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Ruling Number TB 10978/18

Woodbine

TORONTO, ONTARIO –October 5, 2018

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, 2015,
S.O. 2015, c.38, Sched. 9;
AND IN THE MATTER OF NORMAN J. MCKNIGHT**

On August 1, 2018, Woodbine Security reported that, as a result of surveillance of trainer Norm McKnight's barn, Veterinarian, Dr. Brian Van Arem, had provided therapy and treated two horses that were in the entries at Woodbine that evening with Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy. The report, provided to the Stewards, detailed that two horses, Brighter Ideas, 3rd race August 1, 2018 and Halo Laelia, 4th race August 1, 2018, had received the treatment on July 30, 2018. This was inside of the required time period of four days (96) hours of a horse competing in a race.

The Stewards ordered the horses scratched from their respective races and Trainer Norman McKnight attended the Stewards office and was informed of the findings and the action taken by the Stewards regarding the two horses that were to participate in racing that night and that an AGCO investigation would commence regarding the allegations. McKnight informed the Stewards that the horse Constantino had received treatment in the same time period and was entered into the eighth race on August 3, 2018. Constantino was subsequently scratched by the Stewards.

On October 3, 2018, the Stewards convened to hear the matter, Trainer Norman McKnight and his legal counsel, Paul Brauti, attended the review. Mr. McKnight's contention was that it is the responsibility of the Veterinarian to know what the rules are and any consultation regarding treatments is left to the Veterinarian.

The Stewards reminded Mr. McKnight, it is also the responsibility of the Trainer to know the rules and ensure that any drug, medical treatment or therapy provided to a horse in their care intended for racing, are within the rules of racing.

TAKE NOTICE that Trainer Norman MCKNIGHT (117184) is hereby issued a monetary penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 for misconduct (best interests of racing) allowing horses under his care and control to be entered into racing having had the Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy administered in contravention of the four day, ninety-six hour (96) time period required for horses in racing according to Directive #1, 2018, TB Rule 15.37 (b). The monetary penalty shall

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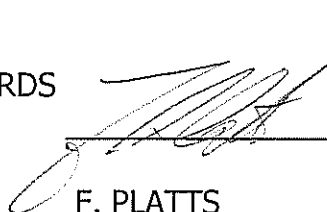
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be paid on or before October 19, 2018. Alcohol and Gaming Commission Rules: 1.05, 15.09.01, best interests of racing, 15.37 (b) 16.13 (d) and 24.04.

The following conditions are placed on the license of Norman McKnight for a period of one year, October 5, 2018, through October 4, 2019.

- 1) Norman McKnight shall keep the peace and be of good behavior
- 2) Norman McKnight may be subject to AGCO Investigators' unannounced search of his barn areas and personal effects while on Association grounds.
- 3) Any violations of a similar nature during the probation period, may result in an immediate suspension and subsequent review by the Stewards.


By Order of the STEWARDS



F. PLATTS



J. DORION



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