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Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number: 3093590

Licence No.: HPM2202

Date: April 15, 2025

Mohawk Park

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

On November 23, 2024, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (the "AGCO") was advised of a Certificate of Positive Analysis for the Class 2 substance cannabidiolic acid in the urine sample with Test Tag no. 53 24316 003. The sample was obtained from the Standardbred horse "HOPE N GLORY" (tattoo no. 2WM77), which finished second (2nd) in the second (2nd) race on November 11, 2024 at Mohawk Park. The trainer of record for HOPE N GLORY was GINO CICERO (licence no. HPM2202) ("CICERO").

TAKE NOTICE that CICERO and the AGCO have entered into a settlement agreement and agree that CICERO 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"). CICERO has agreed that there will be no appeal of this ruling to the Horse Racing Appeal Panel.

In accordance with rules 4.02(i), 6.04, and 9.08.02 of the Rules and Policy Directive 1-2018, CICERO is hereby fully suspended for a period of one (1) year. The first six (6) months of the suspension will be served from April 30, 2025 to October 29, 2025, inclusive. Service of the remaining six (6) months of the suspension will be stayed for a period of two (2) years from October 30, 2025 to October 29, 2027, inclusive. CICERO 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 for a period of two (2) years from October 30, 2025 to October 29, 2027, inclusive.

If CICERO commits an equine drug violation in relation to a Class 1 or 2 or Non-Therapeutic drug or substance or TCO2 contrary to the Rules before October 30, 2027, the above-noted stays of the service of the remaining six (6) months of the suspension and of the payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of the monetary penalty will be lifted and CICERO 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 Racing Officials.

If CICERO is compliant with the equine drug Rules and requirements in relation to Class 1 and 2 and Non-Therapeutic drugs and substances and TCO2 until October 30, 2027, the stayed portion of the suspension and stayed portion of the monetary penalty will be waived.

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

CICERO is required to complete the AGCO Equine Medication Use and Awareness Program before reinstatement following service of the first six (6) months of the above-noted suspension.

Any subsequent equine drug violation(s) by CICERO contrary to the Rules may result in the imposition of further monetary penalties, conditions, and/or suspensions and/or revocation of licence.

TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with rule 6.13.01 of the Rules, any horse owned or controlled in whole or in part by CICERO is suspended and is not eligible to race during any periods that CICERO's licence is suspended. Any horse trained by CICERO may, with the consent of the AGCO Racing 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, HOPE N GLORY is hereby declared disqualified from Race 2 at Mohawk Park on November 11, 2024 for all purposes except for pari-mutuel wagering. In accordance with rules 9.13 and 18.08.01 of the Rules, all purse monies received by the owner and any driving and/or training fees paid under rule 18.11 to the driver and/or trainer are ordered returned to the Association for redistribution within fifteen (15) days of this ruling.

The revised order of finish for Race 2 at Mohawk Park on November 11, 2024, is as follows:

Place	#	Horse Name
1st	9	MA ISABELLE
2nd	3	P L RACHEL
3rd	7	NAUTILUS B
4th	8	KENOGAMI QUEEN
5th	1	BELVEDERE JESSICA
6th	4	DAMSEL SEELSTER
7th	2	SANDOON
8th	5	MASS OF GOLD

9th 10 ZIPPY ZIPPORAH
6 HOPE N GLORY (disqualified)

By Order of



Katherine Cunningham
Deputy Registrar