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### **A T T E N T I O N   A L L   R E A D E R S**

**No suspended person will be permitted on competition grounds from the time participants are admitted on the competition grounds until their departure. For example, suspended individuals may not be on Competition grounds during schooling or other such days prior to the start of the Competition for any purpose, including such things as: coaching riders, training or schooling horses or trailering horses on or off Competition grounds.**

### **O F F I C I A L   N O T I C E S :**

**THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL NOTICES ARE ONLY INTENDED TO GIVE PENALTY INFORMATION FOR A GIVEN CASE AND NOT TO DISCLOSE THE FACTUAL BASIS FOR EACH VIOLATION OR PENALTY. THE HEARING COMMITTEE DECIDES EACH CASE BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED AT THE HEARING, AND TAKES INTO ACCOUNT MANY FACTORS THAT MAY RAISE OR LOWER A GIVEN PENALTY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE HEARING COMMITTEE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT SUCH THINGS AS WHETHER THE VIOLATION WAS INTENTIONAL OR UNINTENTIONAL, THE NATURE OF THE VIOLATION, THE CREDIBILITY OF WITNESSES, PENALTIES IN SIMILAR CASES, PAST VIOLATIONS OF FEDERATION RULES BY A RESPONDENT, AND MANY OTHER MITIGATING FACTORS.**

### **HEARING COMMITTEE RULINGS**

Below are the official rulings reached by the Hearing Committee following hearings held in these matters and/or plea agreements made:

This is official notice of actions taken by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. Hearing Committee on January 14, 2011.

The Committee Members present received and accepted a plea agreement tendered pursuant to Chapter 6, GR617 of the rules in connection with the Westbrook Hunt Club August Horse Show held on August 29, 2010, wherein **ABBI FERRIGNO** of Newtown, CT, violated Chapter 4, GR410-411 of this Federation, in that **ABBI FERRIGNO**, as trainer, exhibited the horses **ROSEWICK and GOODWILL** after they had been administered and/or contained in their bodies 2-(1-hydroxyethyl) promazine sulfoxide. For these violations of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1b and GR703.1f, **ABBI FERRIGNO**, be found not in good standing, suspended from membership, and forbidden from the privilege of taking any part whatsoever in any Licensed Competition for one month, and is excluded from all competition grounds during Licensed Competitions for that period: (1) as an exhibitor, participant or spectator; (2) from participating in all Federation affairs and activities, (3) from holding or exercising office in the Federation or in any Licensed Competition; and (4) from attending, observing or participating in any event, forum, meeting, program, clinic, task force, or committee of the

Federation, sponsored by or conducted by the Federation, or held in connection with the Federation and any of its activities. The one month suspension shall commence on August 1, 2011 and terminate at midnight on August 31, 2011. Any horse or horses owned, leased, or of any partnership, corporation or stable of hers, or shown in her name or for her reputation, (whether such interest was held at the time of the alleged violation or acquired thereafter), shall also be suspended, pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1c; and that **ABBI FERRIGNO** be fined \$1,000 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j. It was further directed that for these violations of the rules, **RABBIT HILL FARM** of Newtown, CT, as owner of **ROSEWICK**, and **CARRIE EGAN** of Danbury, CT as owner of **GOODWILL**, must return for redistribution all trophies, prizes, ribbons, and monies, if any, won by these horses at said competition, and both must pay a \$300 fee to the competition in connection with this penalty pursuant to Chapter 4, GR406.15 and Chapter 7, GR703.1g.

**Compiled by Regulation**