



STATE OF DELAWARE  
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## Stewards Ruling 127-2020

Ruling Date: 11/18/2020

Licensee: Nicholas Meittinis

DOB: 11/22/1963

Violation Date: 11/18/2020

License Type: Veterinarian

RCI ID: 1894853

Ruling Type/Description: Contraband

DTRC Rules Cited: 15.1.1.3, 19.2.1, 19.3, 19.3.1 and 19.3.1.1

Fine: \$500

Fine Due Date: 11/23/2020

### Narrative:

After appearing with the Board of Stewards by telephone at Delaware Park on November 18, 2020. Veterinarian Nicholas Meittinis is fined \$500 for distributing "Contraband" (Filled syringes with medication) in the Delaware Park barn area to a licensed Trainer after a routine barn inspection by a Commission Investigator. A violation of DTRC Rule #15.1.1.3. No person other than a veterinarian shall have in his possession any equipment for hypodermic injection, any substance for hypodermic administration or a foreign substance which can be administered internally to a horse by any route. 19.2.1 Any party who is penalized by any order or ruling of the Stewards may apply to the Commission for a review of such Stewards' order or ruling. 19.3 Application for Review: 19.3.1 An application to the Commission for the review of a Steward's order or ruling must be made within forty-eight (48) hours after such order or ruling is issued by written or oral notice and shall: 19.3.1.1 Be in writing and addressed to the Commission's Administrator of Racing, accompanied by a filing fee in the amount of \$250 plus an additional fee to cover the cost of administrative expenses including court reporter costs. The Commission, for just cause, may refund the \$250 portion of the filing fee. In no event shall the advance payment of the court reporter's fee be refunded.

**Failure to pay the assessed fine by the due date may result in a suspension of license.**

**Monetary fines not paid within the parameters of the official ruling are subject to penalty and interest charges at the rate of 1.5% per month compounded monthly.**

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