



BOARD OF JUDGES RULING

Kentucky Horse Racing & Gaming

4047 Iron Works Parkway

Lexington KY 40511

Name: Best Ronald L
Last First Middle
USTA# 943K09 Occupation: Trainer
Violation: TCO2 Violation
Violation Date: 7/28/2026 Ruling Date: 8/5/2026

Narrative

Mr. Ronald Best was the listed trainer of #5 Ifudntnomebynow who was in the 3rd race at The Red Mile on 7/28/2026. Pre-race TCO2 testing of sample E724057 sent to Industrial Laboratories confirmed in the blood a total carbon dioxide level of 41.0 mm / mL over the allowed 37 mm / mL, which is a violation of 810 KAR 8:010 Section 21 – 8. #5 Ifudntnomebynow is hereby disqualified and is 2nd placed 7th and the purse of \$1,425 (One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Five) Dollars is ordered to be returned and redistributed. Mr. Best is issued a \$1500 (One Thousand Five Hundred) Dollar fine along with a 15 (Fifteen) Day suspension from 8/13/2026 through 8/27/2026 at which Mr. Best is denied access or privileges to any and all associations under the jurisdiction of the KHRG. Any and all horses trained or owned by Mr. Best are only allowed to transfer with prior approval of the Board of Judges of the KHRG.

Violation Law: 810 KAR 8:010 Section 21 – 8

ALL FINES ARE DUE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THIS RULING

Ruling # RM2026-004

Suspension: 8/13/2026 through 8/27/2026 Total Days: 15
Fine: \$1500.00


Casey Larson
KHRG Presiding Judge


Jeff James
KHRG Associate Judge


Dave Magee
Association Associate Judge



Kentucky Horse Racing & Gaming
Board Of Judges
Waiver Of Hearing & Appeal

In The Matter Of: Ronald Best

810 KAR 8:010 Section 21-8
TCO2 Violation 41 mm/nL > 37 mm/nL

7-28-26 Red Mile #5 If not name by now Race 3

Penalty Issued is:

- Fine of \$ 1500 due within 30 (Thirty) Days ☒
- Suspension of 15 Days (Days Listed Below) ☒

8-13-26 → 8-28-26

WAIVER OF HEARING

1. The undersigned states that he/she has been advised of the right to a Judges' hearing in this matter and to appeal the ruling to the Kentucky Horse Racing & Gaming pursuant to 810 KAR 9:010 that he/she has been advised of his/her right to legal counsel; and that he/she consents to issuance of this ruling by the Board of Judges.
2. The undersigned hereby waived his/her right to said hearing and appeal and to any judicial review of the Judges' ruling issued in this matter.

Dated: 8-5-26

Casey Larson
KHRG Presiding Judge

Licensee Signature



Report Of TCO2 Violation

<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Date of Sample</u>
Ronald Best	Ifudntnomebynow	7/28/2026
<u>Substance</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Threshold</u>
TCO2	41.0 mm / mL	37 mm / mL
<u>Sample Number</u>	<u>Sample Type</u>	<u>Test Type</u>
E724057	Blood	Pre - Race

810 KAR 8:010 Section 22. TCO2 Testing and Procedures.

- (1) (a) The stewards, judges, or corporation veterinarian may order the pre-race or post-race collection of blood specimens from a horse to determine the total carbon dioxide concentration in the serum or plasma of the horse. The winning horse and other horses, as selected by the stewards or judges, may be tested in each race to determine if there has been a violation of this administrative regulation.
- (b) Pre-race sampling shall be done at a reasonable time, place, and manner directed by the chief state steward in consultation with the corporation veterinarian.
- (c) A specimen consisting of at least two (2) blood tubes shall be taken from a horse to determine the TCO2 concentration in the serum or plasma of the horse. If the corporation laboratory determines that the TCO2 level exceeds thirty-seven (37.0) millimoles per liter plus the laboratory's measurement of uncertainty, the executive director of the corporation shall be informed of the positive finding.
- (d) Split sample testing for TCO2 may be requested by an owner or trainer in advance of the collection of the specimen by the corporation veterinarian; however, the collection and testing of a split sample for TCO2 testing shall be done at a reasonable time, place, and manner directed by the corporation veterinarian.
- (e) The cost of split sample testing, including the cost of shipping, shall be borne by the owner or the trainer.



Casey Larson
KRG Presiding Judge

8/5/2026

Date



Industrial Laboratories

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

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Date of Report:

August 04, 2026

Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation
1200 Red Mile Road
Lexington, Kentucky 40504

FINAL POSITIVE REPORT

I hereby certify that The Industrial Laboratories Company has analyzed the sample identified below :

Sample ID:	E724057	Sample Type:	Blood Only
Collection Date:	July 28, 2026	Test Type:	Total Carbon Dioxide*
Collected At:	Red Mile	Sex/Gender:	Not Provided*
		Authorized Medication:	Lasix*

Date Received:	July 29, 2026	Seal Number:	4026863 / 4026869*
Sample Condition:	Acceptable/Secure	Laboratory ID:	260729032-023

The sample was held for further testing based on the results of the screening tests conducted from: July 29, 2026 to July 30, 2026.

Confirmatory testing using Gas Chromatography – Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) gave the following result(s)
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ADVERSE ANALYTICAL FINDING

Total Carbon Dioxide confirmed in blood at 41.0 mmol/L. The measurement uncertainty of the method is 2.4 mmol/L at the threshold of 37 mmol/L.

Comment(s): No Hydrolysis

SIGNED:

Michael Oviatt

DTS Department Manager

Date: 8/4/2026

* This information was provided by the submitting party

** Industrial Laboratories does not make any recommendations regarding follow-up actions in response to this result.

Sample confirmed using Method(s): IL-DTS-S-002,
IL-DTS-M-069

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THE RED MILE
Tuesday, July 28, 2026
1 MILE PACE
PURSE \$5,700

NW \$2,750 (FM \$3,500 OR KY PREF \$3,250) LAST 4 STS
OR OPT CL \$10,000

AE: NOT 1-2 THIS CLASS IN KY LAST ST

OR HORSES FROM LOWER CLASS IN KY LAST ST

AE: TM RATING LESS THAN 75 (WINNERS THIS CLASS LAST START N/E)

**EXACTA & TRIFECTA
20 CENT SUPERFECTA
50 CENT PICK 5 (3-4-5-6-7)
12% TAKEOUT**

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**EXACTA &
20 CENT SU
50 CENT PICK
12%**

6547312



Disqualification Order Of Finish

Date → **7/28/2026**

Track → **The Red Mile**

Race → **3rd**

New Order

Post	Horse	Finish
1	Reagan Blue Chip	6 th placed 5 th
2	Beach Player	7 th placed 6 th
3	Side Effects	5 th placed 4 th
4	Mistertenahkey	3 rd placed 2 nd
5	Ifudntnomebynow	2 nd DQ placed 7 th
6	Big Skewy N	1 st
7	JK's Shining Star	4 th placed 3 rd

Casey Larson
KHRG Presiding Judge

8/5/2026

Date