



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2018-SUN-114
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 2/24/2018

Licensee: VALDEZ, ANTHONY JASON
License Type: 2017 VALET Applicant Id: 160601
License Number: 288423

Ruling # 2018-SUN-114

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Valet Anthony Valdez was duly notified and responded telephonically before the Board of Stewards **on February 24, 2018**, for failing to disclose **his** criminal history on **his** license application **dated December 19, 2017**.

After considering the mitigating circumstances, the Board of Stewards hereby issue a warning letter to **Anthony Valdez**.

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

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(d) GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL, DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE. Application requirements

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) Last Known Address/ 16.47.1.8(L)(1)(e) 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."

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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 #: 2018-SUN-115
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 2/24/2018

Licensee: LUCERO, ARTHUR RAY

License Type: 2017 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 24827
License Number: 284804

Ruling # 2018-SUN-115

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer **Arthur Lucero** was duly notified and appeared for a hearing before the Board of Stewards on **February 25, 2018**. The hearing was in regard to a confirmed positive for the therapeutic drug **Methocarbamol (class 4 penalty category C MAJOR drug)**, found in test sample **NM29814**. The test sample was taken from the **second place finisher "Rainey Dash"** following **the 6th race on January 5, 2018, at Sunland Park Racetrack, in Sunland Park, NM.**

The **affidavit from UC/Davis (official testing laboratory for the NMRC)** indicated a finding of **Methocarbamol at 9.25 ng/ml in the blood**, the allowable limit for **Methocarbamol** is 1.0 ng/ml in the blood **(15.2.6.9 Attachment 2 Page 5)**. Split sample rights as provided in 15.2.6.10 (D) NMAC, were afforded to and declined by **Arthur Lucero**.

Michelle St. Martin Lucero, the **owner** of record for horse "**Rainey Dash**", was duly notified and appeared for this hearing. In accordance with **15.2.6.9(B)(4) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS**, this **Michelle St. Martin Lucero's FIRST Class 4C MAJOR medication violation in a 365- day period**.

For **Arthur Lucero's FIRST Class 4C MAJOR medication violation in a 365 day period**, issued in accordance with **15.2.6.9 (B)(4) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS**, the Board of Stewards hereby assess penalty as follows:

1. A **(\$1,000) one thousand dollar fine to paid on or before **March 28, 2018****, in accordance with **15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(I) NMAC**. Failure to pay fine in prescribed time may result in an immediate suspension.

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

15.2.3.8(B)(1)(3)(a)(f)(g)(j)Stewards/ 15.2.6.9 medications and prohibited substances/15.2.6.9(B)(4)(e) medications and prohibited substances/15.2.6.9(C)(1) medications and prohibited substances/ 15.2.6.11(A)(B) Trainer Responsibility/ 16.47.1.10(B)(1-3)Absolute Insurer 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.

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Ruling #: 2018-SUN-116
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 2/24/2018

Licensee: LUCERO, MICHELLE

License Type: 2017 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 24748
License Number: 286032

Ruling # 2018-SUN-116

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner **Michelle St. Martin Lucero** was duly notified and appeared for a hearing before the Board of Stewards on **February 25, 2018**. The hearing was in regard to a confirmed positive for the therapeutic drug **Methocarbamol (class 4 penalty category C MAJOR drug)**, found in test sample **NM29814**. The test sample was taken from the **second place finisher "Rainey Dash"** following **the 6th race on January 5, 2018, at Sunland Park Racetrack, in Sunland Park, NM.**

The **affidavit from UC/Davis (official testing laboratory for the NMRC)** indicated a finding of **Methocarbamol at 9.25 ng/ml in the blood**, the allowable limit for **Methocarbamol** is 1.0 ng/ml in the blood (**15.2.6.9 Attachment 2 Page 5**). Split sample rights as provided in 15.2.6.10 (D) NMAC, were afforded to and declined by the trainer **Arthur Lucero**.

Arthur Lucero, the **trainer** of record for horse "**Rainey Dash**", was duly notified and appeared for this hearing. In accordance with **15.2.6.9(B)(4) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS**, this **Arthur Lucero's FIRST Class 4C MAJOR medication violation in a 365- day period.**

For Michelle St. Martin Lucero's FIRST Class 4C MAJOR medication violation in a 365 day period, issued in accordance with 15.2.6.9 (B)(4) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS, the Board of Stewards hereby assess penalty as follows:

1. The horse "**Rainey Dash**" must pass a commission approved veterinary examination before being eligible to enter.

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

15.2.3.8(B)(1)(3)(a)(f)(g)(j)Stewards/ 15.2.6.9 medications and prohibited substances/15.2.6.9(B)(4)(e) medications and prohibited substances/15.2.6.9(C)(1) medications and prohibited substances15.2.1.9(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."

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Ruling #: 2018-SUN-117
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 2/24/2018

Licensee: ALVAREZ, JR RAMON

License Type: 2015 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 157331
License Number: 277207

Ruling # 2018-SUN-117

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner and Concession Operator Ramon Alvarez Jr., is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately **February 24, 2018**, for misrepresenting the horse **"Tarzan On Fire"** when the horse was brought through the Sunland Park Stable Gate on February 24, 2018, and presented as another horse on the health certificate. (**"Tarzan On Fire"** did not have a current health certificate).

During said time of applicable suspension **Ramon Alvarez Jr.** is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC **and all horses owned or under the care Ramon Alvarez Jr. are denied further entry**, pending the outcome of his hearing **February 27, 2018 @9:30 am** in the offices of the **Board of Stewards at Sunland Park Racetrack (1200 Futurity Drive Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063)**, per **15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) Summary Suspension and 15.2.1.9 (C)(21)(a-b) Exclusion**.

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

15.2.1.9(B)(3)(a) Summary Suspension 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".

15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) Summary Suspension

15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(i) – Conduct Which states in pertinent part "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 reflect on the honesty, and integrity of horse racing"

15.2.3.8 B (3)(A) Stewards Disciplinary Action stewards shall take notice of alleged misconduct or rule violations and initiate investigations into the matters. The stewards shall have authority to charge any licensee for a violation of these rules, to conduct hearings and to impose disciplinary action in accordance with these rules.

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 #: 2018-SUN-118
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 2/24/2018

Licensee: ALVAREZ, RAMON ARIEL

License Type: 2017 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 35648
License Number: 287660

Ruling # 2018-SUN-118

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Ramon A. Alvarez, is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately **February 24, 2018**, for misrepresenting the horse **"Tarzan On Fire"** when the horse was brought through the Sunland Park Stable Gate on February 24, 2018, and presented as another horse on the health certificate. (**"Tarzan On Fire"** did not have a current health certificate).

During said time of applicable suspension **Ramon A. Alvarez** is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC **and all horses owned, trained, or under the care Ramon A. Alvarez are denied further entry**, pending the outcome of his hearing **February 27, 2018 @9:30 am** in the offices of the **Board of Stewards at Sunland Park Racetrack (1200 Futurity Drive Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063)**, per **15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) Summary Suspension and 15.2.1.9 (C)(21)(a-b) Exclusion**.

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

15.2.1.9(B)(3)(a) Summary Suspension 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".

15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) Summary Suspension

15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(i) – Conduct Which states in pertinent part "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 reflect on the honesty, and integrity of horse racing"

15.2.3.8 B (3)(A) Stewards Disciplinary Action stewards shall take notice of alleged misconduct or rule violations and initiate investigations into the matters. The stewards shall have authority to charge any licensee for a violation of these rules, to conduct hearings and to impose disciplinary action in accordance with these rules.

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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Therese Smith

Jill Cochran

Ron Walker



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Ruling #: 2018-SUN-119
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 2/25/2018

Licensee: ALVAREZ, JESUS AROON

License Type: 2016 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 3719
License Number: 284398

Ruling # 2018-SUN-119

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Jesus Alvarez, is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately **February 24, 2018**, for misrepresenting the horse **"Tarzan On Fire"** when the horse was brought through the Sunland Park Stable Gate on February 24, 2018, and presented as another horse on the health certificate. (**"Tarzan On Fire"** did not have a current health certificate).

During said time of applicable suspension **Jesus Alvarez** is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC **and all horses owned or under the care Jesus Alvarez. are denied further entry,** pending the outcome of his hearing **February 27, 2018 @9:30 am** in the offices of the **Board of Stewards at Sunland Park Racetrack (1200 Futurity Drive Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063),** per **15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) Summary Suspension and 15.2.1.9 (C)(21)(a-b) Exclusion.**

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

15.2.1.9(B)(3)(a) Summary Suspension 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".

15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) Summary Suspension

15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(i) – Conduct Which states in pertinent part "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 reflect on the honesty, and integrity of horse racing"

15.2.3.8 B (3)(A) Stewards Disciplinary Action stewards shall take notice of alleged misconduct or rule violations and initiate investigations into the matters. The stewards shall have authority to charge any licensee for a violation of these rules, to conduct hearings and to impose disciplinary action in accordance with these rules.

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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Xolot Smith

Julie Coen

Pat Walsh



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Ruling #: 2018-SUN-120
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 2/27/2018

Licensee: SLATEN, TRACY LEE

License Type: 2018 1 Year Pony Pers Applicant Id: 76224
License Number: 288553

Ruling # 2018-SUN-120

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Pony Person TRACY LEE SLATEN, is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately **February 25, 2018**, pending the outcome of his hearing on **March 2, 2018, @ 9:00a.m** in the offices of the **Board of Stewards at Sunland Park Racetrack (1200 Futurity Drive Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063)** per **15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) Summary Suspension. TRACY LEE SLATEN refused to submit to a drug test as requested by Stewards on February 25, 2018.**

During said time of applicable suspension **TRACY LEE SLATEN** is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC, per **15.2.1.9 (C)(21)(a-b) Exclusion.**

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

15.2.1.9(B)(3)(a) Summary Suspension 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".

16.47.1.17 (C)(6) Human Drug Testing/ Restricted Activities It shall be an offense to exercise the privileges granted by a license from this commission if the licensee: refuses to submit to urine or drug testing, when notified that such testing is based on a random drug testing procedure, is based on reasonable suspicion that the person is using drugs or alcohol or is based on the licensee's acting as if in an impaired condition.

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(i) – Conduct Which states in pertinent part "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 reflect on the honesty, and integrity of horse racing"

15.2.3.8 B (3)(A) Stewards Disciplinary Action stewards shall take notice of alleged misconduct or rule violations and initiate investigations into the matters. The stewards shall have authority to charge any licensee for a violation of these rules, to conduct hearings and to impose disciplinary action in accordance with these rules.

15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) Summary Suspension

15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action

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 #: 2018-SUN-121
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 2/27/2018

Licensee: QUINTANA, ERIC

License Type: 2017 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 32469
License Number: 287645

Ruling # 2018-SUN-121

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Eric Quintana was duly notified and appeared for a hearing before the Board of Stewards on **February 25, 2018**. **Eric Quintana** failed to remove the foal papers from his file horse **"DISPICABLE ME"** prior to entry by Owner Hugo Esquivel, which resulted in a scratch from the **7th race on January 12, 2018, at Sunland Park Racetrack.**

The Board of Stewards hereby fines **Eric Quintana** in the amount **of two hundred dollars (\$200.00)**. The fine is to be paid on or before **March 30, 2018**, 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 and this ruling is written in accordance with:

16.47.1.10(C)(17) TRAINER RESPONSIBILITY: The trainer is responsible for representing an owner in making entries and scratches and in all other matters pertaining to racing; horses entered as to eligibility and weight or other allowances claimed.

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) Last Known Address/ 16.47.1.8(L)(1)(e) 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."

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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 #: 2018-SUN-122
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 2/27/2018

Licensee: ESQUIVEL, HUGO

License Type: 2016 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 158732
License Number: 283780

Ruling # 2018-SUN-122

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Hugo Esquivel was duly notified, failed to appear, and had **his** hearing held in absentia, in accordance with **15.2.1.9(B)(4)(d)non-appearance**, before the Board of Stewards on **February 25, 2018**. **Hugo Esquivel** entered horse **"DISPICABLE ME"** without the trainer's permission, which resulted in a scratch from the **7th race on January 12, 2018, at Sunland Park Racetrack**.

The Board of Stewards hereby fines **Hugo Esquivel** in the amount of **two hundred dollars (\$200.00)**. The fine is to be paid on or before **March 30, 2018**, 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 and this ruling is written in accordance with:

16.47.1.10(C)(17) TRAINER RESPONSIBILITY: The trainer is responsible for representing an owner in making entries and scratches and in all other matters pertaining to racing; horses entered as to eligibility and weight or other allowances claimed.

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) Last Known Address/ 16.47.1.8(L)(1)(e) 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."

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Ruling #: 2018-SUN-123
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/2/2018

Licensee: ARMSTRONG, EARL DEAN
License Type: 2017 1 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 6355
License Number: 288169

Ruling # 2018-SUN-123

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer **Earl Armstrong** was duly notified **and waived his right to a formal hearing** before the Board of Stewards **on February 24, 2018**. The hearing was in regard to **an affidavit** from UC/Davis (official testing laboratory for the NMRC) for a confirmed positive for the prohibited (class 3 penalty B) drug "clenbuterol" detected in the urine of horse "**Valiant Force**" (**Test Sample #: NM29597**), who **finished 1st place in the 2nd race on December 9, 2017, at Zia Park Racetrack in Hobbs, NM**. Clenbuterol was confirmed in the split sample sent to **TVMDL** on **January 24, 2018**.

Jaime Bujanda-Payan, the **owner** of record for horse "**Valiant Force**", was duly notified and failed to appear for this hearing. This is **Jaime Bujanda-Payan's SECOND Class 3B medication violation in a lifetime**.

For Earl Armstrong's FIRST Class 3B medication violation in a lifetime, the Board of Stewards assessed a penalty issued in accordance with 15.2.6.9 (B)(2) Penalty Recommendations as follows:

- 1. A 30 day suspension of all NMRC licenses starting March 6, 2018, through April 4, 2018 inclusive.**
- 2. A (\$750.00) seven hundred and fifty dollar fine to paid on or before April 2, 2018, in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(I). Failure to pay fine in prescribed time may result in an immediate suspension.**

During said time of applicable suspension, Earl Armstrong is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMSRC, in accordance with 15.2.1.9 (C)(21) Exclusion. Additionally, effective upon applicable suspension dates, all horses owned, trained, or under the care of, Earl Armstrong are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per 15.2.1.9 (C)(21)(c) Exclusion.

Licensee is found in violation of and ruling written in accordance with: 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(3)(f)(g)(j)Stewards/ 15.2.6.9(C)(1)(4)Medication Restrictions/ 15.2.6.11(A)(1)(2)(3) Trainer Responsibility/ 15.2.6.9(B)(2) Penalty Recommendations **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."

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Ruling #: 2018-SUN-124
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/2/2018

Licensee: BUJANDA-PAYAN, JAIME

License Type: 2016 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 34399
License Number: 283634

Ruling # 2018-SUN-124

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner **Jaime Bujanda-Payan** was duly notified, failed to appear, and had **his** hearing held in absentia, in accordance with **15.2.1.9(B)(4)(d)non-appearance**, before the Board of Stewards **on February 24, 2018**. The hearing was in regard to **an affidavit** from UC/Davis (official testing laboratory for the NMRC) for a confirmed positive for the prohibited (class 3 penalty B) drug "clenbuterol" detected in the urine of horse "**Valiant Force**" (**Test Sample #: NM29597**), who **finished 1st place in the 2nd race on December 9, 2017, at Zia Park Racetrack in Hobbs, NM.** Clenbuterol was confirmed in the split sample sent to **TVMDL** on **January 24, 2018**.

Earl Armstrong, the **trainer** of record for horse "**Valiant Force**", was duly notified and waived his rights to a formal hearing. This is **Earl Armstrong's FIRST Class 3B medication violation in a lifetime**.

For Jaime Bujanda-Payan's SECOND Class 3B medication violation in a lifetime, the Board of Stewards assessed a penalty issued in accordance with **15.2.6.9 (B)(2) Penalty Recommendations** as follows:

1. Pursuant to rules 15.2.3.8 (B)(9)(a)(e)Stewards List, 15.2.6.9(C)(7)(c) Positive Test Report, 15.2.6.9(C)(8) Positive Test List, 15.2.6.9(C)(9)(a-d)List Removal Requirements, the horse "**Valiant Force**" is placed on the Stewards list for a period of 60 days (beginning **December 20, 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 "**Valiant Force**" is hereby disqualified from **FIRST PLACE** and ordered unplaced from the **2nd race on December 9, 2017, at Zia Park Racetrack**, for all but pari-mutuel wagering. The purse redistribution is as follows.

1. Smilinlikeahero
2. Brace for Lg
3. Smith Jerrod
4. First Prize Down
5. Million Dollar Minds
6. Offended
7. Dsn Gig Em Affiw
8. Chicks N Politics
9. Jack Valiant

Unplaced "Valiant Force"

Licensee is found in violation of and ruling written in accordance with: 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(3)(f)(g)(j)Stewards/ 15.2.6.9(C)(1)(4)Medication Restrictions/ 15.2.6.9(B)(2) Penalty Recommendations **15.2.1.9(B)(9)(b):**

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4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2018-SUN-125
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/2/2018

Licensee: NICHOLS, LARRY FRANK

License Type: 2017 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 24862
License Number: 288247

Ruling # 2018-SUN-125

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owners Larry Nichols, Denise Nichols, and Ms. Winifred Vick (trustee Robert Vick) were duly notified for a hearing before the Board of Stewards on February 25, 2018. Denise Nichols, failed to appear, and had her hearing held in absentia, in accordance with 15.2.1.9(B)(4)(d) non-appearance. Larry Nichols and Ms. Winifred Vick (trustee Robert Vick) waived their rights to a formal hearing. The hearing was in regard to a confirmed positive for the therapeutic drug Dexamethasone (class 4 penalty category C MAJOR drug), found in test sample NM30226. The test sample was taken from the first place finisher "Dapirate" following the 8th race on November 26, 2017, at Zia Park Racetrack in Hobbs, NM.

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1. The horse "Dapirate" must pass a commission approved veterinary examination before being eligible to enter.

Licensee is found to be in violation of:

15.2.6.9(C)(1) : Prima Facie Evidence /16.47.1.8 (U)(1) PROTECTION OF HORSES /15.2.6.9 Attachment 2, Page 3 Threshold limit for Dexamethasone 5 pg/ml in the blood

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Ruling #: 2018-SUN-126
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/2/2018

Licensee: NICHOLS, DENISE MAY

License Type: 2017 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 20469
License Number: 288251

Ruling # 2018-SUN-126

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owners Larry Nichols, Denise Nichols, and Ms. Winifred Vick (trustee Robert Vick) were duly notified for a hearing before the Board of Stewards on February 25, 2018. Denise Nichols, failed to appear, and had her hearing held in absentia, in accordance with 15.2.1.9(B)(4)(d) non-appearance. Larry Nichols and Ms. Winifred Vick (trustee Robert Vick) waived their rights to a formal hearing. The hearing was in regard to a confirmed positive for the therapeutic drug Dexamethasone (class 4 penalty category C MAJOR drug), found in test sample NM30226. The test sample was taken from the first place finisher "Dapirate" following the 8th race on November 26, 2017, at Zia Park Racetrack in Hobbs, NM.

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Ruling #: 2018-SUN-127
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/2/2018

Licensee: VICK, WINIFRED E

License Type: Applicant Id: 3131
License Number:

Ruling # 2018-SUN-127

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

issued in error

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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.

Dwight Smith

Jim Carter

R. Walsh



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Ruling #: 2018-SUN-128
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/2/2018

Licensee: MONTOYA, ANTHONY F

License Type: 2017 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 28421
License Number: 285480

Ruling # 2018-SUN-128

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer **Anthony Montoya** was duly notified and responded telephonically for a hearing before the Board of Stewards on **February 27, 2018**. **Anthony Montoya** failed to have a current **Coggins** for entry "**LION SPEED**", which resulted in a late scratch in the **4th race on January 19, 2018, at Sunland Park Racetrack.**

The Board of Stewards hereby fines **Anthony Montoya** in the amount **of two hundred dollars (\$200.00)**. The fine is to be paid on or before **April 2, 2018**, in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(I) NMAC. Failure to pay the fine within the time prescribed may result in immediate suspension.

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

15.2.5.12(Z) Horse ineligible A horse shall be ineligible to start when "there is no current negative test certificate for equine infectious anemia on file with the racing office, as required by the commission".

16.47.1.10(C)(5) Trainer Responsibility The trainer is responsible for the proper identity, custody, care, health, condition, and safety of horses in their charge.

16.47.1.10(C)(15) Trainer Responsibility The trainer is responsible for maintaining a knowledge of the medication record and status of all horses in their care.

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) Last Known Address/ 16.47.1.8(L)(1)(e) 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."

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Ruling #: 2018-SUN-129
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/3/2018

Licensee: BORUNDA, JAVIER

License Type: 2017 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 27217
License Number: 284811

Ruling # 2018-SUN-129

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer **Javier Borunda** was duly notified, failed to appear, and had his hearing held in absentia, in accordance with **15.2.1.9(B)(4)(d)non-appearance**, before the Board of Stewards **on February 27, 2018**. The hearing was in regard to **an affidavit** from UC/Davis (official testing laboratory for the NMRC) for a confirmed positive for the prohibited (class 3 penalty B) drug "Guanabenz" detected in the urine of horse "**Leona Who**" (**Test Sample #: NM29577**), who **finished 2nd place in the 1st race on December 5, 2017, at Zia Park Racetrack in Hobbs, NM.** Guanabenz was confirmed in the split sample sent to **TVMDL** on **February 3, 2018**.

Armando Arreola Jr., the **owner** of record for horse "**Leona Who**", was duly notified and failed to appear for this hearing. This is **Armando Arreola Jr.'s FIRST Class 3B medication violation in a lifetime.**

For Javier Borunda's THIRD Class 3B medication violation in a lifetime, the Board of Stewards assessed a penalty issued in accordance with **15.2.6.9 (B)(2) Penalty Recommendations** as follows:

1. **A 6 month suspension** of all NMRC licenses starting **March 9, 2018, through September 6, 2018 inclusive.**

2. **A (\$3,000.00) three thousand dollar fine to paid on or before April 3, 2018**, in accordance with **15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(I)**. Failure to pay fine in prescribed time may result in an immediate suspension.

During said time of applicable suspension, Javier Borunda is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMSRC, in accordance with 15.2.1.9 (C)(21) Exclusion. Additionally, effective upon applicable suspension dates, all horses owned, trained, or under the care of, Javier Borunda are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per 15.2.1.9 (C)(21)(c) Exclusion.

Licensee is found in violation of and ruling written in accordance with: 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(3)(f)(g)(j)Stewards/ 15.2.6.9(C)(1)(4)Medication Restrictions/ 15.2.6.11(A)Trainer Responsibility/16.47.1.8(T)Knowledge of Rules/ 16.47.1.8(U)Protection of Horses/16.47.1.10(B)(1)(2)(3)Absolute Insurer/15.2.6.9(B)(2) Penalty Recommendations **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."

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Ruling #: 2018-SUN-130
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/3/2018

Licensee: ARREOLA, JR ARMANDO

License Type: 2018 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 30151
License Number: 288803

Ruling # 2018-SUN-130

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner **Armando Arreola Jr.**, was duly notified, failed to appear, and had **his** hearing held in absentia, in accordance with **15.2.1.9(B)(4)(d) non-appearance**, before the Board of Stewards **on February 27, 2018**. The hearing was in regard to **an affidavit** from UC/Davis (official testing laboratory for the NMRC) for a confirmed positive for the prohibited (class 3 penalty B) drug "Guanabenz" detected in the urine of horse "**Leona Who**" (**Test Sample #: NM29577**), who **finished 2nd place in the 1st race on December 5, 2017, at Zia Park Racetrack in Hobbs, NM**. Guanabenz was confirmed in the split sample sent to **TVMDL** on **February 3, 2018**.

Javier Borunda, the **trainer** of record for horse "**Leona Who**", was duly notified and failed to appear for this hearing. This is **Javier Borunda's THIRD Class 3B medication violation in a lifetime**.

For Armando Arreola Jr.'s FIRST Class 3B medication violation in a lifetime, the Board of Stewards assessed a penalty issued in accordance with **15.2.6.9 (B)(2) Penalty Recommendations** as follows:

1. Pursuant to **15.2.6.9 (B)(2) Penalty Recommendations**, the horse "**Leona Who**" must pass a commission approved exam before being eligible to enter.
2. The horse "**Leona Who**" is hereby disqualified from **SECOND PLACE** and ordered unplaced from the **1st race on December 5, 2017, at Zia Park Racetrack**, for all but pari-mutuel wagering.

The purse redistribution is as follows.

1. Money Order
2. Exactly Like You
3. Infinite Gal
4. Waytohome
5. Rolling Ghost

Unplaced "**Leona Who**"

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Ruling #: 2018-SUN-131
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/3/2018

Licensee: JUAREZ, JR ALFREDO J

License Type: 2017 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 32923
License Number: 285080

Ruling # 2018-SUN-131

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Alfredo Juarez Jr., was summoned and appeared before Board of Stewards on March 3, 2018, for careless riding during the running of the 4th race on February 27, 2018, at Sunland Park Racetrack, while aboard "Altaira" which resulted in his mount being disqualified from 3rd place to 6th place. (steered out into the path of the 2, causing the 2 to check sharply.)

The Board of Stewards hereby suspends **Alfredo Juarez Jr.** for a period of **7 calendar days (March 11, 2018, through March 17, 2018).** **Alfredo Juarez Jr. is allowed to ride designated races.**

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

15.2.5.13(E)(2)(a) 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)(a) Thoroughbred Races 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."

15.2.5.13(E)(3)(c) Post to Finish/15.2.5.13(E)(3)(d) Post to Finish/15.2.5.13(E)(4)(a) Disqualification/ 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

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Ruling #: 2018-SUN-132
Track: Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/4/2018

Licensee: VICK, ESTATE OF WINIFRED

License Type: 2016 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 158614
License Number: 283545

Ruling # 2018-SUN-132

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owners Larry Nichols, Denise Nichols, and Ms. Winifred Vick (trustee Robert Vick) were duly notified for a hearing before the Board of Stewards on February 25, 2018. Denise Nichols, failed to appear, and had her hearing held in absentia, in accordance with 15.2.1.9(B)(4)(d) non-appearance. Larry Nichols and Ms. Winifred Vick (trustee Robert Vick) waived their rights to a formal hearing. The hearing was in regard to a confirmed positive for the therapeutic drug Dexamethasone (class 4 penalty category C MAJOR drug), found in test sample NM30226. The test sample was taken from the first place finisher "Dapirate" following the 8th race on November 26, 2017, at Zia Park Racetrack in Hobbs, NM.

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