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## **Standardbred Official Ruling**

**Ruling Number 2843789**

**Licence No.: HPY5908**

**Date: September 24, 2024**

### **Grand River 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 CARL DAWSON**

On June 28, 2024, the standardbred horse "SILVERBACK JACK" (tattoo number 3TM77) finished fifth (5th) in the eighth (8th) race at Grand River Raceway. The trainer of record for SILVERBACK JACK was CARL DAWSON (Licence no. HPY5908) ("DAWSON"). The horse provided a pre-race blood sample identified by unique test tag number 37 24180 15. SILVERBACK JACK was in the EIPH program.

On July 01, 2024, the approved laboratory Racing Forensics Inc. reported that the blood sample with Test Tag number 37 24180 15 contained total carbon dioxide ("TCO<sub>2</sub>") at a concentration of 40.0 mmol/L.

TAKE NOTICE that based on the above DAWSON is found to have violated 22.38(b), and 26.02.03 (d) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing (the "Rules").

In accordance with Rules 4.02(i), 6.04 and 22.38.06 of the Rules and Policy Directive 1-2018, DAWSON is hereby suspended for a period of 90 days with 45 days stayed. The suspension shall run from September 24, 2024 – November 7, 2024. DAWSON is also hereby issued a monetary penalty of \$5,000, with \$2,500 stayed. A subsequent violation of a TCO<sub>2</sub>, Class I, II, or III medication rule within two (2) years of the date following the service of the first 45 days of the suspension shall result in the stays being lifted and DAWSON shall serve the remaining 45 days of the suspension and pay the remaining \$2,500 monetary penalty. In the event there is no such violation, the remaining suspension and monetary penalty shall be waived.

All horses owned in whole or in part by DAWSON are not eligible to race during the above-noted 45-day suspension period, in accordance with Rule 6.13.01 of the Rules. Any horses trained by DAWSON are ineligible to race but may, with the consent of the AGCO

Race Officials, be released to another trainer in good standing or sold, in accordance with rule 26.08 of the Rules and Policy Directive No. 2-2008.

In accordance with AGCO rules 9.13 and 18.08.01, "SILVERBACK JACK" has been declared "disqualified" and all purse monies, driver fees and trainer's fees are ordered returned to the Association for redistribution within fifteen (15) days of this ruling.

The revised order of finish for Race 8 at Grand River Raceway on June 28, 2024, is as follows:

Place #	Horse Name
1st 2	ABOUT A BOY
2nd 4	CHOREOGRAPHER
3rd 5	CEREAL KILLER
4th 3	FEISTY LIKE FIRE
5th 6	BRIGGS
6th 7	LUCKS ALL CREDIT
1	SILVERBACK JACK (disqualified)

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

TAKE NOTICE that additional equine drug violations contrary to the Rules may result in further monetary penalties, conditions, suspensions and/or revocation of licence.

DAWSON 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