

**RULING****Massachusetts State Racing Commission****PLAINRIDGE PARK, MA - US****NAME:** Vartan M Krikorian**USTA No:** 108K09**YEAR OF BIRTH:** 1977**STATE LIC ID:** 29093**RULING NO.:** 018-24**USTA REF #:** 1-75TY-5BJ3 **ACTION DATE:** 6/3/2024 **INFRACTION DATE:** 5/20/2024**REASON CODE:** PTH2

Positive test- pre race

STATE: MA - US**RACE NO:** 5**FINISH:** 3**HORSE:** BENNY IS A JET (No: 6R3887 - Gender: G - YOF: 2017 - AMERICAN IDEAL - BETTY AND THE JETS - JEREME'S JET)**PHARMACEUTICALS**

TCO2 (Class 3, TCO2, Base Excess)

PENALTY DESCRIPTION

Fined: \$1,000, Suspended: Full - 30 days, 6/4/2024 thru 7/3/2024, Horse Disqualified, Purse Redistribution

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

205 CMR 3.29 (a)(b). On 05/24/2024 Industrial Labs reported to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission/MGC-Racing Division the pre race test result of Blood Sample E571827, collected from the horse BENNY IS A JET on 05/20/2024 in Race 5 at Plainridge Park Race Course and finished 3rd. The test revealed a high level presence of TCO2. Total Carbon Dioxide was confirmed in blood at 40.6 mmol/L. The measurement uncertainty of the method is 2.0 mmol/L at the threshold of 37 mmol/L. Trainer Vartan Krikorian was notified of the finding on 05/27/2024 and on 5/28/2024 Mr. Krikorian waived his right to a quarantine. On 05/30/2024 a hearing was conducted and as a result trainer Vartan Krikorian is hereby fully suspended for a period of 30 days beginning 06/04/2024 through and including 07/03/2024. This was Mr. Krikorian's 2nd violation within a 365 day period. During this period of time Mr. Krikorian is barred from all grounds of Plainridge Park. In addition Mr. Krikorian is fined the sum of \$1,000.00. The horse BENNY IS A JET finished 3rd and is hereby disqualified. The purse monies won or \$1,320.00 must be returned within 10 days of ruling or no later than 06/14/2024 and the fine of \$1,000.00 is payable within 48 hours of imposition or no later than 06/06/2024.

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Vartan M Krikorian