



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2017-SUN-26  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/15/2017

Licensee: VALENZUELA, JOHNNY RAUL  
License Type: 2016 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 16628  
Date of Birth: 01/12/1961 License Number: 280990

Ruling # 2017-SUN-26

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey **Johnny Raul Valenzuela**, is hereby summarily suspended for his involvement with an electrical device during a compliance search by New Mexico Racing Commission Officials and Sunland Park Racetrack Security in the **4th race on January 15, 2017, at Sunland Park Racetrack.**

For this violation, the Board of Stewards issue **Johnny Raul Valenzuela** the following penalty:  
A summary suspension of any/all New Mexico Racing Commission licenses, effective immediately **January 15, 2017.**

During said time of applicable suspension **Johnny Raul Valenzuela** is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMSRC pending the outcome of his hearing **January 24, 2017**, per **15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) NMAC and 15.2.1.9 (C)(21)(a-b) NMAC.**

**Licensee is found in violation of:**

**15.2.1.9(B)(3)(a) NMAC:** Which states in pertinent part “If the Stewards determine that a licensee’s action constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the Stewards may summarily suspend the licensee pending a hearing”.

**15.2.5.13 (E)(6)(c) NMAC:** Which states in pertinent part “No electrical or mechanical device or other expedient designed to increase or retard the speed of a horse, other than the riding crop approved by the Stewards, shall be possessed by anyone, or applied by anyone to a horse at any time on the grounds of the Association during the meeting, whether in a race or otherwise”.

**This ruling is written in accordance:**

**16.47.1.8 (E) NMAC:** Which states in pertinent part “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”.

**15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) NMAC. Summary Suspension**

**15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action**

**15.2.3.8 B (1) (d) Stewards General Authority**

**16.47.1.8. T. KNOWLEDGE OF RULES:**

**16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority**

**16.47.1.8 (A)(1) License Required**

**16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required**

**16.47.1.8(N) Last Known Address**



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Ruling #: 2017-SUN-27  
Track: Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/17/2017

Licensee: WOOD, G. BLANE

License Type: Trainer

Applicant Id: 16940

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

License Number: 81851

Ruling # 2017-SUN-27

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer **G. Blane Wood** having been **duly notified and having waived his rights to a 10 day notice and formal hearing** before the Board of Stewards **on January 15, 2017, regarding a lab report from UC/Davis (official testing laboratory for the NMSRC)** for a confirmed positive for the prohibited (class 3 penalty B) drug "clenbuterol" detected in horse "**Flash Em the Jewels**" (**Test Sample #: NM22289**), who **finished first place in the 2nd race on December 23, 2016, at Sunland Park Racetrack in Sunland Park, NM.** Split sample rights as provided in 15.2.6.10 (D) NMAC, were afforded to and declined by **G. Blane Wood.**

**Bobby Simmons** is the owner of record for horse "**Flash Em the Jewels**". This is **Mr. Simmons's SECOND Class 3B medication violation.** For this **FIRST Class 3B medication violation** issued in accordance with 15.2.6.9 (L)NMAC, the Board of Stewards assessed **G. Blane Wood** a penalty as follows.

1. **A 30 day suspension** of all NMRC licenses starting **January 15, 2017, through February 14, 2017, inclusive.**
2. **(\$750) seven hundred and fifty dollar fine to paid on or before February 15, 2017,** in accordance with 15.2.1.9(B)(7)(f) NMAC and 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(I) NMAC: Failure to pay fine in prescribed time may result in an immediate suspension.
3. Pursuant to rules 15.2.6.9(C)(5)(c), 15.2.6.9 (C)(6), and 15.2.6.9(C)(7), the horse "**Flash Em the Jewels**" is placed on the Stewards list for a period of 60 days (beginning **January 12, 2017**). During this period, the papers are to be removed from the racing office and horse is denied entry until he passes a commission approved veterinary examination with a negative blood and urine test.
4. The horse "**Flash Em the Jewels**" is hereby disqualified from **FIRST PLACE** and ordered unplaced from the **2nd race on December 23, 2016, at Sunland Park Racetrack,** for all but pari-mutuel wagering. The purse redistribution is as follows.

1. **Mighty B Dragon**
2. **Altitude Project**
3. **Professor X**
4. **El Chirrionero**
5. **Recife**
6. **Invikeable**
7. **First Vegas Moon**
8. **The Blue Jr**

**Unplaced "Flash Em the Jewels"**

During said time of applicable suspension, **G. Blane Wood** is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMSRC, in accordance with 15.2.1.9 (C)(21)(a-b) NMAC, and 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(f) NMAC. Additionally, effective upon applicable suspension dates, all horses owned or trained, or under the care of **G. Blane Wood** are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per 15.2.1.9 (C)(21)(c) NMAC.

**Licensee is found in violation of**

**15.2.6.9(C)(1-2-3) NMAC:** Which states that "A finding by the Commission approved laboratory of a prohibited drug, chemical or other substance in a test specimen of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited drug, chemical or other substance was administered to the horse and, in the case of a post-race test, was present in the horse's body while it was participating in a race (b) therapeutic medications in excess of established acceptable levels". **15.2.6.9(P) NMAC:** Which states that the suspension of authorized medications, as outlined in sections 1-2-3-4, which led to a published, posted and distributed memo effective July 22, 2015, which states in part "clenbuterol is a prohibited substance and will constitute a violation of NMSRC rules"

**15.2.6.9. B. Penalty recommendations** Trainer **First Lifetime offense in any jurisdiction:** A minimum 15-day suspension absent mitigating circumstances or the presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a maximum 60-day suspension. A minimum fine of \$500 absent mitigating circumstances or the presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a \$1,000 fine. **Owner Second Lifetime offense in any jurisdiction:** Disqualification, loss of purse (in the absence of mitigating circumstances)\* and horse must pass a commission-approved examination before becoming eligible to be entered.

**This ruling is written in accordance with**

15.2.6.11(A) NMAC: Trainer Responsibility/ 16.47.1.10(B)(1) NMAC: Absolute Insurer/ 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(k) NMAC: Stewards General Authority/ 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) NMAC: Stewards General Authority/ 15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action/ 15.2.3.8 B (1) (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) Last Known Address 15.2.1.9(b): 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."



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Ruling #: 2017-SUN-28  
Track: Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/17/2017

Licensee: SIMMONS, BOBBY CRAIG  
License Type: 2016 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 34469  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] License Number: 281850

Ruling # 2017-SUN-28

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer G. Blane Wood having been duly notified and having waived his rights to a 10 day notice and formal hearing before the Board of Stewards on January 15, 2017, regarding a lab report from UC/Davis (official testing laboratory for the NMSRC) for a confirmed positive for the prohibited (class 3 penalty B) drug "clenbuterol" detected in horse "Flash Em the Jewels" (Test Sample #: NM22289), who finished first place in the 2nd race on December 23, 2016, at Sunland Park Racetrack in Sunland Park, NM. Split sample rights as provided in 15.2.6.10 (D) NMAC, were afforded to and declined by G. Blane Wood. This is Mr. Wood's First Class 3B medication violation.

Bobby Simmons is the owner of record for horse "Flash Em the Jewels". This is Mr. Simmons's SECOND Class 3B medication violation, issued in accordance with 15.2.6.9 (L)NMAC. The Board of Stewards assessed Bobby Simmons a penalty as follows.

1. Pursuant to rules 15.2.6.9(C)(5)(c), 15.2.6.9 (C)(6), and 15.2.6.9(C)(7),the horse "Flash Em the Jewels" is placed on the Stewards list for a period of 60 days (beginning January 12, 2017). During this period, the papers are to be removed from the racing office and horse is denied entry until he passes a commission approved veterinary examination with a negative blood and urine test.
2. The horse "Flash Em the Jewels" is hereby disqualified from FIRST PLACE and ordered unplaced from the 2nd race on December 23, 2016, at Sunland Park Racetrack, for all but pari-mutuel wagering. The purse redistribution is as follows.

1. Mighty B Dragon
2. Altitude Project
3. Professor X
4. El Chirrionero
5. Recife
6. Invikeable
7. First Vegas Moon
8. The Blue Jr

**Unplaced "Flash Em the Jewels"**

Licensee is found in violation of

15.2.6.9(C)(1-2-3) NMAC: Prima Facie Evidence

15.2.6.9(P) NMAC: Which states that the suspension of authorized medications, as outlined in sections 1-2-3-4, which led to a published, posted and distributed memo effective July 22, 2015, which states in part "clenbuterol is a prohibited substance and will constitute a violation of NMSRC rules".

15.2.6.9. C. Penalty recommendations: Second Lifetime offense in any jurisdiction: Disqualification, loss of purse (in the absence of mitigating circumstances)\* and horse must pass a commission-approved examination before becoming eligible to be entered.

This ruling is written in accordance with

15.2.3.8(B)(3)(k) NMAC: Which states in pertinent part that "Purses, prizes, awards and trophies shall be redistributed if the Stewards or Commission order a change in the official order of finish."

15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) NMAC: Which states in pertinent part that "The Stewards may determine that a horse shall be unplaced for purpose of the purse distribution and trial qualification."

15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action/ 15.2.3.8 B (1) (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) Last Known Address/ 15.2.1.9(b): 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

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Ruling #: 2017-SUN-29  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/17/2017

Licensee: HERRERA, RAUL  
License Type: 2014 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 46080  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] License Number: 81953

Ruling # 2017-SUN-29

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Raul Herrera, having been summoned and appeared before the Board of Stewards on January 17, 2017, for careless riding during the running of the 2nd race on January 15, 2017, while aboard #4 "COMIN TO YOUR TOWN" which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from 1st place to 10th place. (allowing his mount to drift out which contributed to the 5 having to check his mount.)

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed Raul Herrera a suspension of 3 race days (January 27, 2017, January 28, 2017, and January 29, 2017). Raul Herrera is allowed to ride designated races.

This ruling is in accordance with:

**Licensee is found in violation of:**

15.2.5.13(E)(2)(a) NMAC: Post to Finish Which states in pertinent part that "A jockey shall not ride carelessly or willfully so as to permit his/her mount to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse in the race."

15.2.5.13(E)(3)(b) NMAC: Post to Finish (d) In a straightaway race, every horse must maintain position as nearly as possible in the lane in which it starts. If a horse is ridden, drifts or swerves out of its lane in such a manner that it interferes with, impedes or intimidates another horse, it is a foul and may result in the disqualification of the offending horse.

**This ruling is written in accordance with:**

15.2.5.13(E)(3)(c) NMAC: Post to Finish Which states in pertinent part that "If the Stewards determine the foul was intentional, or due to careless riding, they may fine or suspend the guilty jockey."

15.2.5.13(E)(3)(b) NMAC: Post to Finish The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action

15.2.3.8 B (1) (d) Stewards General Authority

16.47.1.8. T. KNOWLEDGE OF RULES:

16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority

16.47.1.8 (A)(1) License Required

16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required

16.47.1.8(N) Last Known Address

15.2.1.9(b): 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."

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards



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Ruling #: 2017-SUN-30  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/20/2017

Licensee: GUERRA, JR JIMMY WRIGHT  
License Type: 2015 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 157998  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] License Number: 279229

Ruling # 2017-SUN-30

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

**Trainer Jimmy W. Guerra Jr** having been duly notified and having waived his rights to a 10 day notice and formal hearing before the Board of Stewards on **January 17, 2017**, for failure to declare equipment (**Flipping Halter Off**) at time of entry for **"A BIT OF PILOTO"**, entered in **the 7th race on December 23, 2016 at Zia Park.**

For this rule violation, the Board of Stewards assessed **Jimmy W. Guerra Jr** a penalty in the amount of **one hundred dollars (\$ 100.00)**. The fine is to paid on or before **February 20, 2017**, in accordance with 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(1) NMAC. Failure to pay the fine within the time prescribed may result in immediate suspension.

**Licensee is found to be in violation of:**  
**15.2.5.8 (B10) Procedure For Entries**

**This ruling is written in accordance with:**

15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action  
15.2.3.8 B (1) (d) Stewards General Authority  
16.47.1.8. T. KNOWLEDGE OF RULES:  
16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority  
16.47.1.8 (A)(1) License Required  
16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required  
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Appeal Filing Deadline: 15.2.1.9(B) (9) (b) NMAC: Which states in pertinent part that "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days from the date of the ruling. The appeal must be filed at the main Commission offices, or with the Stewards who issued the ruling.



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Ruling #: 2017-SUN-31  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/21/2017

Licensee: FELIX, MARTIN

License Type: 2014 3 Year Jockey

Applicant Id: 86561

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

License Number: 184656

Ruling # 2017-SUN-31

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Martin Felix, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on January 21, 2017, for careless riding during the running of the 1st race on January 20, 2017 at Sunland Park, while aboard #7 "Jesses Cash Run". (Drifted in causing chain reaction causing #5 to clip heels with the #4, resulting in #5 to "DNF")

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed Martin Felix a suspension of 3 race days (Sunday, January 29th, 2017, Tuesday, January 31st, 2017 and Friday, February 3rd, 2017).

Martin Felix is allowed to ride designated races.

This ruling is in accordance with:

**15.2.5.13(E)(2)(a) NMAC: Post to Finish**

**15.2.5.13(E)(3)(c) NMAC: Post to Finish**

**15.2.5.13(E)(3)(d) NMAC: Post to Finish**

**15.2.3.8 B (3) (f) NMAC: Stewards. Disciplinary Action**

**15.2.3.8 B (1) (d) NMAC: Stewards. General Authority**

**6.47.1.8. T. NMAC: Knowledge of Rules**

**15.2.1.9(b):** 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."

15.2.5.13(E)(3)(a) NMAC:

Which states in pertinent part that "When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side, so as to interfere with, impede, or intimidate any other horse, it is a foul."

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards