



## **NSA Official Notices Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

### **Iroquois Stewards Ruling**

Jockey Jamie Bargary was fined \$250 and suspended one racing day Saturday, May 18, 2024, for eight (8) strikes, a violation of the NSA whip policy, aboard VAE PATRON in the fifth race at Iroquois, Saturday, May 11, 2024.

### **Stewards Advisory Committee Ruling**

Jockey Dan Nevin was fined \$500 and suspended two racing days Saturday, May 18, 2024, and Thursday, July 11, 2024, for eleven (11) strikes aboard DRUID'S ALTAR, in the fifth race at Willowdale, Saturday, May 11, 2024. Had DRUID'S ALTAR not been disqualified for cutting a beacon and going off course earlier in the race, the horse would have been disqualified via the NSA whip policy for 10 strikes or more.

### **Memo From The NSA Stewards Advisory Committee**

In response to a complaint lodged by Sean Clancy, syndicate manager for Riverdee Stables, and trainer Jack Fisher, whose horse QUEENS EMPIRE finished second in the sixth race at the Willowdale Steeplechase Saturday, May 11, 2024, the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee reviewed an incident occurring during the running of the race that involved the winner, COURT RULER, ridden by Conor Tierney.

After a thorough review, the Committee determined that, contrary to the determination of the Stewards, COURT RULER had left the prescribed course by going around an obstacle not on the prescribed course and did not turn back and resume the race from the point at which it originally left the prescribed course, as is required, and as a result should have been disqualified pursuant to NSA Rule 7.7.F.2. In the opinion of the Committee, the Stewards misinterpreted Rule 7.7.F.2.

However, under NSA Rule 7.9.E., which provides that on all matters occurring during the running of a race and before the race is declared official, the Stewards shall: a. determine all factual issues; b. decide all objections and inquiries based upon violations of Rule 7.7; and c. determine the extent of disqualification of the offending horse and the placing of all horses, the Stewards decision is deemed final, and no appeal may be taken thereon.

Moving forward, the Committee will continue to instruct its' Stewards to properly apply Rule 7.7.F.2. with the intent of its' original adoption.