



Senior Judges Report

Name of Track	Rideau Carleton	Ottawa	
Date	Sunday 8 December 2024	Post Time	1830 hours
Weather	Races 1 - 10: Cloudy (Temp: -5° C)	Wind:	17 km/h (NorthWest)
Track Condition	Races 1 - 10: Fast (Variant 0 secs)		
Number of Races	10	Qualifying races	Ø
Total Entries	84/99		
Mutual Handle	\$320,169		
	Contact Vet: Dr. M. Rocheleau	Paddock Meeting	Track Maintenance Meeting

Senior Judge	Associate Judge	Associate Judge
Weber, Michael	Coles, Sharla	Rourke, Katelynn

Report on day's events:

(Accidents, claims, fines and/or suspensions, objections and/or disqualifications, refunds and any other pertinent incidents)

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- Qualifying races cancelled by the Association to allow preparation of the race surface for the overnight race card.
- Early Veterinary scratches (sick) of JM STELLA (Kelly Lacaille trainer) from the first race and DINNER PARTY (Mandy Archer trainer) from the ninth race and DA TEMPTATION (Guy Gagnon trainer) from the tenth race; these horses are entered on the short term (seven days) Veterinarians List.
- Review with Alain Thibert, represented by Robert Eaton and with President Christine Crump and VP Human Resources Nanette Dean of Hard Rock in attendance, concerning his conduct towards Dr. Rocheleau in the backstretch at Rideau Carleton on 4 November; after reviewing the investigation results with the participant and receiving verbal submissions Mr. Thibert was adjudged to have violated AGCO rules 6.17(c) (improper language), 6.17(d) (improper conduct) and 6.20(b) (misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of racing) and was assessed a thirty (30) day full suspension (1-30 January 2025, inclusive) (Number 2942291).
- Review with Peter Andrusek, represented by Robert Eaton and with President Christine Crump and VP Human Resources Nanette Dean of Hard Rock in attendance, concerning possible violation(s) of AGCO rule 6.23 (promptly report to the Judges all observed violations of the rules) regarding allegations against Paddock Judge O'Dwyer and a report received from Dr. Rocheleau regarding conduct towards her by Alain Thibert on 4 November; after reviewing the details and past history related to this

matter, discussing the relevant rule and receiving verbal submissions the Panel reserved their decision.

- Virtual review held with driver David Pilon regarding his urging while driving MACH N BLUE CHEEZ in the third race on 8 August; after reviewing the race video and discussing the urging rules and requirements an official warning was entered on the licence of the participant regarding AGCO rule 22.23.03(b) (more than acceptable wrist action).
- Review with driver Guy Gagnon postponed until 15 December due to time constraints.

Races:

1. Inquiry on #1 THE MAGIC OF LIFE (Robbie Robinson); #1 broke before the start, did not have broken equipment, was well past the fair start pole when the starter released the field and did receive a fair start.
The #9 STOMPER TOM (Ryan Guy) broke stretch and finish; #9 finished seventh placed ninth for an extended break (AGCO rule 22.27.02). Clear.
2. Inquiry on #3 RAISING RUSTY (Melanie Plourde); #3 broke before the start, did not have broken equipment, was well past the fair start pole when the starter released the field and did receive a fair start; #3 qualifies for breaks in consecutive races on a fast track (trainer Stephane Pouliot notified). Clear.
3. Inquiry on #7 BIG PETES STYLE (Ryan Guy) concerning possible broken equipment before the start; #7 suffered broken equipment (overcheck) at the ¼ mile pole, did receive a fair start and finished with broken equipment. Clear.
4. Clear.
5. Reviewed the break by #5 BEACH JOURNEY (Guy Gagnon) stretch and finish; while off stride #5 did cause interference to #6 LYONS SHINING (William Roy); no placing necessary as #5 finished sixth (last). Clear.
6. Incorrect order of finish was posted, which was corrected before the race was made official. Clear.
7. Clear.
8. Clear.
9. The #1 PERFECT MIA (Sylvain Lacaille) must qualify for time (204¹). Clear.
10. Driver of #7 STONEBRIDGE HERMES, Ryan Guy, will attend a review regarding his urging. Clear.

Claims: None