NSA Stewards Advisory Committee Ruling

Following a hearing on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, regarding the aftermath of the fifth (5th) race at the International Gold Cup on Saturday, October 24, 2026, the trainer and the jockey of the winner NOAH AND THE ARK, were found to be in serious violation of the NSA Code of Conduct.

By order of the Stewards Advisory Committee the following penalties were assessed:

Trainer Todd McKenna has been fined $10,000 and suspended, effective immediately, for the remainder of the NSA season, which concludes on Sunday, November 22, 2026. As a result of the suspension, all horses trained by Mr. McKenna, entered this weekend at Aiken Fall and the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup, are hereby scratched.

Jockey Harrison Beswick has been fined $3,000 and suspended, effective immediately, for the remainder of the NSA season, which concludes on Sunday, November 22, 2026.

Gregg Morris, Chairman
Gus Brown
Jack Sanford