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## **Standardbred Official Ruling**

Ruling Number: 2647868

Licence No.: HPJ3849

Date: May 10, 2024

## **Flamboro Downs**

## IN THE MATTER OF THE HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, 2015, S.O. 2015, c.38, Sched. 9; AND IN THE MATTER OF JAY COCHLIN

On November 9, 2023, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (the "AGCO") was advised of a positive reading for the Class 1 substances methamphetamine and amphetamine, in the urine sample with Test Tag #33 23299 306. The sample was obtained from the Standardbred horse "BIG DIAMOND" (tattoo number 1RN05), which finished first (1<sup>st</sup>) in the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) race, on October 26, 2023, at Flamboro Downs. The trainer of record for BIG DIAMOND was Jay Cochlin (Licence no. HPJ3849) ("COCHLIN").

This is a first violation.

**TAKE NOTICE** that COCHLIN and the AGCO have entered into a settlement agreement and agree that COCHLIN has violated rules 26.02.01, 26.02.02, and 26.02.03(c) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing (the "Rules"). COCHLIN 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, COCHLIN is hereby fully suspended for a period of one (1) year. The first six (6) months of the suspension shall start on June 1, 2024. The remaining six (6) months of the suspension shall be stayed for a period of three (3) years following the date the first six (6) months of the suspension is completed. COCHLIN is hereby also issued a monetary penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), with payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of that amount stayed until three (3) years following the date the first six (6) months of the suspension is completed.

If COCHLIN 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 three (3) years following the date the first six (6) months of the suspension is completed, the above-noted stays of the

remaining six (6) months of the suspension and the payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of the monetary penalty will be lifted and COCHLIN 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 COCHLIN 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 three (3) years following the date the first six (6) months 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 COCHLIN are not eligible to race during the above-noted suspension period, in accordance with rule 6.13.01 of the Rules. Any horses trained by COCHLIN are ineligible to race but may, with the consent of the AGCO Race Officials, be released to another trainer or sold, in accordance with rule 26.08 of the Rules and Policy Directive No. 2-2008.

In accordance with rule 9.13 of the Rules, BIG DIAMOND is hereby declared disqualified from race 6 at Flamboro Downs on October 26, 2023, for all purposes except for parimutuel wagering. The revised order of finish for race 6 at Flamboro Downs October 26, 2023, is as follows:

#6 Jane Diamond 1st
#4 CantStopTheFeelin 2nd
#3 Society Jill 3rd
#1 Outlaw Imahotvixen 4th
#2 Im Diabolical 5th
#5 BIG DIAMOND – disqualified

#3 BIS BIN INICIAD disqualified

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

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

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

BY ORDER OF

Jamie Wannamaker Deputy Registrar