



STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DELAWARE THOROUGHBRED RACING COMMISSION
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Stewards Ruling 103-2026

Ruling Date: 09/17/2026

Licensee: Martin L. Chuan

DOB: 05/02/1995

Violation Date: 09/10/2026

License Type: Jockey

RCI ID: 2277177

Ruling Type/Description: Failure to Give Best Effort

DTRC Rules Cited: 14.17, 3.3 All and 3.4 All

Fine: \$1,000

Fine Due Date: 09/24/2026

Suspension: Yes

Suspension Start Date: 09/24/2026

Suspension End Date: 10/08/2026

Narrative:

Jockey Martin L. Chuan, DOB: 05/02/1995, RCI ID: 2277177, appeared before the Board of Stewards for a hearing at Delaware Park on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, in the matter of his riding performance on Thursday, September 10, 2026, during the running of the fourth race aboard "Piper's Song". Stewards spoke with Jockey Chuan immediately after the race. A complaint was filed by the Owner/Trainer of Piper's Song on September 11, 2026, about the ride on Piper's Song. Stewards ordered a "Soundness Evaluation" performed by the Commission Veterinarian on Friday, September 11, 2026. Piper's Song jogged sound. After reviewing the films of the race in question with Mr. Chuan and considering his testimony. Jockey Martin L. Chuan is fined \$1,000 and suspended 15 calendar days to be served on September 24, 2026 through and including October 8, 2026, for failure to give his best effort.

Pursuant to D.T.R.C. Rule 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 unformal 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.



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**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.**

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