



State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

Michael R. Pence, Governor

www.in.gov/hrc

**For Immediate Release
July 23, 2015**

Amoss' Indiana Saga Over: 45 Day Suspension to be Served

Thoroughbred trainer Thomas Amoss has been suspended for forty-five (45) days and fined five thousand dollars (\$5,000) as a result of a 2011 positive test for methocarbamol. The drug, a RCI Class 4-C foreign substance, acts as a centrally-activating muscle relaxant when administered to race horses. Mr. Amoss' suspension runs from September 17, 2015 through and including October 31, 2015.

The race resulting in the positive occurred at Hoosier Park on October 21, 2011. Mr. Amoss, who had been represented by four attorneys through the duration of the disciplinary action, and Commission staff entered into a settlement agreement which was unanimously approved by the Commission at its July 15, 2015 public meeting.

"Mr. Amoss' penalty sends the right message to Indiana's racing community," said Executive Director, Joe Gorajec. "Whether you're the leading trainer or train a couple of \$5,000 claimers you will be held accountable and disciplined appropriately."

The 45 day penalty for Mr. Amoss has not been imposed solely for a single Class 4 positive test in Indiana. The penalty was assessed because Mr. Amoss had multiple positive tests within a 365 day period leading up to his methocarbamol positive. Mr. Amoss had been sanctioned for three previous positive tests within 365 days of the Indiana violation. In addition to the positive test in Indiana, horses trained by Mr. Amoss tested positive for Class 4 foreign substances on December 5, 2010 (Fair Grounds), on May 14, 2011 (Churchill Downs), on October 7, 2011 (Keeneland), and again on October 22, 2011 (Keeneland) – although the last infraction was not taken into account because it occurred after the Indiana positive.

For further information, contact Joe Gorajec, IHRC Executive Director at (317) 233-3119.