

Ruling #:

2023-RUI-14

Track

Ruidoso Downs

Ruling Date:

6/9/2023

Licensee:

FINCHER, TODD WYATT

License Type:

2022 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 27974

License Number: 303671

Ruling #

2023-RUI-14

Action Type:

Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Todd Fincher having been duly notified and having appeared, waived his right to a 10 day notice and hearing before the Board of Stewards on June 9, 2023 for working unlicensed help on June 5, 2023 at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack.

The Board of Stewards hereby fines <u>Todd Fincher</u> the amount of <u>Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)</u>. This fine is to be paid on or before July 9, 2023 in accordance with 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(1) NMAC. Failure to pay this fine within the time prescribed shall result in immediate suspension.

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

16.47.1.8 (G)(1) The employment of any unlicensed person under the jurisdiction of the Commission is prohibited 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)

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." The last day to appeal is June 19, 2023.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards



Ruling #:

2023-RUI-15

Track

Ruidoso Downs

Ruling Date:

6/9/2023

Licensee:

GARCIA.JR NOE

License Type:

2021 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 157715

License Number: 301912

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Ruling #

2023-RUI-15

Action Type:

Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Noe Garcia Jr, having been summoned and appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 9,2023, for excessive use of whip, while aboard "Jess Sweet Intention" in the 5th Race June 4, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs, is found to be in violation of Commission rules.

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed Jockey Noe Garcia Jr, a fine in the amount of Five-Hundred Dollars. (\$500.00). This fine is to be paid on or before July 9, 2023, in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(1). Failure to pay the fine within the time prescribed shall result in immediate suspension.

Licensee is found to be in violation of:

15.2.5.13(E)(6)(A) Use of riding crops. Although the use of a riding crop is not required, any jockey who uses a riding crop during a race shall do so only in a manner consistent with exerting his or her best efforts to win.

15.2.5.13(E)(6)(e) Use of riding crops. Indiscriminate use of the whip is prohibited including whipping a horse; on the head, flanks or on any other part of its body other than the shoulders or hind quarters except when necessary to control a horse; during the post parade or after the finish of the race except when necessary to control the horse; excessively or brutally causing welts or breaks in the skin; when the horse is clearly out of the race or has obtained its maximum placing; persistently even though the horse is showing no response under the riding crop; or striking another rider or horse.

This ruling is written in accordance with:

15.2.1.9(B)(4)(A)NMAC Notice Except as provided by these rules regarding summary suspension, jockey riding infractions and trial races, the stewards or a racing commission designee shall provide written notice, at least 10 days before the hearing, to a person who is the subject of a disciplinary hearing. The person may waive their right to 10 days notice by executing a written waiver.

15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action 15.2.3.8 B (3)(A) 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 \$400. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order." The last day to file an appeal is June 19, 2023.



Ruling #:

2023-RUI-16

Track

Ruidoso Downs

Ruling Date:

6/9/2023

Licensee:

NIETO-SAENZ, JORGE IBRIAN

License Type:

2022 3 Year Jockey

Applicant Id: 164761

License Number: 305975

Ruling #

2023-RUI-16

Action Type:

Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Jorge Nieto-Saenz, having been summoned and appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 9,2023, for excessive use of whip, while aboard "Mm the Gray Rocket" in the 3th Race June 4, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs, is found to be in violation of Commission rules.

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed Jockey Jorge Nieto-Saenz, as his second offense, a fine in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00). This fine is to be paid on or before July 9, 2023, in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(1). Failure to pay the fine within the time prescribed shall result in immediate suspension.

Licensee is found to be in violation of:

15.2.5.13(E)(6)(A) Use of riding crops. Although the use of a riding crop is not required, any jockey who uses a riding crop during a race shall do so

only in a manner consistent with exerting his or her best efforts to win.

15.2.5.13(E)(6)(e) Use of riding crops. Indiscriminate use of the whip is prohibited including whipping a horse: on the head, flanks or on any other part of its body other than the shoulders or hind quarters except when necessary to control a horse; during the post parade or after the finish of the race except when necessary to control the horse; excessively or brutally causing welts or breaks in the skin; when the horse is clearly out of the race or has obtained its maximum placing; persistently even though the horse is showing no response under the riding crop; or striking another rider or horse.

This ruling is written in accordance with:

15.2.1.9(B)(4)(A)NMAC Notice Except as provided by these rules regarding summary suspension, jockey riding infractions and trial races, the stewards or a racing commission designee shall provide written notice, at least 10 days before the hearing, to a person who is the subject of a disciplinary hearing. The person may waive their right to 10 days notice by executing a written waiver

15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action

15.2.3.8 B (3)(A) 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 \$400. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order." The last day to file an appeal is June 19, 2023.

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Ruling #: 2023-RUI-17 Track Ruidoso Downs

6/9/2023 Ruling Date:

VILLANUEVA, JUAN CARLOS Licensee:

Applicant Id: 34058 License Type: 2022 1 Year Jockey

License Number: 306002

2023-RUI-17 Ruling #

Initial Ruling Action Type:

Ruling:

Jockey Juan Carlos Villanueva, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards, with translator Luis H. Rodriguez, on June 9, 2023, for reckless riding during the running of the 10th race on June 4, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, while aboard "Drinkroundthetruth", intentionally impeding the progress of #5 "Mr Rigger" several times from the sixteenths pole to the finish.

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed <u>Juan Carlos Villanueva</u>, a thirty (30) racing days suspension (June 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, July 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, August 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, of 2023). May NOT ride in designated races.

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)(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."

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."

15.2.1.9(B)(4)(A) Notice of Hearing for Jockeys

15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action

15.2.3.8 B (3)(A) 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 \$400. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is June 19, 2023.

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Ruling #:

2023-RUI-18

Track

Ruidoso Downs

Ruling Date:

6/10/2023

Licensee:

RAMIREZ, ESGAR

License Type:

2023 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 12647

License Number: 307759

Ruling #

2023-RUI-18

Action Type:

Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Esgar Ramirez, having been summoned and appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 10,2023, for excessive use of whip, while aboard "Ima Royal Eagle" in the 8th Race June 9, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs, is found to be in violation of Commission rules.

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed Jockey Esgar Ramirez, a fine in the amount of Five-Hundred Dollars. (\$500.00). This fine is to be paid on or before July 10, 2023, in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(1) . Failure to pay the fine within the time prescribed shall result in immediate suspension.

Licensee is found to be in violation of:

15.2.5.13(E)(6)(A) Use of riding crops. Although the use of a riding crop is not required, any jockey who uses a riding crop during a race shall do so

only in a manner consistent with exerting his or her best efforts to win

15.2.5.13(E)(6)(e) Use of riding crops. Indiscriminate use of the whip is prohibited including whipping a horse: on the head, flanks or on any other part of its body other than the shoulders or hind quarters except when necessary to control a horse; during the post parade or after the finish of the race except when necessary to control the horse; excessively or brutally causing welts or breaks in the skin; when the horse is clearly out of the race or has obtained its maximum placing; persistently even though the horse is showing no response under the riding crop; or striking another rider or horse.

This ruling is written in accordance with:

15.2.1.9(B)(4)(A)NMAC Notice Except as provided by these rules regarding summary suspension, jockey riding infractions and trial races, the stewards or a racing commission designee shall provide written notice, at least 10 days before the hearing, to a person who is the subject of a disciplinary hearing. The person may waive their right to 10 days notice by executing a written waiver.

15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action

15.2.3.8 B (3)(A) 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 \$400. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order." The last day to file an appeal is June 20, 2023. ORL



Ruling #:

2023-RUI-19

Track

Ruidoso Downs

Ruling Date:

6/11/2023

Licensee:

BARRIOS, BERNADETTE EVANGELIN

License Type:

2022 3 Year Trainer

Applicant Id:

29859

License Number: 303948

Ruling #

2023-RUI-19

Action Type:

Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Bernadette Barrios having been duly notified and responded telephonically, waived her 10-day notice and formal hearing before the Board of Stewards on June 11, 2023, for failure to have at least two approved workouts within sixty (60) days prior to the time of entry on the horse "Color Me Gone" in the 5th race on June 10, 2023, necessitating a late scratch at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack.

The Board of Stewards hereby assesses penalty as follows:

1.A fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) which must be paid on or before July 11, 2023. Licensee is found to be in violation of and this ruling is written in accordance with

15.2.5.11 (A)(2) Workout Requirements: Any horse which has started, but not within 60 days, must have at least one workout within 60 days prior to the time of entry. Horses that have not started within six months of entry must have at least two approved workouts within the 60 days prior to time of entry.

16.47.1.10 (C) (17) TRAINER RESPONSIBILITY

(17) 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.

15.2.1.9(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. Last day to file is June 21, 2023.

This ruling in written in accordance with:

15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action

15.2.3.8 B (3)(A) 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

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

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Ruling #:

2023-RUI-20

Track

Ruidoso Downs

Ruling Date:

6/11/2023

Licensee:

VALDEZ, FELIPE SANCHEZ

License Type:

2022 1 Year Jockey

Applicant Id:

86558

License Number: 306703

Ruling #

2023-RUI-20

Action Type:

Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Felipe Valdez, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 11, 2023, for careless riding during the running of the 2nd race on June 10, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, while aboard "Social Club" (Steered into the path of #9 Unbridled Diva, causing the rider to check sharply, resulting in the disqualification of his mount).

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed Felipe Valdez, a 3-day racing suspension (June 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 2023). Mr. Valdez may ride in designated races.

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

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."

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."

15.2.1.9(B)(4)(A) Notice of Hearing for Jockeys

15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action

15.2.3.8 B (3)(A) 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 \$400. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is June 21, 2023.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards



Ruling #:

2023-RUI-21

Track

Ruidoso Downs

Ruling Date:

6/11/2023

Licensee:

FLORES, MARCO A.

License Type:

2021 3 Year Trainer

Applicant Id:

33697

License Number: 301923

Ruling #

2023-RUI-21

Action Type:

Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Marco Flores is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately, June 11, 2023, 2022, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled for June 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the board of Stewards at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack (26225 US Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346), per 15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) Summary Suspension. The summary suspension is regarding a drug violation on May 20, 2023 at Sunray Park, first place finisher of the ninth race, "Tempting Barbie", for the drug 3-hydroxylidocaine, a class 2 penalty B drug, found in blood sample #E596176, confirmed at (553 pg/mL +/- 2.9 pg/mL) at the threshold of 20 pg/mL.

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

(1) 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:

(i) 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;

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 (C)(21), Marco Flores 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 Marco Flores 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 Marco Flores must be done in accordance with 15.2.6.9A(12)(a)(b) Medication and Prohibited Substances, 16.47.1.10 (D)(5) Assistant Trainers and 15.2.1.9(B)(8)(b) DUE PROCESS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

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

16.47.1.8 (U)(1)(2) PROTECTION OF HORSES

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

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

15.2.1.9(B)(3)(a) Proceedings Before The Stewards: Summary Suspension 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) 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 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 In



Ruling #: 2023-RUI-22

Track Ruidoso Downs

Ruling Date: 6/11/2023

Licensee: CHAVEZ, CASEY

License Type: Applicant Id: 4309

License Number:

Ruling # 2023-RUI-22

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Casey Chavez is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately June 11, 2023, after he failed a Board of Stewards ordered drug (urine) test. Mr. Chavez will remain suspended pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled on June 18, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in the offices of the Board of Stewards at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack (26225 US Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346) per 15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) (Summary Suspension). During said time of applicable suspension, Casey Chavez 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 and this ruling is written in accordance with:

15.2.1.9(B)(3)(B) Proceedings Before The Stewards: 16.47.1.17 (A)(1) TESTING PROCEDURES 16.47.1.17 (C)(6) Human Drug Testing/ Restricted Activities 16.47.1.8 (E) Consent To Search And Seizure 16.47.1.8(N) Changes In Application Information 15.2.2.8(V)(1) EJECTION AND EXCLUSION 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.

(3) If a professional assessment indicates presence of a treatable problem of alcohol or other drug abuse or dependence, the board of stewards or the commission may order the licensee to undergo treatment as a condition of continuing licensure. Such treatment will be through a program or by a practitioner, acceptable to the licensee and the board of stewards or the commission. Required features

of any program or practitioner acceptable

to the board of stewards or the commission will be: accreditation or licensure by an appropriate government agency, if required by state statute; a minimum of one year follow-up treatment; and, a formal contract indicating the elements of the treatment and follow-up program that will be completed by the licensee and, upon completion, certified to the board of stewards or the commission as completed.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards