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HARNES RULING #21

MEETING: Century Downs, Balzac, Alberta, Canada

May 28, 2024


In the opinion of the Board of Judges, DRIVER, BLAKE FRANCIS PIWNIUK, PERM. ADD.: MACNUTT, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA, D.O.B. SEPTEMBER 7, 1990, did violate HORSE RACING ALBERTA Rule 458(2)(a)(ii)(c)(ii); At any time while on the grounds of an Association, it is a violation of the Rules for a driver, or the person in control of the horse, to engage in any of the following actions with respect to their driving conduct: excessive action, which is characterized by unreasonable quantity or degree, including using the whip continuously and/or without allowing the horse time to respond. At any time while on the grounds of an Association, the whip shall only be used for safety purposes and for very light encouragement. The only movement allowed to encourage a horse is a movement of the wrist. It is a violation of the Rules for a driver, or the person in control of the horse, to use the whip to hit or make contact with the horse as follows: to use more than acceptable wrist action; when driving "OUTLAW SPICED RUM" in Race 5, Friday, May 24, 2024.

PENALTY: BLAKE PIWNIUK is hereby FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR (\$100.00).

In accordance with HORSE RACING ALBERTA Rule 297(1) fine to be paid within ten (10) days.

By Order of the Board of Judges


R. W. Armstrong


P. C. Hogan


R. E. Garrigan