



Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number 2171935

Licence No.: HPH3893

Date: May 13, 2023

Mohawk Park

**IN THE MATTER OF THE *HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, 2015*,
S.O. 2015, c.38, Sched. 9;
AND IN THE MATTER OF DUANE F MARFISI**

AGCO Standardbred Rules 9.09(b), 26.02.01, 26.02.02, 26.02.03(c) and Policy Directive No. 1-2018.

As the result of a Certificate of Positive Analysis (Tag # 53 23105 002) for the Class 3 drug Arsenic (Quantified at 1061ng/ml) on the horse Laz from Race 2 at Woodbine Mohawk Park on April 15, 2023.

Take Notice that Trainer Duane Marfisi has accepted an AGCO settlement agreement with the AGCO Race Officials and is hereby issued a \$1,000 monetary penalty and 15-day full suspension, May 14 – 28, 2023, Inclusive. Mr. Marfisi must also complete the AGCO Equine Medication Use and Awareness program.

In accordance with AGCO Standardbred Rules 9.13 and 18.08.01, Laz has been declared “disqualified” and all purse money and Driver/Trainer fees are to be returned for redistribution.

As per AGCO Rule 26.08, all horses trained, but not owned, by Duane Marfisi may be transferred to the care of another trainer approved by the AGCO Race Officials.

The following terms are added to Marfisi’s license, as per Policy Directive No.3-2008, for a period of two years, May 29/23 – May 28/25, inclusive.

1. The Licensee shall keep the peace and be of good behaviour;
2. The Licensee shall allow Commission investigators access to his/her stabling area at any time to conduct unannounced random searches for illegal or non-therapeutic medications or drugs;

3. The Licensee shall allow Commission investigators to seize any illegal or non-therapeutic medications or drugs found at his/her stabling area; and
4. The Licensee shall be subject to the Commission's Out of Competition Program.
5. The Licensee may be subject to a Notice of Proposed Order in addition to any penalty imposed by the AGCO Race Officials for any breach of the terms of their licence.

By Order of the Racing Officials

COY0629 - Commission Official
(Active) - David P Stewart

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(Active) - DONALD
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(Active) - Tyler Fines