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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 :**

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### **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 November 1, 2010.

**GENNA GLINER** of San Francisco, CA, violated Chapter 13, GR1307.1, GR1307.5, GR1308.1, GR1308.2, and GR1308.3 of this Federation, in connection with the Woodside Labor Day Classic Horse Show held on September 4-7, 2009, in that **GENNA GLINER** competed in amateur classes and signed a Non-Member Amateur Card although she was classified as a professional with the Federation and had not properly applied for Amateur Reclassification. For this violation of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that **GENNA GLINER** be censured pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1a and fined \$750 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j. The Hearing Committee further directed that **GENNA GLINER** must return for redistribution all trophies, prizes, ribbons, and monies, if any, won by her in amateur classes at said competition, and must pay a \$300 fee to the competition in connection with this penalty pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1g. Furthermore, the Hearing Committee directed that **GENNA GLINER**'s status must remain professional for one year from November 11, 2010. After that time, she may apply for amateur reclassification assuming she otherwise meets the qualifications listed in Chapter 13, GR1306.

**IAN DEGRUCHY** of Ashburn, ON, Canada, violated FR141 of this Federation, in connection with the C-Fair Charity Horse Show held on August 4-8, 2010, in that **IAN DEGRUCHY**, as Judge, failed to follow the rules and class specifications for class 139 (Region 9 Championship Friesian Part-Breed Dressage Suitability, Open). For this violation of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that **IAN DEGRUCHY** be censured pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1a and fined \$500 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

**JASON KROHN** of Lindale, TX violated Chapter 7, GR702.1a and GR702.1d of this Federation, in connection with the Region IX Championship Horse Show held on June 9-12, 2010 in that **JASON KROHN** was disrespectful and verbally abusive to the Competition Manager as well as other Competition Staff and Officials. For this violation of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that **JASON KROHN** be censured pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1a and fined \$2,000 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

**CHRIS LITTLEFIELD** of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, violated Chapter 4, GR402, GR403, and GR404; Chapter 7, GR702.1d; and Chapter 13, GR1301.5 and GR1302.2, of this Federation, in connection with the CHR July Jubilee Dressage Horse Show held on July 17-18, 2010, in that he was non-cooperative with the Testing Technician and Testing Veterinarian, and refused to allow his horse, Arragon, to be tested; he was rude and argumentative with the Technical Delegate, Testing Veterinarian and Testing Technician; and he listed a person as trainer on the entry blanks that was not the trainer, did not attend the competition, and did not sign the entry blanks. For this violation it was determined that pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1b and GR703.1f **CHRIS LITTLEFIELD** be found not in good standing, suspended from membership and forbidden from the privilege of taking any part whatsoever in any Licensed Competition for five months, 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 five month suspension shall commence on May 1, 2011 and terminate at midnight on September 30, 2011. Any horse or horses, completely or in part owned, leased, or of any partnership, corporation or stable of his, or shown in his name or for his 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 for the same time period. It was further directed that **CHRIS LITTLEFIELD** be fined \$5,000 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j and that **CHRIS LITTLEFIELD** must return for redistribution all trophies, prizes, ribbons, and monies, if any, won by Arragon at said competition and must pay a \$300 fee to the competition in connection with this penalty pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 7, GR703.1g.

This is official notice of actions taken by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. Hearing Committee on November 2, 2010.

**ASHLEY DAFERMO** of Unionville, PA, violated Chapter 4, GR410-411 of this Federation, in connection with the Plantation Field Horse Trials May Horse Show held on May 8-9, 2010, in that, **ASHLEY DAFERMO**, as trainer and owner, exhibited the horse **TITLE ROLE** after it had been administered and/or contained in its body 2-(1-hydroxyethyl) promazine sulfoxide. For this violation it was determined that pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1b and GR703.1f, **ASHLEY DAFERMO** be found not in good standing, suspended from membership and forbidden from the privilege of taking any part whatsoever in any Licensed Competition for two months 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 two month suspension shall commence on May 1, 2011 and terminate at midnight on June 30, 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 for the same period; and that **ASHLEY DAFERMO** be fined \$2,000 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j. It was further directed that for this violation of the rules, **ASHLEY DAFERMO**, as owner, must return for redistribution all trophies, prizes, ribbons, and monies, if any, won by **TITLE ROLE** at said competition and must pay a \$300 fee to the competition in connection with this penalty pursuant to Chapter 4, GR406.15.

**EVERARDO HEGEWISCH** of San Diego, CA violated Chapter 7, GR702.1d and GR702.1j; and Chapter 13, GR1301.4 of this Federation in that **EVERARDO HEGEWISCH** was reported three times for making nonnegotiable payments to the Federation and failed to timely pay his indebtedness (as result of the aforementioned violations) to the Federation. For this violation of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that **EVERARDO HEGEWISCH** be censured pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1a and fined \$1,000 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

**LORI SANTAFERRA** of Kirkville, NY violated Chapter 7, GR702.1d and GR702.1j; and Chapter 9, GR913.3 of this Federation, in connection with the TSASA Oktoberfest Horse Show held on October 13, 2005; New York State Horse Breeders Horse Show held on May 17-20, 2007; and the Chapter 14 UPHA Spring Premiere Horse Show held on April 21-24, 2010, in that **LORI SANTAFERRA** was reported three times for making nonnegotiable payments towards entry fees and in connection with at least one competition, she failed to timely pay her indebtedness to the Federation and the competition. For these violations of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1b and GR703.1f, **LORI SANTAFERRA** 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 suspension shall commence on April 1, 2011 and terminate at midnight on April 30, 2011. Any horse or horses, completely or in part 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 for the same time period. The Hearing Committee further directed that **LORI SANTAFERRA** be fined \$2,000 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

**MICHAEL KEARINS** of Wellington, FL violated Chapter 7, GR702.1d and GR702.1j; and Chapter 9, GR913.3 of this Federation, in connection with the Kentucky Spring Horse Show held on May 12-16, 2009; Kentucky Spring Classic Horse Show held on May 19-23, 2009; HITS on the Hudson V Horse Show held on July 22-26, 2009; WEF 5-12 Horse Shows held on February 10 – April 4, 2010; and the Equestrian Sport Productions, LLC Spring 4-8 Horse Shows held on April 7 – May 16, 2010, in that **MICHAEL KEARINS** was reported three times for making nonnegotiable payments towards entry fees and failed to pay his indebtedness (as a result of the aforementioned violations) to the Federation and all of the above listed WEF 5-12 Horse Shows and Equestrian Sport Productions, LLC Spring 4-8 Horse Shows. For these violations of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1b and GR703.1f **MICHAEL KEARINS** be found not in good standing, suspended from membership and forbidden from the privilege of taking any part whatsoever in any Licensed Competition for three months, 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 three month suspension shall commence on January 1, 2011 and terminate at midnight on March 31, 2011. Any horse or horses, completely or in part owned, leased, or of any partnership, corporation or stable of his, or shown in his name or for his 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 for the same time period. The Hearing Committee further directed that **MICHAEL KEARINS** be fined \$3,000 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

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