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## Standardbred Official Ruling

**Ruling Number** 2614868

**Licence No.:** HPE1305

**Date:** September 05, 2024

Woodbine Mohawk Park and Western Fair Raceway

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE *HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, 2015*,  
S.O. 2015, c.38, Sched. 9;  
AND IN THE MATTER OF STEPHEN E BOSSENCE**

Amended Ruling

On December 6, 2023, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (the "AGCO") was advised of a positive reading for the Class 4 substance Trichlormethiazide, in the urine sample with Test Tag #53 23324 003. The sample was obtained from the Standardbred horse "THE BOSS MAN" (tattoo number #8TM71), which finished third (3rd) in the third (3rd) race, on November 20, 2023, at Woodbine Mohawk Park. The trainer of record for THE BOSS MAN was STEPHEN E. BOSSENCE (Licence no. HPE1305) ("BOSSENCE").

On December 6, 2023, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (the "AGCO") was advised of a positive reading for the Class 4 substance Trichlormethiazide and its metabolite Chloraminophenamide, in the urine sample with Test Tag #49 23324 010. The sample was obtained from the Standardbred horse "SCARLET DRAGON" (tattoo number #2SM26), which finished first (1st) in the sixth (6th) race, on November 20, 2023, at Western Fair Raceway. The trainer of record for SCARLET DRAGON was also STEPHEN E. BOSSENCE (Licence no. HPE1305).

**TAKE NOTICE** that BOSSENCE and the AGCO have entered into a settlement agreement and agree that BOSSENCE has violated rules 9.09(b), 26.02.01, 26.02.02, and 26.02.03(c) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing (the "Rules"). BOSSENCE has agreed that there shall be no appeal of this ruling to the Horse Racing Appeal Panel.

In accordance with rule 9.08.02 of the Rules and Policy Directive No. 1-2018, BOSSENCE is hereby fully suspended for a period of thirty (30) days. The first twenty (20) days of the suspension shall be served starting September 29, 2024 and ending October 19, 2024. The remaining ten (10) days of the suspension shall be stayed for a period of two (2) years following the date the first twenty (20) days of the suspension is completed. BOSSENCE is hereby also issued a monetary penalty of four thousand dollars (\$4,000), with payment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) of that amount stayed until two (2) years following the date the first twenty (20) days of the suspension is completed.

If BOSSENCE commits an equine drug violation in relation to a Class 1, 2 or 3 drug or non-therapeutic substance or TCO<sub>2</sub> contrary to the Rules before two (2) years following the date the first twenty (20) days of the suspension is completed, the above-noted stays of the remaining ten (10) days of the suspension and the payment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) of the monetary penalty will be lifted and BOSSENCE will be required to serve the stayed portion of the suspension and pay the stayed portion of the monetary penalty on dates to be determined by AGCO Race Officials.

If BOSSENCE is compliant with the equine drug Rules and requirements in relation to Class 1, 2 and 3 drugs and non-therapeutic substances and TCO<sub>2</sub> before two (2) years following the date the first twenty (20) days of the suspension is completed, the stayed portion of the suspension and stayed portion of the monetary penalty will be waived.

**TAKE NOTICE** that all horses owned in whole or in part by BOSSENCE are suspended and are not eligible to race during the above-noted suspension period, in accordance with rule 6.13.01 of the Rules. Any horse trained by BOSSENCE may, with the consent of the AGCO Race Officials, be released to another trainer, in accordance with rule 26.08 of the Rules and Policy Directive No. 2-2008.

In accordance with rule 9.13 of the Rules, THE BOSS MAN is hereby declared disqualified from race 3 at Woodbine Mohawk Park on November 20, 2023, for all purposes except for pari-mutuel wagering. The revised order of finish for race 3 at Woodbine Mohawk Park on November 20, 2023, is as follows:

#5 Warrawee Xalt	1st
#4 Bella Cavalla	2nd
#7 Overkill Hall	3rd
#2 Kevin Anthony	4th
#8 Mystic	5th
#6 Swan Diego	6th
#3 Rosies War Bonds	7th
#9 Mrmayor Hanover	8th

#1 THE BOSS MAN – disqualified

In accordance with rules 9.13 and 18.08.01 of the Rules, all purse monies affected by the disqualification of THE BOSS MAN shall be returned for redistribution within 15 days.

In accordance with rule 9.13 of the Rules, SCARLET DRAGON is hereby declared disqualified from race 6 at Western Fair Raceway on November 20, 2023, for all purposes except for pari-mutuel wagering. The revised order of finish for race 6 at Western Fair Raceway on November 20, 2023 is as follows:

#2 Sheilas Brush	1st
#6 Faithfuls Nola	2nd
#4 Release the Baby	3rd
#5 Ezra Express	4th
#1 Sweetest Hustle	5th

#3 SCARLET DRAGON – disqualified

In accordance with rules 9.13 and 18.08.01 of the Rules, all purse monies affected by the disqualification of SCARLET DRAGON shall be returned for redistribution within 15 days.

In accordance with rule 6.01(a) of the Rules, BOSSENCE is prohibited from accessing association grounds, including the “Winner’s Circle”, with the exception of the grandstand, while his licence is suspended.

BOSSENCE is required to complete the AGCO Equine Medication Use and Awareness Program before reinstatement.

BY ORDER OF

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Katherine Cunningham  
Deputy Registrar