



## RULING

Massachusetts State Racing Commission

PLAINRIDGE PARK, MA - US

**NAME:** Joseph Anthony Di Stefano

**USTA No:** 803J63

**YEAR OF BIRTH:** 1988

**STATE LIC ID:** 26251

**RULING NO.:** 072-24

**USTA REF #:** 1-72B4-5C64 **ACTION DATE:** 8/20/2024 **INFRACTION DATE:** 8/19/2024

**REASON CODE:** WHP6

Inappropriate use of the whip

**STATE:** MA - US

**RACE NO:** 9

**FINISH:** 7

**HORSE:** SHIP SHIP HOORAY (No: 3V6048 - Gender: H - YOF: 2020 -  
CAPTAINTREACHEROUS - SCANDALOUS HANOVER - DRAGON AGAIN)

### PHARMACEUTICALS

### PENALTY DESCRIPTION

Fined: \$250, Suspended: Driving - 1 day, 8/22/2024 thru 8/22/2024

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2024 Penn National Gaming Horsemen's Rule Guide and USTA Rule 18.00 S18.08 (c)3. On 8/19/2024 at PRC, while driving No. 8 SHIP SHIP HOORAY in Race No. 9, driver Joseph DiStefano used his whip in the stretch in an inappropriate manner by using other than wrist and elbow action, 1st offense. As a result of the violation, Mr. DiStefano is suspended from driving for 1 PRC day: Thur. 8/22/2024. Subsequent violations of this nature will result in increased penalties. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition.

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Joseph Anthony Di Stefano