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November 2, 2026

Stewards' Ruling

Ruling #2026-GM-01

Todd A. McKenna (ARCI ID: 2289493)
400 Line Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348
VRC Permit ID: 464976

We, the Stewards of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC), held a hearing on October 30, 2026, regarding the horse Noah And The Ark following the finish of the Fifth Race at International Gold Cup, which was run on October 24, 2026. We make the following findings:

We find that you were the trainer of Noah And The Ark, whom you saw and led as he left the racetrack and proceeded up the chute to the paddock area with the jockey still aboard. The horse was visibly and profoundly lame upon arriving at the chute. You heard the horse's groom observe that the horse was lame and ask the jockey to dismount, and heard the jockey decline stating he wanted to ride him to the winner's circle. You continued to lead the horse through the paddock area to the winner's circle and stand for the win picture with the jockey still aboard. The jockey then dismounted and you assisted with removing the horse's tack, and the horse was allowed to go to the test barn with his groom. The extent of the horse's injury was not exacerbated, but he did experience significant and unnecessary pain during this episode.

We find that you failed to order the jockey aboard Noah And The Ark to dismount immediately and allow the horse to be taken back to the test barn or otherwise stabilized for treatment, in violation of Commission regulations 11VAC10-100-10, 11VAC10-60-70(B) and (F), and 11VAC10-100-240.

According to our authority as Stewards for the VRC under Va. Code § 59.1-390 and 11VAC10-70, we hereby order that:

(1) Your VRC Permit as a trainer is suspended immediately through December 31, 2026; and
(2) You are to pay a fine of $10,000 to the VRC. Fines may be paid in cash, check, or money order payable to the Virginia Racing Commission, and delivered to Gabrielle Cordle at 10700 Horsemens Road, New Kent, VA 23124. Fines must be paid within three (3) business days of receipt of this order.

You have a right to appeal to the Commission and request a stay of either of these actions within three (3) business days of receipt of this order under the provisions of 11VAC10-90.

Signed,

Arthur A Zimmerman
Arthur A Zimmerman (Nov 2, 2026 17:11:03 EST)
Arthur A. Zimmerman
Senior Commonwealth Steward

Larry F Curtis
Larry F Curtis (Nov 3, 2026 15:01:51 EST)
Larry Curtis
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Stewards' Ruling

Ruling #2026-GM-02

Harrison M. Beswick (ARCI ID: 2289464)
530 N. Five Point Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
VRC Permit ID: 464923

We, the Stewards of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC), held a hearing on October 30, 2026, regarding the horse Noah And The Ark following the finish of the Fifth Race at International Gold Cup, which was run on October 24, 2026. We make the following findings:

We find that you were mounted as the jockey of Noah And The Ark, whom you pulled up quickly after the race and returned to the chute leading to the paddock area. The horse was visibly and profoundly lame upon arriving at the chute, and you began to feel the lameness when the horse returned to a walk after pulling up. As you left the racecourse and proceeded up the chute to the paddock, remaining aboard, the horse's groom observed that the horse was lame and asked you to dismount. You declined and said that you wanted to take the horse to the winner's circle. You proceeded to walk the horse, without urging him, while he was being led by his trainer to the winner's circle and to take the win picture while remaining mounted. You then dismounted, removed the horse's tack, and the horse was allowed to go to the test barn with his groom. The extent of the horse's injury was not exacerbated, but he did experience significant and unnecessary pain during this episode.

We find that you failed to dismount when the lameness was apparent to you and allow him to be taken back to the test barn or otherwise stabilized for treatment, in violation of Commission regulations 11VAC10-100-10 and 11VAC10-100-240.

According to our authority as Stewards for the VRC under Va. Code § 59.1-390 and 11VAC10, we hereby order that:

(1) Your VRC Permit as a jockey is suspended immediately through December 31, 2026; and
(2) You are to pay a fine of $5,000 to the VRC. Fines may be paid in cash, check, or money order payable to the Virginia Racing Commission, and delivered to Gabrielle Cordle at 10700 Horsemens Road, New Kent, VA 23124. Fines must be paid within three (3) business days of receipt of this order.

You have a right to appeal to the Commission and request a stay of either of these actions within three (3) business days of receipt of this order under the provisions of 11VAC10-90.

Signed,

Arthur A Zimmerman
Arthur A Zimmerman (Nov 3, 2026 09:32:17 EST)
Arthur A. Zimmerman
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Larry F Curtis
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