



Racing Commissioners International

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Gail Pronti
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New York State Racing & Wagering Board
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Dear Ms. Pronti,

I am writing to formally request that the New York State Racing and Wagering Board commence a proceeding to review the licensure of thoroughbred trainer Richard Dutrow.

While I understand that Mr. Dutrow has again been sanctioned by the Stewards for violations of the rules of racing and that those particular violations are being challenged on appeal, I question whether the time has come to revisit the question of whether Mr. Dutrow should be allowed to continue to participate in racing at all, especially if the current allegations are upheld.

I formally request the Board to commence a proceeding and issue a notice to show cause as to why his license should not be revoked given what appears to be a lifetime pattern of disregard for the rules of racing. At some point, an individual who continues to violate the rules of racing forfeits through his own actions the ability to be in the game. At some point, enough is enough.

Since 1979, racing regulatory jurisdictions have sanctioned Mr. Dutrow at least 64 times for various rule violations in nine different states at fifteen different racetracks. Mr. Dutrow has been cited in New York, New Jersey, Kentucky, Florida, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, California, and Minnesota.

In reviewing Mr. Dutrow's career in racing you will find a variety of violations that need to be assessed in determining whether there is pattern of disregard for the rules sufficient to take action on his racing license. In addition to numerous violations of the drug rules pertaining to phenylbutazone, clenbuterol, and mepivacaine, there are violations concerning failure to adhere to licensing requirements, entering ineligible horses, conduct detrimental to racing involving false or misleading statements, as well

as a variety of violations concerning failure to file proper documentation consistent with the rules.

In considering Mr. Dutrow's suitability to continue his participation in racing the Board is urged to take into account his adherence to the rules in all the jurisdictions he has participated in.

I would urge you to contact the racing jurisdictions mentioned in this letter to more detailed information concerning Mr. Dutrow's violation history to assist in this review.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Martin
President

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