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Steward Advisory Committee Ruling

Please see below for a ruling from the Stewards Advisory Committee.



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STEWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RULING

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Pursuant to NSA Rule 8.2 and the Maryland Hunt Cup Stewards Ruling dated May 3, 2017, the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee conducted a hearing for jockey Trevor McKenna on May 26, 2017 regarding his actions at the Maryland Hunt Cup on April 29, 2017 where he was observed to have punched his horse, GREAT HALO, after the horse refused at the third fence. The Maryland Hunt Cup Stewards held a hearing for Mr. McKenna on April 29, 2017, after the races, and determined that he had violated NSA Rules 11.1.F and 5.2.B.15, summarily suspended his license, and referred the matter to the Stewards Advisory Committee for further review and determination of ultimate penalty.

Based upon the testimony, which corroborated that Mr. McKenna did, in fact, punch GREAT HALO, the Stewards Advisory Committee affirms the Maryland Hunt Cup Stewards Ruling and finds that Mr. McKenna violated NSA Rules 11.1.F and 5.2.B.15.

For his violation of the NSA's Rules, the egregious nature of his conduct, the need to reaffirm that there is no tolerance for the physical abuse of horses and the need to deter such conduct by anyone now and in the future, the Stewards Advisory Committee has determined that Mr. McKenna's 2017 NSA jockey license shall be revoked effective immediately, and that he may not apply for reinstatement until June 1, 2018.

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