**Stewards Advisory Committee Ruling**

**Friday, May 23, 2025**

The NSA Stewards Advisory Committee conducted an official hearing, via Zoom, on Thursday, May 22, 2025 with licensee Walter Puddifer regarding a Code of Conduct Policy violation following the seventh race at the Iroquois Steeplechase on Saturday, May 10, 2025. Mr. Puddifer acknowledged that he was in violation of that NSA Policy which reads as follows: “As a condition of license, all NSA licensees are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the best interests of racing. Any conduct deemed to be detrimental to the sport, the NSA, or the individual race meets and their representatives, or conduct prejudicial to the sport’s reputation, will subject the offender to a fine or suspension, or both, in accordance with the NSA Rules of Racing. **Furthermore, please note that the use of social media, in a negative or derogatory way, may create a circumstance whereby the Stewards Advisory Committee may have to take action to protect the integrity and welfare of the National Steeplechase Association.”**

**Based upon all the facts and circumstances, the Committee has determined that Mr. Puddifer shall remain under suspension until September 22, 2025, is hereby fined $10,000, and will be on probation for a two (2) year period beginning at the conclusion of his suspension.**

Stewards Advisory Committee

Jack Sanford, Chairman

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