



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2022-SRP-59**  
Track: SunRay Park  
Ruling Date: 5/21/2022

Licensee: JONES, DAREN K  
License Type: 2021 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 163827  
License Number: 302180

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Action Type:      Final Outcome  
Ruling:

RE: 2022-SRP-59 - Ruling Final Outcome 9/23/2022.

Trainer, **Daren K. Jones** having been duly notified, appeared before The Downs at Albuquerque Board of Stewards on 09/22/2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the offices of the Board of Stewards 145 Louisiana Blvd Ne, Albuquerque, NM 87108) via teams. Mr. Jones was represented by legal counsel Gene Chavez and Johnny Mac Hayes. The horse "Flashin Passion) **the 2nd place finisher, in the 4th race on May 8th, 2022, at Sunray Park. Tested positive post-race for the substance Ractopamine found in the urine, sample # E506630 taken and confirmed by split sample on June 14, 2022. Ractopamine is a Class 2A substance.**

After hearing the facts of this case and considering all mitigating factors in this case, **Mr. Jones is hereby fined \$25,000.00 (Twenty-five thousand dollars) and suspended for one year. The term of this suspension began the first day of Mr. Jones summary suspension Saturday, May 21, and will continued thru Sunday, May 21, 2023.**

In accordance with **15.2.1.9 (C)(21)**, **Daren K. Jones** will continue to be excluded from all areas and grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC. Additionally, effective upon applicable suspension dates, all horses **owned, trained, or under the care of Daren K. Jones 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 **trained, owned, or in the care and custody of Daren K. Jones** must be done in accordance with **15.2.6.9A(12)(a)(b) Medication and Prohibited Substances.**

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

**15.2.6.9(B)(4) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS**

**15.2.6.9(C)(8)(a)(9)(10)(a)(b)(c)(d) Medication Restrictions**

**15.2.6.9(A)(4) Medications And Prohibited Substances Penalties** Any drug or metabolite thereof found to be presenting a pre- or post-race sample, which is not classified in the association of racing commissioners international uniform classification guidelines for foreign substances, shall be assumed to be an association of racing commissioners international class 2 drug and the trainer and owner shall be subject to those penalties as set forth in penalty category A unless satisfactorily demonstrated otherwise by the racing medication and testing consortium, with a penalty category assigned.

**16.47.1.8 (U)(1) Protection of Horses** Each person licensed by the commission shall do all that is reasonable and within their power and scope of duty to guard against and prevent the administration of any drug, medication, or other substance, including permissible medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, to any horse entered or to be entered in an official workout or race, as prohibited by these rules.



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**16.47.1.8(U)(2) Protection of horses**

No licensee or other person under the jurisdiction of the commission shall subject or permit any animal under their control, custody or supervision to be subjected to or to incur any form of cruelty, mistreatment, neglect or abuse or abandon, injure, maim or kill or administer any noxious substance to or deprive any animal of necessary care or sustenance, shelter or veterinary care.

**16.47.1.10(B)(1)(2) (1) Absolute Insurer:**

The trainer is the absolute insurer of the condition of horses entered in an official workout or race and is responsible for the presence of any prohibited drug or medication, or other prohibited substance in such horses. A positive test for a prohibited drug or medication or other prohibited substance or the presence of permitted medication in excess of maximum allowable levels as reported by a commission-approved laboratory is prima facie evidence of a violation of this rule. The trainer is absolutely responsible regardless of the acts of third parties.

(2) A trainer must prevent the administration of any drug or medication or other prohibited substance that may cause a violation of these rules.

**16.47.1.8 (L) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures For A Licensee, And Refusal, Denial, Suspension, Or Revocation Of A License:**

**(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.

**16.47.1.8 GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

**(C)(16) Immediately** reporting to the stewards and the official veterinarian if they know, or has cause to believe, that a horse in their custody, care or control has received any prohibited drugs or medication;

**15.2.6.9(B)(1) Penalty Recommendations**

**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)(e) Grounds For Disciplinary Measures**



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*Connie Ests*