Stewards Ruling 127-2021

Ruling Date: 9/2/2021  Licensee: Jaime Bravo-Estrada  DOB: 11/15/1995
Violation Date: 8/9/2021  License Type: Trainer  RCI ID: 2020373

Ruling Type/Description: Medication/Drug Violation-Animal

DTRC Rules Cited: 15.1.3.1.1, 15.18, 7.3.1, 7.3.6, 15.3.2 and 15.19

Fine: $1,000  Fine Due Date: 9/9/2021

Narrative:

Acting on a report from Industrial Laboratories, the official testing laboratory for the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission, that blood sample E445749 had exceeded the level of detection for “Aminocaproic Acid”, a violation of D.T.R.C. Rule 15.1.3.1.1 and 15.18. The Stewards at Delaware Park determined that blood sample E445749 was obtained from “Strawberry Red”, fifth (5) place finisher of the eighth (8) race on August 9, 2021. The trainer of record for "Strawberry Red" was Jaime Bravo-Estrada.

Trainer Bravo-Estrada was notified of the results of the test on "Strawberry Red".

Trainer Bravo-Estrada “waived” his right to a split sample and to his right to a hearing before the Board of Stewards. Trainer Jaime Bravo-Estrada accepted the recommended penalty and agreed to the fine and the disqualification and loss of purse established by the Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances and Recommended Penalties as approved 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:

Jaime Bravo-Estrada was the trainer of record for "Strawberry Red" on August 9, 2021 at the time "Aminocaproic Acid" was found in the blood sample provided by "Strawberry Red" following the eighth race.

"Aminocaproic Acid" is not an allowable medication in Delaware not to exceed the level of detection in blood.

The report from Industrial Laboratories, the primary laboratory of the D.T.R.C. reported "Aminocaproic Acid" had been detected in the blood of "Strawberry Red".

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. Bravo-Estrada in Violation of D.T.R.C. Rule 15.18 for testing in excess of the level of detection of blood for "Aminocaproic Acid in "Strawberry Red" in the eighth (8) race on August 9, 2021. "Aminocaproic Acid" is a class "4" drug with a C penalty 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:

"Strawberry Red" is disqualified from fifth place for the purpose of receiving purse money. Owner Roberto Orantes is ORDERED to return "$660" the purse money earned by "Strawberry Red" in that race to the Horseman's Bookkeeper.

Under D.T.R.C. Rule 15.19, points are assigned to medication violations and Mr. Bravo-Estrada is being assigned 1 penalty point for the Aminocaproic Acid violation.

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

On August 9, 2021, a claim was submitted by Owner Glen Gaddy, Trainer Thomas Iannotti IV for the horse “Strawberry Red” in the eighth (8) race. Pursuant to DTRC Rule 13.12.2 on September 1, 2021, Trainer Thomas Iannotti IV was notified by the Board of Stewards, Owner Glen Gaddy exercised their right to void the claim.

The Board of Stewards at Delaware Park hereby "VOIDS" the claim from the eighth (8) race on August 9, 2021 for the horse “Strawberry Red”. “Strawberry Red” is ordered to be returned to Owner Roberto Orantes, Trainer Jaime Bravo-Estrada.

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.