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Stewards Ruling 52-2026

Ruling Date: 07/08/2026

Licensee: Christopher A. VanHassel DOB: 12/21/1978

Violation Date: 07/08/2026

License Type: Exercise Rider

RCI ID: 2095524

Ruling Type/Description: Conduct Detrimental to Racing

DTRC Rules Cited: 2.5.1.4, 2.5.1.8, 2.5.1.20, 2.5.1.22, 3.3.3, 3.4.1.1 and 3.4.1.3

Narrative:

Exercise Rider Christopher A. VanHassel, DOB: 12/21/1978, RCI ID: 2095524, appeared in front of the Board of Stewards with the Outrider and the Safety Steward for an incident on the track during training hours at Delaware Park on July 8, 2026. This is Mr. VanHassel's third incident that has caused him to appear before the Stewards this meet. Mr. VanHassel has failed to follow orders of Commission and Track Staff; his conduct is of a disorderly nature. His past conduct has adversely affected uncompromising standards of integrity that are not in the Best Interest of Horse Racing. After consideration Mr. VanHassel's license has been "Revoked", and he has been denied privileges of the grounds at Delaware Park for his actions. He must be interviewed by the Board of Stewards before any future license is considered.

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