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## **Standardbred Official Ruling**

Ruling Number 2981516

Licence No.: HP1210696

Date: February 3, 2025

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

## AND IN THE MATTER OF JIMMY GAGNON

WHEREAS Jimmy Gagnon ("GAGNON") is licensed by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") as an Owner, Trainer, and Driver (licence number HP1210696).

AND WHEREAS as a result of AGCO inspections GAGNON was found to be communicating with Owner, Driver, and Trainer Carol Voyer ("VOYER", licence number HPR4280) to allow VOYER to continue to control horses while suspended pursuant to SB Ruling 2256184 and that GAGNON misled AGCO inspectors in an effort to hide his conduct.

TAKE NOTICE THAT as a result of the inspections by the AGCO, GAGNON, is found to be in violation of rules, 6.20(a)(b)(c) 6.21, 6.27, and 6.29 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing (the "Rules") for conduct that was injurious and prejudicial to the best interest of racing by knowingly allowing VOYER to participate in racing while VOYER was suspended, for misleading AGCO officials regarding GAGNON's communications and involvement with VOYER, and for failing to provide information that would identify VOYER's wrongful conduct.

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to 6.01(c) of the Rules, GAGNON is hereby assessed a full suspension of 18 months and a monetary penalty of \$2,500. The suspension shall be served February 5, 2025 to August 5, 2026, inclusive.

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT GAGNON is prohibited from accessing association grounds, including the "Winner's Circle", with the exception of the grandstand, while his licence is suspended, in accordance with rule 6.01(a), of the Rules.

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with rule 6.13.01 of the Rules, all horses owned, in whole or in part, by GAGNON are ineligible to race, or be entered to race, during the suspension period.

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with rule 26.08 of the Rules, all horses trained, but not owned, by GAGNON may be transferred to the care of another trainer approved by the AGCO Race Officials.

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with rules 11.08 and 6.13.01 of the Rules and pursuant to SB Ruling 3000466 the horses LAA DEE GAA (7S258) and BUTTERFLY KISSES (0RN93) were disqualified for all races that GAGNON was listed as trainer or driver of either horse during VOYER's suspension period.

By Order Of

Katherine Cunningham Deputy Registrar