



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2018-RUI-161  
Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 9/2/2018

Licensee: SIFUENTES, JORGE DEANDA  
License Type: 2018 1 Year Groom Applicant Id: 19700  
License Number: 290435

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Action Type: Final Outcome

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RE: 2018-RUI-161 - Ruling Final Outcome

**Groom/Owner, Jorge Sifuentes, was duly notified and waived his rights to a 10-day notice of hearing before the Board of Stewards on September 3, 2018. The hearing was in regard to Jorge Sifuentes being in possession of a needle and syringe found in his truck during a compliance search by the Integrity Team Investigators on September 2, 2018, at Ruidoso Downs.**

The Board of Stewards hereby issues a **60 day** suspension of any/all New Mexico Racing Commission licenses belonging to **Jorge Sifuentes, starting September 2, 2018, through October 31, 2018, inclusive (retroactive from the summary suspension issued on September 2, 2018).**

During said time of applicable suspension **Jorge Sifuentes** is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC, in accordance with **15.2.1.9 (C)(21)**. Additionally, effective upon applicable suspension dates, all horses **owned by or under the care of Jorge Sifuentes** are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per **15.2.1.9 (C)(21)(c)**. All transfers and sales of horses **owned by or in the care and custody of Jorge Sifuentes** must be done in accordance with **15.2.1.9(B)(8)(b) DUE PROCESS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION**.

**Licensee is found to be in violation of and this ruling is written in accordance with:**

**15.2.6.8 (B)(3) TREATMENT RESTRICTIONS:** No person other than a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this jurisdiction and licensed by the commission, or a veterinary assistant licensed by the commission acting under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, shall possess on any location under the jurisdiction of the commission any of the following unless approved by the commission (a) any drug which is a narcotic, stimulant, or depressant, or any other substance or medication that has been prepared or packaged for injection by a hypodermic syringe, or hypodermic needle; 15.2.6 NMAC 2 (b) any hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or any equipment associated with the aid of intravenous administration.

**16.47.1.8 (E) Consent to Search and Seizure** By acceptance of a license, a licensee consents to search and inspection by the Commission or its agents, and to the seizure of any prohibited medication, drugs, paraphernalia, or devices in accordance with State and Federal law.

**16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(i) Grounds for disciplinary measures for a licensee, and refusal, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license**

The commission may refuse to issue a license to an applicant, or may suspend or revoke a license issued, or order disciplinary measures, if the applicant is a person whose conduct or reputation may adversely reflect on the honesty and integrity of horse racing or interfere with the orderly conduct of a race meeting; interfering with the orderly conduct of a race meeting shall include, but is not limited to, disruptive or intemperate behavior or behavior which exposes others to danger anywhere on the racetrack grounds; the fact that the race meet was not actually interrupted is not a defense to the imposition of discipline under this rule.

**15.2.1.8(B)(1) COMMISSION GENERAL AUTHORITY/15.2.3.8 B (3)(a)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action/15.2.3.8 B (1) (a)(c)(d) Stewards General Authority/16.47.1.8 (T) KNOWLEDGE OF RULES /16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority**

**16.47.1.8 (A)(1)(2) License Required /16.47.1.8(N) Changes In Application Information / 16.47.1.8(L)(1)(c) Grounds For Disciplinary Measures/ 15.2.1.9(B)(9)(a) Failure to Appeal/ 15.2.1.9(B)(9)(b): Appeal Procedures** Which states in pertinent part that "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days after the date of the ruling. If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the period is extended to include the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The appeal must be received by noon, at the main commission offices or with the stewards who issued the ruling and must be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$500. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, money order or personal check."