The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission voted there was probable cause to believe that both jockey John Velazquez and chief state steward John Veitch were in violation of regulations regarding Life At Tenos participation in the 2010 BreedersqCup LadiesqClassic at Churchill Downs during its monthly meeting March 10 at the Kentucky Horse Park near Lexington.

The matter was decided on a 9-1 vote for both Velazquez and Veitch, who were charged with probable cause of three and five violations, respectively, in connection with the incident.

The decision will now be sent to a hearing officer who will issue a report stating if there were in fact violations, and giving recommendations for penalties.

Additional details of the KHRCo actions will follow. Read a full report of the investigation here.

Life At Ten, owned by Candy DeBartolo and trained by Todd Pletcher, finished last in the Ladiesq Classic as the second choice at odds of 7-2. With jockey John Velazquez aboard, Life At Ten had no run when the field left the gate, and she was not persevered with throughout the 1 1/8-mile race.

Before the race, Velazquez told retired jockey Jerry Bailey, who was assisting with the ESPN coverage of the BreedersqCup, that the filly did not look right, but he apparently did not relay those concerns to the stewards or any KHRC veterinarians.

The Office of the Inspector General in the Kentucky Transportation Department also assisted the KHRC in its probe. Though the commission staff, under its director of security, conducted the bulk of the investigation, the Transportation Department official was brought in to handle the role of the stewards in the Life At Ten matter to avoid conflicts of interest.

Read more: <u>http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/61845/khrc-rules-on-life-at-ten-situation#ixzz1GEter1d7</u>