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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.

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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 March 9, 2009.

MARK LANG of Plymouth, WI, violated Chapter 7, GR702.1d and GR702.1e of this Federation, in connection with the NSHR National Championship Finals Horse Show held on September 17-20, 2008, in that **MARK LANG** made threatening remarks about harming Cynthia Clinton with a deadly weapon in front of Competition staff. For this violation of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1b and GR703.1f, **MARK LANG** 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

August 1, 2009 and terminate at midnight on October 31, 2009. 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 **MARK LANG** be fined \$4,000 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

SIMONE KESSLER of Sag Harbor, NY, violated Chapter 7, GR702.1g, GR702.1k and GR703.1b of this Federation, in connection with the Hampton Classic Horse Show held on August 24-31, 2008, in that **SIMONE KESSLER** was on competition grounds and showed while suspended; thereby failing to obey a penalty imposed by the Federation. For this violation of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that **SIMONE KESSLER** be censured pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1a and fined \$1,000 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j. It was further directed that **SIMONE KESSLER** must return for redistribution all trophies, prizes, ribbons, and monies, if any, won at said competition and must pay a \$200 fee to competition in connection with this penalty pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1.g.

ERIKA NESLER of West Chester, PA, violated Chapter 7, GR702.1g and Chapter 9, GR913 of this Federation, in connection with the Stuart Horse Trials held on July 27-29, 2001; CJL Farm Inc. October I Horse Show held on October 8, 2006; and Millbrook Horse Trials held on August 7-10, 2008, in that **ERIKA NESLER** was reported three or more times for making nonnegotiable payments towards entry fees at said competitions. The Hearing Committee members present directed that **ERIKA NESLER** be censured pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1a and fined \$250 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

CARLY ARBITMAN of New York, NY, violated Chapter 13, GR1307.1 and GR1308.2 of this Federation, in connection with the Ox Ridge Charity Horse Show held on June 17-22, 2008, in that **CARLY ARBITMAN** competed in an amateur class although she maintained professional status with the Federation and had not properly gone through the Amateur Reclassification process. For this violation of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that **CARLY ARBITMAN** be censured pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1a and fined \$500 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j. The Hearing Committee further directed that **CARLY ARBITMAN** 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 \$200 fee to the competition in connection with this penalty pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 7, GR703.1g. Furthermore, the Hearing Committee directed that **CARLY ARBITMAN** may apply for amateur reclassification no sooner than one year from the date she last competed as an amateur, assuming she is otherwise qualified under Chapter 13, GR1306.

AMANDA SZADYR of Oakland, MI, violated Chapter 13, GR1306.1c and GR1306.1f of this Federation, in connection with the Chelsea Dressage Day Horse Show held on June 30-July 1, 2007 and the 2008 competition year, **AMANDA SZADYR**, maintained and competed with amateur status although she showed a horse owned by a client of her mother's and for whom her mother was listed as trainer; and she assisted in the instruction of riders at her mother's barn. For these violations of the Rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1b and GR703.1f **AMANDA SZADYR** 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 June 1, 2009 and terminate at midnight on June 30, 2009. 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 **AMANDA SZADYR** be fined \$750 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j and that **AMANDA SZADYR** must return for redistribution all trophies, prizes, ribbons, and monies, if any, won by her in amateur classes at Licensed Competitions during the 2008 competition year

and up until the date upon which she was classified as professional, and must pay a \$200 fee to each competition in connection with this penalty pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1g.

KARYN SZADYR of Oakland, MI, violated Chapter 13, GR1307.8 of this Federation, in connection with the Chelsea Dressage Day Horse Show held on June 30-July 1, 2007 and the 2008 competition year, **KARYN SZADYR**, allowed her daughter to show a horse owned by a client of hers and for whom she was listed as trainer; and she allowed her daughter to assist in the instruction of riders at her barn although her daughter maintained amateur status. For these violations of the Rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1b and GR703.1f **KARYN SZADYR** 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 June 1, 2009 and terminate at midnight on June 30, 2009. 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 **KARYN SZADYR** be fined \$750 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

HEATHER HARDMAN of Greenville, SC, violated Chapter 7, GR702.1g, GR702.1k and GR703.1c of this Federation, in connection with the MCTA Horse Trials at Shawan Downs held on May 2-4, 2008 in that, **HEATHER HARDMAN** allowed someone to have her horse on competition grounds and to be shown while suspended; thereby failing to obey a penalty imposed by the Federation. For these violations of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1b and GR703.1f **HEATHER HARDMAN** 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, 2009 and terminate at midnight on June 30, 2009. 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 **HEATHER HARDMAN** be fined \$2,000 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j; and must return for redistribution all trophies, prizes, ribbons, and monies, if any, won at said competition and must pay a \$200 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 March 10, 2009:

SHERILYN NASSER, AMELIA NASSER, and SUMMERLYN NASSER of The Woodlands, TX, violated Chapter 7, GR702.1d of this Federation, in connection with the Pin Oak Horse Show I held on March 19-22, 2008; Pin Oak Charity Horse Show II held on March 25-30, 2008; and Spring Gathering 2008 Horse Show held on April 2-6, 2008, in that **SHERILYN NASSER, AMELIA NASSER, and SUMMERLYN NASSER** issued non-negotiable funds to said competitions and failed to timely resolve the indebtedness. The Hearing Committee members present directed that **SHERILYN NASSER, AMELIA NASSER, and SUMMERLYN NASSER** be censured pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1a and fined \$2,400 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

CHARLES MCCALLISTER of Ocala, FL, violated Chapter 7, GR702.1g, GR702.1k and GR703.1b of this Federation, in connection with the Pre Camp S'Mores H/J Horse Show held on July 14-17, 2008, in that **CHARLES MCCALLISTER** was on competition grounds while suspended; thereby failing to obey a penalty imposed by the Federation. For this violation of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that **CHARLES MCCALLISTER** be censured pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1a and fined \$1,750 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

JAYNE TRAINOR AND HORSIN' TOGS, LLC of Antrim, NH, violated Chapter 7, GR702.1d of this Federation, in connection with the Lumber River Horse Trials held on June 7-8, 2008, in that **JAYNE TRAINOR AND HORSIN' TOGS, LLC** issued non-negotiable funds to said competition and failed to timely resolve the indebtedness. The Hearing Committee members present directed that **JAYNE TRAINOR AND HORSIN' TOGS, LLC** be censured pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1a and fined \$800 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

This is official notice of actions taken by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. Hearing Committee on March 11, 2009.

GUY KAPLIN of Penfield, NY, violated Chapter 4, GR410-411 of this Federation, in connection with the Batavia Showtime I Horse Show held on May 22-25, 2008, in that **GUY KAPLIN**, as trainer, exhibited the horse **WIDE LOAD** after it had been administered and/or contained in its body phenylbutazone and flunixin (in a plasma concentration exceeding the maximum permissible level), and cyproheptadine, cyproheptadine epoxide and cyproheptadine n-oxide epoxide. For this violation of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1b and GR703.1f, **GUY KAPLIN**, 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 May 1, 2009 and terminate at midnight on May 31, 2009. Any horse or horses 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; and that **GUY KAPLIN** be fined \$2,000 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j. It was further directed that for this violation of the rules, **LAURIE ALLINGER**, as owner, must return for redistribution all trophies, prizes, ribbons, and monies, if any, won by **WIDE LOAD** at said competition, and must pay a \$200 fee to the competition in connection with this penalty pursuant to Chapter 4, GR406.15.

DAVID GERSH of Webster, NY, violated Chapter 4, GR410-411 of this Federation, in connection with the Batavia Showtime I Horse Show held on May 22-25, 2008, in that **DAVID GERSH**, as trainer, exhibited the horse **WIDE LOAD** after it had been administered and/or contained in its body phenylbutazone and flunixin (in a plasma concentration exceeding the maximum permissible level), and cyproheptadine, cyproheptadine epoxide and cyproheptadine n-oxide epoxide. For this violation of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1b and GR703.1f, **DAVID GERSH**, 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 May 1, 2009 and terminate at midnight on May 31, 2009. Any horse or horses 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; and that **DAVID GERSH** be fined \$2,000 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

KIM LAND of Alpharetta, GA, violated Chapter 4, GR410-411 of this Federation, in connection with the Syracuse Invitational Sporthorse Tournament Horse Show held on October 29, 2008 – November 2, 2008, in that **KIM LAND**, as trainer, exhibited the horse, **TUSKER**, after it had been administered and/or contained in its body ecgonine methyl ester and benzoylecgonine. For this violation of the rules, the Hearing Committee members present directed that pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1b and GR703.1f, **KIM LAND** 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 November 1, 2009 and terminate at midnight on November 30, 2009. 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 **KIM LAND** be fined \$3,000 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j. It was further directed that for this violation of the rules, **PINETREE PONIES**, as owners, must return for redistribution all trophies, prizes, ribbons, and monies, if any, won by **TUSKER** at said competition, and must pay a \$200 fee to the competition in connection with this penalty pursuant to Chapter 4, GR406.15.

This is official notice of actions taken by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. Hearing Committee on March 23, 2009.

The Committee Members present received and accepted a plea agreement tendered pursuant to Chapter 6, GR617 of the rules in connection with the U.S. National Arabian & Half Arabian National Championship Horse Show held on October 17-25, 2008, wherein **BOB (ROBERT) PHILLIPS** of Wellington, OH, violated Chapter 4, GR410 of this Federation, in that **BOB (ROBERT) PHILLIPS**, as trainer, exhibited the horse **JM SUPREME MARQUIS** after it had been administered and/or contained in its body phenylbutazine exceeding the maximum permitted level. For this violation, it was determined that **BOB (ROBERT) PHILLIPS** be censured pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1a and fined \$850 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

For this violation, it was further determined that **LOUIS NOVAK**, of Newbury, OH, as owner, must return for redistribution all trophies, prizes, ribbons, and monies, if any, won by **JM SUPREME MARQUIS** at said competition and must pay a \$200 fee to the competition in connection with this penalty pursuant to Chapter 4, GR406.15.

VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER of Lexington, VA, violated Chapter 10, GR1010.5 and Chapter 12, GR1211.1 and GR1211.2 of this Federation, in connection with the Shenandoah Valley Arabian I Horse Show held on June 19-20, 2008 and Shenandoah Valley Classic Championships held on June 21-23, 2008, in that **VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER** allowed two individuals to officiate alone although Special Judges Cards had not been obtained for either. For this violation, it was determined that **VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER** be censured pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1a and fined \$400 pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1j.

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