 4 at Kawartha Downs Raceway on July 31, 2021, 2021 is as follows:

1st #5 Janes Angel
2nd #3 Eternal Jewel
3rd #6 PC Heisenberg
4th #7 Stormont Dundas
5th #1 Ramas Last Son
6th #2 Wichita Jazz

#4 KEN KAN WIN – disqualified.

TAKE NOTICE that MARKLE has the following terms attached to her licence for a two-year period (November 9, 2022 to November 8, 2024), pursuant to 6.04 of the Rules 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 shall allow Compliance Officials access to their stabling area at any time to conduct unannounced random searches for illegal or non-therapeutic medications or drugs;
4. The Licensee shall allow Compliance Officials to seize any illegal or non-therapeutic medications or drugs found at their stabling area;
5. The Licensee shall be subjected to the AGCO's Out of Competition Program; and
6. The Licensee may be subject to a Notice of Proposed Order in addition to any penalty imposed by the AGCO Racing Officials for any breach of the terms of their license.

BY ORDER OF



Brent Stone
Director, Regulatory Compliance Branch

