



Senior Judges Report

Name of Track	Rideau Carleton	Ottawa			
Date	Thursday 16 November 2023	Post Time	1600 hours		
Weather	Races 1 - 9: Clear (Temp: 8° C)	Wind:	8 km/h (SouthEast)		
Track Condition	Races 1 - 9: Fast (Variant 0 secs)				
Number of Races	9	Qualifying races	Ø	Total Entries	67/74
Mutual Handle	\$144,762				
Contact Vet	Paddock Meeting	Track Maintenance Meeting	Investigator Visit	Outgoing Senior Judge Update	

Senior Judge	Associate Judge	Associate Judge
Weber, Michael	Coles, Sharla	Ksionzyk, Scott (remote)

Report on day's events:

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

Office:

Note: As of 17 November, the AGCO will resume alcohol screening using breath analysis (breathalyzer) testing of participants in all safety sensitive positions (e.g., drivers, trainers, track employees, etc.). Drivers will be required to arrive at the paddock one hour prior to their first drive of the night to provide a breath sample.

- Review with driver Pascal Berube concerning a possible violation of AGCO rule 22.09 (feet in stirrups) while driving YS CHEDDAR WHEEL in the fifth race on 12 November; the explanation of Mr. Berube was accepted and no regulatory action is required.
- Review with driver Kyle Forgie concerning his urging of JIMS BIG THRILL in the eleventh race on 29 October; after reviewing the race video, discussing what is considered acceptable urging and the penalty structure for violation of the urging rules the participant will adjust his urging to remain in compliance; an official warning regarding AGCO rule 22.23.03(b) (more than acceptable wrist action) is entered on the licence of Mr. Forgie.
- Review with trainer Macy Cassell Smyth concerning a possible violation of AGCO rule 17.04 (declaring a horse to race at different tracks on the same day) by entering NAPOLEON HILL at Rideau Carleton and Woodbine Mohawk Park on 9 November; the participant was adjudged guilty of violating this rule and assessed a \$200 monetary penalty (Number 2432549).
- Complaint number 2419117 regarding race 7 on 2 November addressed with response sent to the complainant.

- Drew Smyth will attend the Judges Office this Sunday 19 November regarding an incident today with track maintenance personnel in the backstretch.

Races:

- Melanie Plourde excused from one drive.
1. Clear.
 2. Recall due to broken equipment (buxton) on #3 CLEVELAND MONEYKA (Melanie Plourde). Clear.
 3. The #3 SOUTHWIND RUSSIAN (Stephane Pouliot) was not in position on the starting gate when the starter released the field in violation of AGCO rule 22.03(j)(vii) (failure to come into position and remain in position on the starting gate) by Starter Jamie Fiolek and assessed a \$100 monetary penalty (Number 2432759).

Driver of #4 MARCH SEVEN, Carl Duguay, was cautioned regarding driving close to other horses in the stretch.

4. Inquiry on #5 CROSSFIT (Guy Gagnon) who broke before the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile pole and finished second; no violation of the breaking rules by #5.

Video: <https://youtu.be/Ehyib8S5uNQ>

The #3 CURRENT DANGER (Robert Shepherd) suffered broken equipment (buxton) after the start and finished with broken equipment. Clear.

5. Clear.
6. Late Judges scratch (injured) of IMA DUDE; parimutuel refund: \$116. Clear.
7. Electronic photo finish unavailable; Judges decision final announced per AGCO rule 33.09 although there was no difficulty separating all finishers. Clear.
8. Clear.
9. Clear.

Claims:

- 5 #8 TALKIN AGAIN (1 claim) for \$13,125 by Lisa & Scott Henry (S. Henry trainer).