Stewards Ruling 50B-2021

Ruling Date: 6/30/2021  Licensee: Kelly Spanabel  DOB: 08/20 1969
Violation Date: 6/25/2021  License Type: Trainer  RCI ID: 1988541

Ruling Type/Description: Conduct Detrimental to Racing

DTMC Rules Cited: 2.5.1, 2.5.1.20, 2.5.1.22, 5.5, 5.7.9, 9.1, 9.4, 18.1.4, 18.3.1, 3.3 All and 3.4 All

Suspension: Yes
Suspension Start Date: 9/1/2021  Suspension End Date: 10/30/2021

Narrative:

Trainer Kelly Spanabel, DOB: 08/20/1969, RCI ID: 1988541, after being duly notified, a hearing was conducted by the Board of Stewards on June 10, 2021, in the matter of a complaint filed on May 28, 2021, with the Board of Stewards about the Ownership of a horse named Quality Too Spare. Miss Spanabel “Waived “her right to counsel in this matter. Miss Spanabel was afforded till June 18, 2021 to produce documents requested by the Stewards.

On June 25, 2021 the Stewards reviewed all evidence and documents in this matter. Stewards determined. Miss Spanabel said she had Power of Attorney over her Owner for all Racing matters. Trainer Spanabel signed documents using his name in sworn testimony. The Power of Attorney document Miss Spanabel produced was a forged document. Miss Spanabel has never held an Authorized Agent license for the Owner of Quality Too Spare.

Stewards determined Miss Spanabel was dishonest and failed to comply with a Stewards order. False swearing on the part of any witness shall be deemed perjury. Her past or contemplated conduct on associations is, or would be, in any direct or indirect way detrimental to the continued maintenance and promotion of high standards for honesty, integrity, and propriety in all racing conducted in Delaware. Miss Spanabel’s actions are inconsistent with the best interest of Horse Racing.

Kelly Spanabel is in violation of DTMC Rules 2.5.1, 2.5.1.20, 2.5.1.22, 5.5, 5.7.9, 9.1, 9.4, 18.1.4, 18.3.1 3.3 All and 3.4 All.
Trainer Kelly Spanabel is here by ‘Suspended” the balance of the Delaware Park Race Meet, June 28, 2021 through and including October 16, 2021.

Kelly Spanabel is “Denied” access to all facilities under the jurisdiction of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission. Miss Spanabel will be afforded 10 days from 6/30/2021 to July 10, 2021, to get her affairs in order and vacate the premises.

All Transfers of horses must be approved by the Stewards.

Amendment:

Trainer Kelly Spanabel, having filed an appeal and asking for a stay of her suspension of Ruling 50-2021, is hereby granted a stay of Stewards Ruling 50-2021 until such time as a decision is made by the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission. Refer to DTRC Rules 2.5.1, 2.5.1.20, 2.5.1.22, 5.5, 5.7.9, 9.1, 9.4, 18.1.4, 18.3.1, 3.3 All and 3.4 All.

Amendment B: August 19, 2021

Trainer Kelly Spanabel was duly noticed and appeared with Counsel at a Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission appeal hearing on August 18, 2021. After considering all testimony and evidence the Racing Commission has “UPHELD” Stewards Ruling 50-2021. By “ORDER” of the Racing Commission, Trainer Kelly Spanabel is suspended beginning on September 1, 2021 through and including October 30, 2021.

Trainer Kelly Spanabel is “Denied” all access under the jurisdiction of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission.
All Horse Transfers or Bills of Sale must be approved by the Board of Stewards. Any Transfers that have been approved to race at Delaware Park horse must be stabled on the grounds of Delaware Park. Transfers approved to Trainers who race in another state will preclude said horse from returning to Delaware Park for the remainder of the Delaware Park race meet which ends on October 30, 2021.

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