



NSA Official Notices

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Grand National Stewards Ruling

Justin Batoff, rider of STORM TEAM in the first race at the Grand National on Saturday, April 18, 2026, was fined \$500 for going off course and continuing in the race, a violation of NSA Rules of Racing 7.7.F.2. In addition, Batoff was fined \$1,000 and suspended one day for dangerous riding. Furthermore, the Grand National Stewards referred the incident to the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee.

NSA Stewards Advisory Committee Ruling

In a review by the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee, on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, of an incident that occurred during the running of the Grand National timber stakes, run on Saturday, April 18, 2026 in Butler, Maryland, owner/rider Justin Batoff, accepted full responsibility for a dangerous riding infraction in violation of NSA Rule 7.7.B. As a result, Mr. Batoff has voluntarily elected to surrender his NSA license as a jockey.

