

From: Greg Kirby, MSHRC State Steward

To: The Department of the MSHRC

RE: Death of VOGUE BLUE CHIP at Windsor Fair Grounds

Date: Monday 8/31/2026

On 08/31/2026 I was in the Judges booth waiting for the first race to go off, When I received a call from the Paddock Judge stating that we did not have a State Vet and that we would need to delay the races. I asked what had happened and she stated that the State vet needs to take care of an emergency with a horse in a trailer.

At this point I sent the horses back to the paddock as I had no idea how long the delay was going to be. After about 5 minutes I received a call back from my paddock Judge telling me that the Vet was going to have to Euthanize a horse that had their leg fall through the bottom of the trailer floor and drug down the road. At this time, I found out the Trainer towing the trailer was Stanley Whittemore and the Horse in question was (Vogue Blue Chip) Microchip # (985141001386338). The horse had to be euthanized from his injuries and was brought out behind one of the barns on the fairgrounds, Mr. Whittemore left his horse on the Windsor Fairgrounds without permission and left.

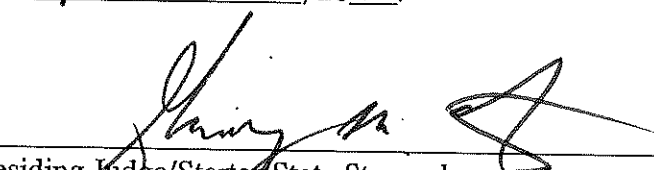
The next few days I conducted some interviews with workers at Gate 5 (see attached statements) and found out that there was a vehicle following Mr. Whittemore for almost 2 miles honking their horn to get him to stop (see video of marks in the pavement). Mr. Whittemore only stopped when he got to gate 5 and at that time and only that time realized his horse had fallen through the floor. Mr. Whittemore got out of his vehicle and used a shovel as a pry bar and started kicking the horse to get him to stand up, which was impossible for the horse because his leg was down through the floor of the trailer (see written attachments) (see videos).

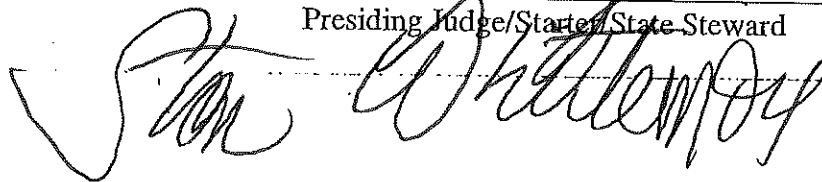
Vet Tech Kaela Frith was there when the horse was euthanized and witnessed everything firsthand, I had Kaela write an incident report also, and take a video of the injuries showing that the horse's injuries were not survivable. (see video)

MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
JUDGES NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

DATE: 09/04/2026 NAME: STANLEY Whittemore

You are hereby notified to appear in the Judges office at Windsor Racing Office, on
09/04/2026 at 11:00 am/pm for a hearing concerning an
alleged violation of Maine State Harness Racing Commission rule(s), Chapter 3,
Section (s) 5 3-A
in the NA race on 08/31, 2026


Presiding Judge/ Starter/ State Steward





MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF JUDGES DECISION

On 09/04/2026, a hearing was held pursuant to 8 M.R.S.A.,
(Date)

Section 279-C and Chapter 3, Section 3; and Chapter 3, Section 5, Subsection 1, 2 and 3-A of the
Rules of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission at Windsor Fairgrounds to
(Track)

determine if a violation of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission rules had occurred

during, prior or after race # NA, on 08/31/2026.

Before RACE During Transport (Vogue Blue chip) (Date)

Based upon the evidence at hearing, the Judges found STANLEY Whittemore
(Licensee)

violated Maine State Harness Racing Commission rule(s): Chapter # 7

Section 62 62-2 and 62-3

Further, the Judges ordered a fine in the amount of \$ 1000.00 and/or a suspension for
365 days for the violation.

All decisions may be appealed to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission in
accordance with Chapter 19, Section 3 of the Rules of the Maine State Harness Racing
Commission and 8 M.R.S.A., Section 279-C.

Signature of Judges:

[Signature]
Name

09/04/2026
Date

Name

Date

Name

Date

Without waiving any objections or rights of appeal, I acknowledge receipt of this Decision.

(Licensee)

(Date)

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RE: Death of VOGUE BLUE CHIP at Windsor Fair Grounds

Date: Monday 8/31/2026

I as State Steward and Presiding Judge on 08/31/2026, after the hearing and getting letters from eyewitness accounts at Gate 5. I Find that Mr. Stanley Whittemore did Violate MSHRC Chapter 7 Section 62 (Improper Conduct) 62-2 (Any act or conduct that is detrimental to the sport) 62-3 (Any Conduct, while in the view of the public, which in any way tarnishes the image of the sport). The horse in question was (Vogue Blue Chip) Microchip (#985141001386338) confirmed by Vet Tech Kaela Frith. The accident took place before the races started

I find that the horse trailer Mr. Whittemore was using was not sufficient to be hauling a thousand-pound animal around, I also find that he was not aware of his surroundings as a vehicle followed him for more than 2 miles honking their horn to try and get Mr. Whittemore to stop and he never stopped until he got to gate 5 and had to slow down to show his license. I also find it very disturbing that Mr. Whittemore was kicking and using a shovel on the horse that was down in the trailer with his leg through the wooden floor. And to leave the horse on the Windsor fairgrounds and just leave shows no compassion or remorse for that animal.

I find that Mr. Stanley Whittemore should receive the maximum penalty set forth by the MSHRC which is a One-year suspension and a \$1000.00 fine conduct detrimental to Harness Racing.

I would like to make it clear that I was in the Judges booth when this happened and that all this information was discovered through investigation work. (See Letters from witnesses)

On Monday August 31 at approx 1:00pm, I observed a black Ford F150 towing a horse trailer.

The trailer was being chased by another vehicle that was beeping and trying to stop the truck & trailer. I observed the leg of a horse hanging out of the bottom of the trailer and being dragged. We got the truck stopped and informed the driver.

After making contact with dept. heads, we helped direct traffic around the incident.

I observed the driver kick the horse trying to make it stand up.

I also saw him use a shovel, through the front of the trailer, as a hammer and pry bar to get the horses front legs back on the floor.

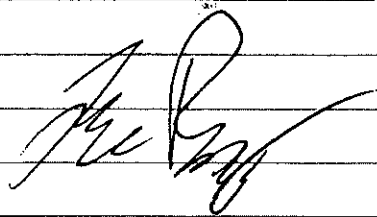
Gate 5 - Jamie Cates

J. Cates

(207) 632-4955

On Monday, at approximately 1:05pm
I approached the horse trailer in question
with the owner. He then proceeded to
kick the horse twice and yell, "Get the
(expletive) up!"

It was at that time I proceeded
down the Malta Rd. to direct traffic
around the incident.



Luke Perry

(207) 215-5046



JANET T. MILLS
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY
MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
28 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0028

AMANDA BEAL
COMMISSIONER

Harness Racing Incident Report

Date and approximate Time of Incident: August 31, 2026 1:15 pm
Name of Licensee: Stanley Whitemore
Location Incident took place: Windsor Fair Gate 5
Detailed description of incident being reported: When I arrived the horses
right hind leg was thru the floor of the trailer and on the
ground. The floor of the trailer cut w/a saw ~~can~~ to free
the horse and at that point a decision was made to put
the horse down.

Official's Printed Name: Karla Frith
Official's Signature: Karla Frith

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COMMISSIONER

Harness Racing Incident Report

MicroChip#
386338

Date and approximate Time of Incident:

August 31, 2026 1:15 pm

Name of Licensee:

Stanley Whitemore

Location Incident took place:

Windsor Fair Gate 5

Detailed description of incident being reported:

5yo standardbred gelding owned by Stanley Whitemore ("Vogue Bluechip") was down in trailer, visibly through the floor with his Right hind leg laying directly on the pavement. He was under distress and immediately sedated with 1mL domosedan + 0.5 torb IM and then anesthetized by 8mL Ketamine IV to facilitate safe movement. Upon attempting to lift him out of trailer, after removing part of the floor, it was realized that the lateral aspect of the distal cannon bone was exposed and a fracture was observed. At that time humane euthanasia was recommended and he was euthanized with 110mL fetal plus IV. He died peacefully.

Official's Printed Name:

Cathy Whitthorne

Official's Signature:

Cathy Whitthorne

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MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
EUTHANASIA RECORD

Micro Chip #
386338

Date August 31, 2026 Case No. _____
Owner Stanley Whittamore Phone 954 295 1937
Street 4 North Rd City Cambridge Zip _____
Breed Standardbred Sex G Age 5 Name Vague Blue Chip
Color and Markings Bay

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the owner (duly authorized agent for the owner) of the animal described above; that I do hereby give Doctor Casey Whitehouse, his agents, servants and representatives full and complete authority to destroy the said animal in accordance with Maine State Harness Racing Commission rules; and I do hereby and by these presents forever release the said Doctor, his agents, servants or representatives from any and all liability for so destroying the said animal.

Signed

Casey Whitehouse

Stanley Whittemore

Chapter 3 Section 5 3-A

M. Investigate any act of cruelty to a horse on the grounds of the Association whether seen by them or reported to them and fine and/or suspend any person found guilty of such cruelty.

P. Conduct a prompt inquiry where a violation of any rule is committed, take such action as may be appropriate and render a report to the Commission. Such inquiry must be conducted by the Presiding Judge and at least one Associate Judge and must be conducted in a manner consistent with these rules and the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

Penalty Chapter 17 Section 4-3

(3. Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing \$ 1,000.00 1 Year)

Section 62. Improper Conduct

It shall be a Level 2 violation for any licensee to engage in any of the following conduct while present on the grounds of a licensed Association on a race day:

2. Any act or conduct that is detrimental to the sport;
3. Any conduct, while in view of the public, which in anyway tarnishes the image of the sport;

Chapter 17 Level 2

\$500.00

6 months



RULING

Maine State Harness Racing Commission

WINDSOR FAIR, ME - US

NAME: Stanley C Whittemore
ADDRESS: 4 N Road
 Cambridge, ME 04923, US
 (hide address)

USTA No: 955336
YEAR OF BIRTH: 1951
STATE LIC ID: 11461
RULING NO.: MSHRC 14

USTA REF #: 1-5RNQ-5H84 **ACTION DATE:** 9/5/2026 **INFRACTION DATE:** 8/31/2026

REASON CODE: IRV6 **STATE:** ME - US **RACE NO:** **FINISH:**

Conduct detrimental to the best interest of horse racing

HORSE: VOGUE BLUE CHIP (No: 4WN849 - Gender: G - YOF: 2021 - BETTOR'S DELIGHT
 - GALLIE ON THE BEACH - SOME BEACHSOMEWHERE)
PHARMACEUTICALS

PENALTY DESCRIPTION

Fined: \$1,000, Suspended: Full - 365 days, 9/8/2026 thru 9/7/2027

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Mr. Whittemore was the trainer of record for his horse Vogue Blue Chip, who was scheduled to race at Windsor Fair on 8/31/26. While transporting Vogue Blue Chip to the track that day, an unfortunate accident occurred involving the horse trailer prior to entering the fairgrounds at Windsor Fair. After entering the grounds, Vogue Blue Chip was euthanized by the attending contracted veterinarian. Mr. Whittemore's actions warranted an investigation by the State Steward for the MSHRC. A hearing was held on 8/4/26 at 10:30 AM. After hearing from Mr. Whittemore and receiving statements and investigative information regarding the matter, the judges rendered a decision. The judges found that Mr. Whittemore was in violation of MSHRC rules 7§ 62-2 (Any conduct that is detrimental to the sport), 7§ 62-3 (Any conduct while in the view of the public, which in any way tarnishes the image of the sport.) These are considered level 1 infractions by the MSHRC. Therefore, Mr. Whittemore has been suspended for 1 year, from 9/8/2026 through 9/7/2027, and fined \$1,000.00. This is a full suspension.

____/____/____
 date

 signature

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 RCI
 MSHRC

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