



STATE OF DELAWARE
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Stewards Ruling 41-2023

Ruling Date: 7/4/2023

Licensee: Raul E. Mena

DOB: 06/16/1992

Violation Date: 6/28/2023

License Type: Jockey

RCI ID: 2189833

Ruling Type/Description: Failure to Give Best Effort

DTRC Rules Cited: 2.5.1.20, 2.5.1.22, 14.17, 3.3 All and 3.4 All

Fine: \$1,000

Fine Due Date: 7/11/2023

Suspension: Yes

Suspension Start Date: 7/13/2023

Suspension End Date: 7/27/2023

Narrative:

Jockey Raul E. Mena, DOB: 06/16/1992, RCI ID: 2189833, appeared before the Board of Stewards for a hearing (Movies) in the Jockey's Room at Delaware Park on Saturday, July 1, 2023, in the matter of his riding performance on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, during the running of the eighth race aboard "Harper's Do". Post-Race Harper's Do was sent to the Test Barn for a Stewards Special (Post Race Test) and a "Soundness Evaluation". Harper's Do jogged sound after the eighth race on June 28, 2023, per the Test Barn Veterinarian. After reviewing the films of the race in question with Mr. Mena and considering his testimony, Jockey Raul E. Mena is fined \$1,000 and suspended 15 calendar days to be served on July 13, 2023, through and including July 27, 2023, for failure to give his best effort.

Pursuant to D.T.R.C. Rules:

2.5.1.20 Past or contemplated conduct or utterance which, does or may adversely affect, whether intentionally or unintentionally, and whether in fact or only seemingly, the public's confidence in the reputation Thoroughbred racing heretofore has enjoyed in Delaware for stringent adherence to uncompromising standards of honesty, integrity and propriety;

2.5.1.22 Involvement in a subject of public notice as involved in any activity which, would be inconsistent with the best interests of racing by reflection on the honesty and integrity of the sport of racing, or association with persons so characterized.



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14.17 Horses to be Ridden Out: Every horse in every race must be ridden so as to win or finish as near as possible to first and demonstrate the best and fastest performance of which it is capable at the time. No horse shall be eased up without adequate cause, even if it has no apparent chance to earn a portion of the purse money. A Jockey who unnecessarily causes a horse to shorten stride may be penalized at the discretion of the Stewards. Stewards shall take cognizance of marked reversal of form of all horses and shall conduct inquiries of the registered Owner, registered Trainer and all other persons connected with such horse suspected of unformful racing and, if the Stewards find that such horse was deliberately restrained or impeded in any way by any means so as not to win or finish as near as possible to first, any person found to have contributed to such circumstances may be penalized at the discretion of the Stewards.

**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.**


Joelyn Rigione


Robert Colton


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