

## STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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### Stewards Ruling 103-2025

Ruling Date: 09/10/2025 Violation Date: 09/09/2025 Licensee: Diane Morici
License Type: Owner/Trainer

DOB: 06/19/1978 RCI ID: 1871735

Ruling Type/Description: Financial Responsibility

DTRC Rules Cited: 2.1.1, 2.4, 2.5, 2.5.1, 2.5.1.20, 2.5.1.22, 2.5.1.23, 3.3 All and 3.4 All

Narrative:

Owner/Trainer Diane Morici, DOB: 06/19/1978, RCI ID: 1871735, appeared on September 9, 2025, before the Board of Stewards by video conference for a hearing in the matter of financial responsibility. Ms. Morici was represented by attorney Andrew Mollica. Stewards had received several financial complaints in this matter. After considering all testimony and evidence, the Board of Stewards have determined that Owner/Trainer Diane Morici has violated D.T.R.C. Rules. Therefore, the Owner/Trainers license issued for Diane Morici is "REVOKED", she cannot apply for a D.T.R.C. license until she proves the ability to be financially responsible.

#### Pursuant to violating the following D.T.R.C. Rules:

- 2.1.1 Thoroughbred racing and participation in thoroughbred racing within Delaware are privileges, not rights, which are subject to the conditions and requirements imposed by this regulation. Acceptance of an authorization, registration or permit as provided for by this regulation shall constitute the recipient's consent and agreement to the requirements of this regulation, and failure to comply therewith shall be grounds for immediate voidance or revocation of such authorization, registration or permit. Registrants and permittees shall abide by all rulings and decisions of the Commission, the licensee and of the stewards, and all rulings and decisions shall remain in force unless and until reversed or modified by the Commission upon proper appeal to the Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 2.4 Standards for Granting Permits, etc., to Participants in Racing. The Commission may allow registration or issue an authorization or permit to any person who applies for authorization or a permit to participate in Thoroughbred Racing at licensee's racetrack in Delaware as a horse owner, trainer, assistant trainer, authorized agent, jockey, apprentice jockey, jockey's agent, stable agent, stable employee, racing official, licensee's employee, employee of a person or concern contracting with the licensee to provide a service or commodity and which requires his presence on licensee's grounds during a race meeting, or veterinarian, farrier, dental technician, or supplier of food, tack, medication, or horse feed, if the Commission, finds that the financial responsibility, age, experience, reputation, competence, or fitness of the applicant to perform the activity so registered or permitted



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by an authorization or permit, are consistent with the best interests of racing and maintenance of the honesty, integrity, and high quality it heretofore has enjoyed in Delaware.

- 2.5 Grounds for Refusal, Suspension, or Revocation of a Permit, etc.:
- 2.5.1 The Commission in its discretion, may refuse to register or to issue an authorization or permit to an applicant, or may suspend or revoke a registration, permit, or authorization previously issued, or order disciplinary measures, on the following grounds:
- 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 Drug addiction, public drunkenness, bad moral character, intemperate habits, bad reputation for honesty, truth and veracity, past instance of lying, cheating, or stealing, or 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; or
- 2.5.1.23 Financial irresponsibility, including accumulation of unpaid obligations, default in financial obligations, or issuance of drafts or checks that are dishonored or payment refused.

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