

## STATE OF DELAWARE

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DELAWARE THOROUGHBRED RACING COMMISSION
777 DELAWARE PARK BLVD, WILMINGTON, DE 19804
AGRICULTURE.DELAWARE.GOV

(302) 994-2521 EXT. 7247

OFFICE OF THE STEWARDS

FAX: (302) 994-3567

## Stewards Ruling 153-2023

Ruling Date: 12/12/2023

Licensee: Steve James Johnson

DOB: 12/14/1972

Violation Date: 11/10/2023

License Type: Owner

RCI ID: 2004549

Ruling Type/Description: Financial Obligation

DTRC Rules Cited: 2.4, 2.5.1.4, 2.5.1.22, 3.3 All and 3.4 All

Suspension: Yes

Suspension Start Date: 12/12/2023

Suspension End Date:

## Narrative:

Owner Steve James Johnson, DOB: 12/14/1972, RCI ID: 2004549, after being duly notified and having appeared in a hearing before the Board of Stewards at Delaware Park on November 10, 2023, in the matter of a Financial Complaint (\$9,368 for Trainer Services). Mr. Johnson then "Waived" his right to counsel in this matter. Stewards reviewed the evidence of the complaint and rendered a decision on the complaint before them. For failing to satisfy his Financial Complaint after previously signing an agreement to honor his training bill, Owner Steve James Johnson is "Suspended". Mr. Johnson is in violation of DTRC Rules 2.4, 2.5.1.4, 2,5,1,22, 3.3 All and 3.4 All. Mr. Johnson failed to comply with an order of the Stewards. Mr. Johnson's actions are not consistent with the best interest of racing and maintenance of the honesty, integrity, and high quality it heretofore has enjoyed in Delaware.

During the term of his suspension, Steve James Johnson is denied access to all facilities and grounds under the jurisdiction of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission.

Joelyn Rigione

Røbert Colton

William Troilo