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Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling No.: 3158996

Licence No.: HPR9489

Toronto, Ontario Date: May 23, 2025

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF JEFFREY GILLIS

WHEREAS Jeffrey Gillis ("Gillis") is licensed by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") as an Owner and Trainer.

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Deputy Registrar has determined that Gillis has violated the Rules of Standardbred Racing ("Rules") and engaged in conduct prejudicial to the best interests of racing.

The particulars are that on multiple occasions between October 14, 2018, and June 27, 2019, Gillis purchased or attempted to purchase a substance that was or was held out to be erythropoietin or a synthetic derivative of erythropoietin, substances specifically prohibited by the Rules.

As part of an AGCO inspection regarding concerns about the purchase of prohibited substances, Gillis was interviewed on December 13, 2023, by AGCO inspectors. During the interview Gillis withheld information and misled the inspectors.

TAKE NOTICE that based on the above Gillis is found to have violated Rules 3.09.01, 6.05, 6.20, 6.27, 6.46.01(b)(c)(d)(e)(f), and 6.49(a) of the Rules.

In accordance with Rules 4.02(i), 6.04, and 6.49 of the Rules and Policy Directive 1-2018, Gillis is hereby fully suspended for a period of 10 years and issued a monetary penalty of \$40,000. The suspension shall be served from May 23, 2025, to May 23, 2035, inclusive.

All horses owned in whole or in part by Gillis 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 Gillis 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 Rule 6.01(a) of the Rules, Gillis is prohibited from accessing association grounds, including the "Winner's Circle", with the exception of the grandstand, while his licence is suspended.

Dated on this 23rd day of May, 2025.



David Phillips
Deputy Registrar, AGCO