

**RULING****Massachusetts State Racing Commission**

PLAINRIDGE PARK, MA - US

NAME: Melissa Beckwith
ADDRESS: 304 Brownstone Court
 Wilton, NY 12831, US

USTA No: 678E24
YEAR OF BIRTH: 1970
STATE LIC ID: 27690
RULING NO.: 129-23

USTA REF #: 1-2EMF-5A80 **ACTION DATE:** 11/6/2023 **INFRACTION DATE:** 6/15/2023

REASON CODE: PTH1 **STATE:** MA - US **RACE NO:** 4 **FINISH:** 1
 Positive test- post race

HORSE: HUNTED HOUSE (No: 3T7055 - Gender: H - YOF: 2019 - HUNTSVILLE - GRAY
 GHOST - ART MAJOR)

PHARMACEUTICALS

Levamisole (Class 2)

PENALTY DESCRIPTION

Fined: \$1,000, Suspended: Full - 90 days, 11/8/2023 thru 2/5/2024, Horse Disqualified -
 Placed 8, Purse Redistribution

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

205 CMR 3.29 (1)(2)(2A)(3). On 6/30/2023 Industrial Labs reported to the Mass State Gaming Commission/Racing Division at PRC, two (2) post race positive test results. Both horses raced on 6/15/2023 at PRC and were trained by Melissa Beckwith. The horse HUNTED HOUSE participated in Race 4 and finished 1st. The Certificate of Analysis, Sample E545473 showed Levamisole in the blood. In addition the horse PROBERT participated in Race 7, finished 2nd but was subsequently disqualified and placed 3rd for interference. The report for Sample E545480 also showed Levamisole in the blood. Trainer of record Melissa Beckwith was notified of both findings and on 7/3/2023 exercised her right to a split sample for both post race positive test results. Both split samples were sent to the independent lab Analytical Forensic Testing Labs of Chicago, Illinois for analysis and on 8/24/2023 were returned confirming Levamisole in the blood. Subsequently trainer Melissa Beckwith requested that both post race samples be quantified for Levamisole. Analytical Forensic Testing Labs conducted the analysis and on 10/25/2023 reported their findings regarding both concentration and confidence levels. A hearing was conducted on 11/2/2023 and as a result of all the facts presented trainer Melissa Beckwith is hereby fined the sum of \$1,000.00 and is also issued a full suspension for a period of 90 days beginning 11/8/2023 through and including 2/5/2024. Both mitigating and aggravating factors were used in determining the penalty. The horse HUNTED HOUSE finished 1st and is disqualified and placed last. The purse money \$8,750.00 is hereby ordered forfeited and returned for redistribution. In addition the horse PROBERT finished 3rd and is disqualified and placed last. The purse money \$3,000.00 is hereby ordered forfeited and returned for redistribution. Any trainer change must

11/6/23
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Sal Payera Jr
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11/6/27 Chris Eaton
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11/16/23 Michael Santoro
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Judges/Stewards
Melissa Beckwith