



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2023-SUN-65**
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/24/2023

Licensee: **VEGA, RAUL VELARDE**

License Type: Applicant Id: **9954**
License Number:

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Action Type: Case Continued
Ruling:

Trainer, Raul Vega having been duly notified, appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards for his summary suspension hearing in the office of the Board of Stewards at Sunland Park Racetrack (1200 Futurity Drive, Sunland Park, New Mexico.) Friday, March 31, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., per 15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) Summary Suspension. Mr. Vegas' hearing was held via teams with Investigator, Elizabeth Garcia, attending via the internet. This summary suspension hearing was regarding "Cause for Love Too" that was entered to race on Tuesday March 21, 2023, at Sunland Park. The horse "Cause for Love Too" was scratched by the Stewards prior to Race 2 on March 21, 2023, upon the recommendation of Sunland Park Veterinarian (M. Perrone, DVM). After leaving Sunland Park, Mr. Vega was cited in a "Warning Notice from El Paso County Animal Welfare Department" in relationship to this matter. This case was presented by Ms. Garcia and the testimony of Mr. Raul Vega (Ms. Amaya was his translator for this hearing), was heard. After deliberation and taking into consideration all information presented, the Sunland Park Board of Stewards hereby continue Mr. Vegas' suspension until the completion of his final disciplinary hearing.

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 (C)(21), Raul Vega is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC. Additionally, effective upon applicable suspension dates, all horses owned, trained, or under the care of Raul Vega 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 Raul Vega must be done in accordance with 15.2.6.9a(12)(A)(B) Medication and Prohibited Substances,

NMAC 15.2.1.9(B)(3)(b) Proceedings Before the Stewards: Summary Suspension A licensee whose license has been summarily suspended is entitled to a hearing on the summary suspension not later than the 10th day after the license was summarily suspended. The licensee may waive their right to a hearing on the summary suspension within the 10-day limit.

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

16.47.1.10 (D)(5) Assistant Trainers And 15.2.1.9(B)(8)(B) Due Process and Disciplinary Action.

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

15.2.1.9(B)(3)(a) Proceedings Before the Stewards:

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)

15.2.6.9 NMAC. Penalty Recommendations

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 in.

15.2.1.9 DUE PROCESS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

B. Proceedings before the stewards: (3) Summary suspension.

16.47.1.8 GENERAL PROVISIONS:



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L. Grounds for disciplinary measures for a licensee, and refusal, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license:

U. Protection of horses:

15.2.1.9(B)(9)(B): APPEAL PROCEDURES, which states "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days after the day of the ruling. If the deadline falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the period is extended to 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 \$400.00 dollars. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check or a money order. **The last day to file an appeal is April 12, 2023.**

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards