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Stewards Ruling 96-2021

Ruling Date: 8/4/2021

Licensee: Ralph Riviezzo

DOB: 04/21/1946

Violation Date: 7/8/2021

License Type: Trainer

RCI ID: 1973140

Ruling Type/Description: Medication/Drug Violation-Animal

DTRC Rules Cited: 15.3.2, 15.18, 15.19, 15.32 All, 7.3.1 and 7.3.6

Fine: \$500

Fine Due Date: 8/11/2021

Suspension: Yes

Suspension Start Date: 8/7/2021

Suspension End Date: 8/21/2021

Narrative:

Acting on a report from Industrial Laboratories, Inc. the official testing laboratory for the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission, that urine sample E445473 had exceeded the level of detection for "Clenbuterol", a violation of D.T.R.C. Rule 15.18 and 15.32. "Clenbuterol" is prohibited in racing in Delaware unless conditions for this drug are met. The Stewards at Delaware Park determined that urine sample E445473 was obtained from "What About Tonight", First (1) place finisher of the Third (3) race on July 8, 2021. The trainer of record for "What About Tonight" was Ralph Riviezzo.

Trainer Riviezzo was notified of the results of the test on "What About Tonight".

Trainer Riviezzo then waived his right to a split sample and a hearing on 8/4/2021 in the matter and agreed to the penalty established by the Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances and Recommended Penalties as adopted by the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission in D.T.R.C. Rule 15.18.

Based on the evidence available to them, the Stewards have determined the following:

Ralph Riviezzo was the trainer of record for "What About Tonight" on July 8, 2021 at the time "Clenbuterol" was found in the urine sample provided by "What About Tonight" following the Third race.



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The report from Industrial Laboratories, the primary laboratory of the D.T.R.C. indicated "Clenbuterol" had been detected in the urine of "What About Tonight".

Pursuant to D.T.R.C. Rule 7.3.1, 7.3.6, and 15.3.2. A registered Trainer shall bear primary responsibility for the proper care, health, training condition, safety and protection against administration of prohibited drugs or medication of horses in his charge.

The Stewards FIND Mr. Riviezzo in Violation of D.T.R.C. Rule 15.18 and 15.32 All for exceeding the level of detection of the limit of "Clenbuterol" in "What About Tonight" in the Third (3) race on July 8, 2021. "Clenbuterol" is a class "B" drug which has been established by the Uniform Classification Guideline for Foreign Substances and Recommended Penalties Model Rule.

Pursuant to the Guidelines noted above and the rules of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission, the Stewards hereby ORDER the following:

Trainer Riviezzo is fined \$500;

Trainer Riviezzo is suspended 15 calendar days, August 7 through and including August 21, 2021.

"What About Tonight" is disqualified from First place for the purpose of receiving purse money. Owner James Aguilar-Juarez. is ORDERED to return the purse money earned by "What About Tonight" in that race to the Horseman's Bookkeeper, the purse money is to be redistributed as followed:

1. #5 Tink
2. #4 Izzadora Bella
3. #3 Hetty G
4. #6 Better Yet
5. #2 Hidenseek Sally

"What About Tonight" must pass a Commission-approved examination before becoming eligible to be entered.



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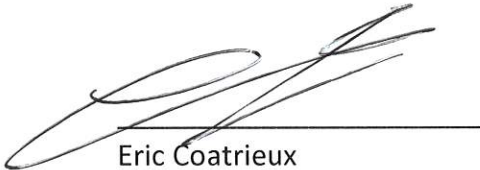
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Under D.T.R.C. Rule 15.19, points are assigned to medication violations and Mr. Riviezzo is being assigned 2 penalty points for the Clenbuterol violation.

This ruling does not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs for this race.

**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.**



Eric Coatrieux



Robert Colton



William Troilo