



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2023-RUI-36**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 6/18/2023

Licensee: MUNOZ, EBERT

License Type: 2022 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 23853  
License Number: 305426

Ruling # 2023-RUI-36

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Ebert Munoz is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately June 18, 2023, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled on June 24, 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) regarding Ebert Munoz being found in possession of a hypodermic needles, syringes, and an unlabeled box of Russian tablets, in his barn on June 18, 2023. During said time of applicable suspension, Ebert Munoz 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) 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 **15.2.6.8 (B)(3) TREATMENT RESTRICTIONS:** No person other than a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this jurisdiction and licensed by the commission, or a veterinary assistant licensed by the commission acting under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, shall possess on any location under the jurisdiction of the commission any of the following unless approved by the commission(a) any drug which is a narcotic, stimulant, or depressant, or any other substance or medication that has been prepared or packaged for injection by a hypodermic syringe, or hypodermic needle **15.2.6.9(H)(1) Medical Labeling** No person on association grounds where horses are lodged or kept, excluding veterinarians licensed by the commission, shall have in or upon association grounds which that person occupies or has the right to occupy, or in that person's personal property or effect or vehicle in that person's care, custody or control, a drug, medication, chemical, foreign substance or other substance that is prohibited in a horse on a race day unless the product is labeled in accordance with this subsection **15.2.6.9(K)(1) Contraband** No person on association grounds where horses are lodged or kept, excluding licensed veterinarians, shall have in that person's care, custody or control, a drug, medication, chemical, foreign substance or 15.2.6 NMAC 12 other substance that is prohibited in a horse on a race day unless the product is labeled in accordance with Subsection H of 15.2.6.9 NMAC. This restriction includes, but is not limited to, locations on the association grounds where that person occupies, in that person's personal property, effects or vehicle  
16.47.1.18 (B) ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS GENERAL FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS 16.47.1.17 (A)(3) TESTING PROCEDURES No notice need be given as to onset or cessation of random testing. 16.47.1.8 (E) Consent to Search and Seizure 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. 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. 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 15.2.2.8(V)(1) EJECTION AND EXCLUSION An association shall immediately eject from the association grounds a person who is subject to such an exclusion order of the commission or stewards and notify the commission of the ejection. Trainers 16.47.1.10.C(1)

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards



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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-37**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 6/24/2023

Licensee: VEGA, LORENZO

License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 25821  
License Number: 303486

Ruling # 2023-RUI-37

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Lorenzo Vega having been duly notified and having waived his 10-day notice and formal hearing by telephone before the Board of Stewards on June 24, 2023, for his second offense of failing to be present in the paddock to saddle his horse "Dashing Bette" in the 2nd race on June 23, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack.

**16.47.1.10 TRAINERS: C. Other responsibility: (23)** personally attending to their horses in the paddock and supervising the saddling thereof, unless excused by the stewards; if the trainer is excused, the trainer must secure another trainer or assistant trainer who is licensed by the commission to assume those duties.

The Board of Stewards hereby assesses penalty as follows:

1.A fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) which must be paid on or before July 24, 2023.

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

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 July 4, 2023.**

This ruling is 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**

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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-38**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 6/24/2023

Licensee: MUNOZ, EBERT

License Type: 2021 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 23853  
License Number: 301589

Ruling # 2023-RUI-38

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

**Trainer Ebert Munoz**, having appeared and waived his right to a 10 day notice of hearing before the Board of Stewards on **June 24, 2023**, following a summary suspension issued **June 18, 2023 (2023-RUI-36)**, for being found in possession of hypodermic needles and syringes during a routine check by investigators in the barn area (in barn #32) at **Ruidoso Downs Racetrack** on **June 18, 2023**.  
For this violation the Board of Stewards issue the following penalty:

1. A **6 month** suspension of any/all New Mexico Racing Commission licenses, retroactively effective from the summary suspension date of **June 18, 2023, through and inclusive of December 15, 2023**.
2. A **(\$1,500.00) one thousand five hundred dollar fine** The fine is to paid on or before **July 24, 2023** in accordance with 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(l) NMAC. Failure to pay the fine within the time prescribed may result in immediate suspension.

During said time of applicable suspension **Ebert Munoz** 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.

**Licensee is found to be in violation of:**

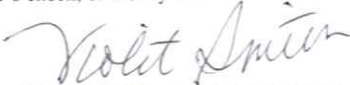
**15.2.6.8 (B)(3) TREATMENT RESTRICTIONS:** No person other than a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this jurisdiction and licensed by the commission, or a veterinary assistant licensed by the commission acting under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, shall possess on any location under the jurisdiction of the commission any of the following unless approved by the commission(a) any drug which is a narcotic, stimulant, or depressant, or any other substance or medication that has been prepared or packaged for injection by a hypodermic syringe, or hypodermic needle; 15.2.6 NMAC 2 (b) any hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or any equipment associated with the aid of intravenous administration.

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

**16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(i)** – 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”  
**16.47.1.8 (E) : Agree to search and seizure** 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”

**15.2.3.8 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(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 a cashier’s check, or money order.”

  
By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards





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Ruling #: 2023-RUI-39  
Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 6/25/2023

Licensee: BROOKS, JIMMY DEAN

License Type: 2021 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 5320  
License Number: 301422

Ruling # 2023-RUI-39

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Jimmy Brooks, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 25, 2023, for careless riding during the running of the 8th race on June 24, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, while aboard "Wasting Light". (Drifted out into the path of #5 Five Bucks which resulted in a disqualification of his mount).

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed Jimmy Brooks a 3-day racing suspension, July 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2023. Mr. Brooks 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 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 \$500. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 5, 2023.

David Smith  
By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards





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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-40**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 6/25/2023

Licensee: RODRIGUEZ, LUIS HUMBERTO  
License Type: 2022 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 20350  
License Number: 306939

Ruling # 2023-RUI-40

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Luis Humberto Rodriguez, having been summoned and appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 25, 2023, for failure to give best effort (standing up before the wire and costing his mount the opportunity of a better placing) while aboard "Sidney's Hope" in the 3rd Race June 23, 2023 at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack is found to be in violation of Commission rules.

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed, Luis Humberto Rodriguez, a fine in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars, (\$250.00). This fine is to be paid on or before July 25, 2023 in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(I). Failure to pay the 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:

15.2.5.13(E)(5) A Jockey shall not ease up, or coast to the finish, without adequate cause, even if a horse has no apparent chance to win prize money.

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 or money order." **The last day to file an appeal is July 5, 2023**

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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-41**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 6/25/2023

Licensee: AMPARAN, FRANCISCO ALBERTO  
License Type: 2021 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 34486  
License Number: 301590

Ruling # 2023-RUI-41

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Francisco Amparan, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 25, 2023, for careless riding during the running of the 9th race on June 24, 2023 at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, while aboard "Indian Excellence".

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed, Francisco Amparan, a fine in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars, (\$200.00). This fine is to be paid on or before July 25, 2023 in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(I). Failure to pay the fine within the time prescribed shall result in immediate suspension.

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 cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 5, 2023.

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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-42**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 6/25/2023

Licensee: NIETO-SAENZ, JORGE IBRIAN  
License Type: 2022 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 164761  
License Number: 305975

Ruling # 2023-RUI-42

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, **Jorge Nieto-Saenz**, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 25, 2023, for careless riding during the running of the 6th race on June 23, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, while aboard "This Candy Man Can". (Drifted in throughout the race, under right handed urging, causing the rider of #1 Vmr Cantador to check to avoid clipping heels after the wire.)

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed **Jorge Nieto-Saenz** a 3-day racing suspension. (July 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2023 ) 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 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 \$500. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 5, 2023.

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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-43**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 6/25/2023

Licensee: PEREZ, MIGUEL ANGEL  
License Type: 2021 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 31329  
License Number: 300752

Ruling # 2023-RUI-43  
Action Type: Initial Ruling  
Ruling:

Jockey Miguel Perez, having been summoned and appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 25, 2023, for failure to give best effort (standing up before the wire, costing his mount the opportunity of a better placing and maliciously jerking on his mount's mouth before the wire, as well as on the way back to unsaddle) while aboard "First Frost" in the 2nd Race on June 24, 2023 at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack is found to be in violation of Commission rules.

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed, Miguel Perez, a fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars, (\$500.00). This fine is to be paid on or before July 25, 2023 in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(I). Failure to pay the 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:

15.2.5.13(E)(5) A Jockey shall not ease up, or coast to the finish, without adequate cause, even if a horse has no apparent chance to win prize money.

16.47.1.8.U. Protection of horses:

(2) 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.

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 or money order." **The last day to file an appeal is July 5, 2023**

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Ruling #: 2023-RUI-44  
Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 6/26/2023

Licensee: AGUILAR, EFREN

License Type: 2023 1 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 159432  
License Number: 308199

Ruling # 2023-RUI-44

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Efren Aguilar, having been duly notified and had his hearing held in absentia, before the Board of Stewards on June 26th, 2023, regarding his Background Check. The Stewards assessed his background and revoked his license due to a Felony Charges within 12 years and failure to disclose charges on his licensing application. Mr. Efren Aguilar has been referred to the New Mexico Racing Commission for review of felony charges and future licensing consideration.

Licensee is found to be in violation of:

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

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(a)(b)(f)(i) CONDUCT

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(d) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures

16.47.1.8.2 (M)(2) Duration of License: (2) A license is valid only under the condition that the licensee remains eligible to hold such license

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

16.47.1.8(N) Last Known Address

16.47.1 M(2) Duration of License

15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(j) REFER TO THE COMMISSION The stewards may refer any matter to the commission and may include recommendations for disposition. The absence of a steward's referral shall not preclude commission action in any matter

16.47.1.8(L)(2) Written Notice Of Suspension Or Revocation To Licensee And Other Jurisdictions

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Ruling #: 2023-RUI-45  
Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 6/26/2023

Licensee: MUNIZ, ISAAC EZIAH

License Type: 2023 1 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 32098  
License Number: 308171

Ruling # 2023-RUI-45

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Isaac Muniz, having been duly notified and appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 26th, 2023, regarding his Background Check. The Stewards assessed his background and revoked his license due to a Felony Charge within 12 years and failure to disclose on his licensing application.

Mr. Munoz license is hereby suspended effective June 26th, 2023 until such time as he can provide documents to the Board of Stewards showing the status and disposition of the charges.

Licensee is found to be in violation of:

Licensee is found to be in violation of:

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

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(a)(b)(f)(i) CONDUCT

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(d) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures

16.47.1.8.2 (M)(2) Duration of License: (2) A license is valid only under the condition that the licensee remains eligible to hold such license

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

16.47.1.8(N) Last Known Address

16.47.1 M(2) Duration of License

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2023-RUI-46**  
Track: **Ruidoso Downs**  
Ruling Date: **6/30/2023**

Licensee: **THEDFORD, TANNER TROY**  
License Type: **2022 3 Year Jockey**      Applicant Id: **20419**  
License Number: **305481**

Ruling #      2023-RUI-46

Action Type:      Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, **Tanner Thedford**, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 30, 2023, for careless riding during the running of the 11th race on June 25, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, while aboard "Six Pack Royal". (Drifted out into the path of #6 Remember First, causing a chain reaction, which resulted in a disqualification of his mount).

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed **Tanner Thedford** a 3-day racing suspension, July 8th, 9th, and 14th, 2023. Mr. Thedford 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 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 \$500. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 10, 2023.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards



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Ruling #: 2023-RUI-47  
Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 6/30/2023

Licensee: GARCIA, JR NOE

License Type: 2021 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 157715  
License Number: 301912

Ruling # 2023-RUI-47

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Noe Garcia Jr., having been summoned and appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 30, 2023, for excessive use of whip, while aboard "Baby Bogart" in the 5th Race on June 25th, 2023 at Ruidoso Downs Race Track, is found to be in violation of Commission rules.

For this violation, (Third violation) the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards have suspended Noe Garcia Jr for 14 calendar days from July 8th, 2023, through July 21st, 2023. During the time of suspension Noe Garcia Jr will not be allowed to ride in designated races.

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 or money order." **The last day to file an appeal is July 10, 2023.**

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards





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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-48**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 6/30/2023

Licensee: ALDRETE, HECTOR

License Type: 2022 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 35261  
License Number: 303505

Ruling # 2023-RUI-48

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, **Hector Aldrete**, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards **on June 30, 2023**, for careless riding during the running of the **9th race on June 25, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack**, while aboard **"Southern Fires"**. (Drifted out shortly after the break, with no attempt to correct his course, causing multiple horses to check and alter course).

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed **Hector Aldrete** a 3-day racing suspension, July 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2023. Mr. Aldrete 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 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 \$500. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 10, 2023.

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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-49**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 6/30/2023

Licensee: MARTINEZ, FEDERICO  
License Type: 2021 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 160591  
License Number: 300674

Ruling # 2023-RUI-49

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, **Federico Martinez**, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 30, 2023, for careless riding during the running of the 5th race on June 25, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, while aboard "Apollitical Wzy". (Drifted out into the path of #3 Dashing Tres, causing #3 to check and alter course, which resulted in a disqualification of his mount).

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed **Federico Martinez** a 3-day racing suspension, July 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2023. Mr. Martinez 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 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 \$500. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 10, 2023.

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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-50**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/1/2023

Licensee: **TORRES, DANIEL ANTONIO**  
License Type: **2023 1 Year Jockey**      Applicant Id: **30001**  
License Number: **308824**

Ruling # 2023-RUI-50

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, **Daniel Torres**, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on July 1, 2023, for careless riding during the running of the 15th race on June 30, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, while aboard "Tlc Jess Bye". (Drifted in mid-race under right handed urging, with no attempt to correct his course, causing #6 Ultra Rich to alter course).

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed **Daniel Torres** a 3-day racing suspension, July 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2023. Mr. Torres 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 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 \$500. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 11, 2023.

David Smith  
By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards



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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-51**  
Track: **Ruidoso Downs**  
Ruling Date: **6/30/2023**

Licensee: **ALDRETE, ERIKA JANNET**  
License Type: **2023 1 Year Owner**      Applicant Id: **162495**  
License Number: **307576**

Ruling #      2023-RUI-51

Action Type:      Initial Ruling

**Ruling:**

Owner Erika Aldrete having been duly notified and appeared, via Microsoft Teams, before the Board of Stewards on June 30, 2023, for the condition of her horse entered in an official race at Sunland Park Racetrack. The Horse "Cause for Love Too" appeared in the paddock on March 21st, 2023, for the 2nd race with open wounds, signs of being under weight, and unfit to race per the track veterinarian. The horse was scratched by the track Vet Mike Perrone due to the condition of the horse.

For this violation, the Board of Stewards hereby issues a penalty as follows:

1. A suspension of one (1) year (**June 30, 2023, thru June 30, 2024**).
2. A \$5,000 Fine which must be paid on or before July 30, 2023.

During said time of applicable suspension Erika Aldrete is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC 15.2.1.9 (C) (21) (a-b) Exclusion.

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

16.47.18 (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.

GENERAL PROVISIONS: L. Grounds for disciplinary measures for a licensee, and refusal, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license: (o) has engaged in conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the best interests of racing. U. Protection of horses: (2) 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.

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.

15.2.2.8(V)(1) EJECTION AND EXCLUSION An association shall immediately eject from the association grounds a person who is subject to such an exclusion order of the commission or stewards and notify the commission of the ejection. 15.2.2.8(V) (2) EJECTION AND EXCLUSION An association may eject or exclude a person for any lawful reason. An association shall immediately notify the stewards and the commission in writing of any person ejected or excluded by the association and the reasons for the ejection or exclusion.

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)(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 \$400. Last day for appeal: July 10, 2023

*David Smith*  
By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards





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Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2023-RUI-52**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/2/2023

Licensee: NICASIO, EDUARDO BELLO  
License Type: 2021 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 35609  
License Number: 300699

Ruling # 2023-RUI-52

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Eduardo Nicasio, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on July 2, 2023, for careless riding during the running of the 14th race on June 30, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, while aboard "Rb Legacy". (Drifted out shortly after the break, with no attempt to correct his course, causing multiple horses to check and alter course).

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed Eduardo Nicasio a 3-day racing suspension, July 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2023. Mr. Nicasio 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 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 \$500. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 12, 2023.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards



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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-53**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/2/2023

Licensee: SIGALA, ALFREDO S.

License Type: 2021 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 158216  
License Number: 303357

Ruling # 2023-RUI-53

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Alfredo Sigala, having been summoned and having Agent Victor Escobar appear on his behalf before the Board of Stewards on July 2, 2023, for **excessive use of whip**, while aboard "Cant Pass This One" in the 3rd Race **June 30, 2023**, at Ruidoso Downs, is found to be in violation of Commission rules.

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed Jockey Alfredo Sigala, a fine in the amount of Five-Hundred Dollars. **(\$500.00)**. This fine is to be paid on or before **August 1, 2023**, in accordance with **15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(I)**. 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 July 12, 2023.**

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards





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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-54**  
Track: **Ruidoso Downs**  
Ruling Date: **7/2/2023**

Licensee: **SOTO, JESUS M**

License Type: **2022 3 Year Trainer**      Applicant Id: **32730**  
License Number: **307258**

Ruling # **2023-RUI-54**

Action Type: **Initial Ruling**

Ruling:

Trainer Jesus M. Soto is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately July 2, 2023, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled on July 9, 2023 at 9:00 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) regarding Jesus M. Soto being found in possession of a hypodermic needles, syringes, unlabeled medication, injectables, and Marijuana in his barn on July 2, 2023. During said time of applicable suspension, Jesus M. Soto 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) 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 **15.2.6.8 (B)(3) TREATMENT RESTRICTIONS:** No person other than a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this jurisdiction and licensed by the commission, or a veterinary assistant licensed by the commission acting under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, shall possess on any location under the jurisdiction of the commission any of the following unless approved by the commission (a) any drug which is a narcotic, stimulant, or depressant, or any other substance or medication that has been prepared or packaged for injection by a hypodermic syringe, or hypodermic needle **15.2.6.9(H)(1) Medical Labeling** No person on association grounds where horses are lodged or kept, excluding veterinarians licensed by the commission, shall have in or upon association grounds which that person occupies or has the right to occupy, or in that person's personal property or effect or vehicle in that person's care, custody or control, a drug, medication, chemical, foreign substance or other substance that is prohibited in a horse on a race day unless the product is labeled in accordance with this subsection **15.2.6.9(K)(1) Contraband** No person on association grounds where horses are lodged or kept, excluding licensed veterinarians, shall have in that person's care, custody or control, a drug, medication, chemical, foreign substance or 15.2.6 NMAC 12 other substance that is prohibited in a horse on a race day unless the product is labeled in accordance with Subsection H of 15.2.6.9 NMAC. This restriction includes, but is not limited to, locations on the association grounds where that person occupies, in that person's personal property, effects or vehicle . 16.47.1.18 (B) ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS GENERAL FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS 16.47.1.17 (A)(3) TESTING PROCEDURES No notice need be given as to onset or cessation of random testing. 16.47.1.8 (E) Consent to Search and Seizure 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. 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. 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 15.2.2.8(V)(1) EJECTION AND EXCLUSION An association shall immediately eject from the association grounds a person who is subject to such an exclusion order of the commission or stewards and notify the commission of the ejection. Trainers 16.47.1.10.C(1)

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards



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Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2023-RUI-55**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/2/2023

Licensee: **BECERRA, JR SERGIO**

License Type: **2023 3 Year Jockey**      Applicant Id: **32539**  
License Number: **307992**

Ruling #      2023-RUI-55

Action Type:      Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, **Sergio Becerra Jr.**, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards **on July 2, 2023**, for careless riding during the running of the **12th race on July 1, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack**, while aboard **"Gabriel"**. (Drifted in shortly after the break, with no attempt to correct his course, causing #4 Miracles Happen to check and alter course, resulting in the disqualification of his mount).

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed **Sergio Becerra Jr.** a 3-day racing suspension, July 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2023. Mr. Becerra 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 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 \$500. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 12, 2023.

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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-56**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/2/2023

Licensee: SIGALA-VALLEJO, RODRIGO  
License Type: 2022 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 32260  
License Number: 303521

Ruling # 2023-RUI-56

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, **Rodrigo Vallejo**, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards **on July 2, 2023**, for careless riding during the running of the **8th race on July 1, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack**, while aboard **"Hesa Gamer"**. (Drifted out shortly after the break, with no attempt to correct his course, causing #7 Aj Perfection & #8 Piston Stroke to check and alter course, resulting in the disqualification of his mount).

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed **Rodrigo Vallejo** a 3-day racing suspension, July 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2023. Mr. Vallejo 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 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 \$500. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 12, 2023.

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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-57**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/2/2023

Licensee: GARCIA, JR NOE

License Type: 2021 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 157715  
License Number: 301912

Ruling # 2023-RUI-57

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Noe Garcia Jr., having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on July 2, 2023, for careless riding during the running of the 16th race on July 1, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, while aboard "Fezzo". (Drifted out under left handed urging, with no attempt to correct his course, causing multiple horses to check and alter course, resulting in the disqualification of his mount).

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed Noe Garcia Jr. a 5-day racing suspension, July 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th, and 30th, 2023. Mr. Garcia 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 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 \$500. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 12, 2023.

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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-58**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/2/2023

Licensee: RAMIREZ, RICARDO

License Type: 2022 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 31818  
License Number: 303589

Ruling # 2023-RUI-58

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, **Ricky Ramirez**, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on July 2, 2023, for careless riding during the running of the 12th race on July 1, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, while aboard "Eyeonagoodtime". (Drifted out shortly after the break, with no attempt to correct his course, causing #9 Twisterr to check and alter course, resulting in the disqualification of his mount).

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed **Ricky Ramirez** a 3-day racing suspension, July 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2023. Mr. Ramirez 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 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 \$500. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 12, 2023.

Violet Smith  
By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards



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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-59**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/2/2023

Licensee: **RODRIGUEZ, JOSE LUIS**  
License Type: 2021 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 163650  
License Number: 302412

Ruling # 2023-RUI-59

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Jose Rodriguez, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on July 2, 2023, for careless riding during the running of the 11th race on July 1, 2023, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, while aboard "Sting Cartel V". (Drifted in shortly after the break, with no attempt to correct his course, causing #2 Pycs Dynasty to check and alter course, resulting in the disqualification of his mount).

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed Jose Rodriguez a 3-day racing suspension, July 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2023. Mr. Rodriguez 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 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 \$500. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 12, 2023.

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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-60**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/3/2023

Licensee: AVILA, JR DANIEL  
License Type: 2022 1 Year Exercise P Applicant Id: 163609  
License Number: 306874

Ruling # 2023-RUI-60  
Action Type: Initial Ruling  
Ruling:

**Daniel Avila's New Mexico Racing Commission Exercise Rider and Groom License is hereby rescinded having been issued a Jockey License.**

**This ruling is in accordance with:**

**16.47.1.8 (M)(2)NMAC: Which states in pertinent part "A license is valid only under the condition that the licensee remains eligible to hold such a license"**

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards



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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-61**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/3/2023

Licensee: VALDEZ, JR MARTIN MANUEL  
License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 32891  
License Number: 304820

Ruling # 2023-RUI-61  
Action Type: Initial Ruling  
Ruling:

Trainer Martin Valdez-Cabral Jr. having been duly notified and appeared on July 3, 2023, before the Board of Stewards regarding a lab report from Industrial Laboratories (The official testing laboratory for the NMRC), for a confirmed positive blood sample for the drug Dexamethasone (class 4 penalty C) found in test sample E595726 taken from the 1st place finisher "Wildstarinthesky" following the 3rd race, on April 8, 2023 at Sunray Park Racetrack, New Mexico.

Split sample rights as provided in 15.2.6.10 (D) NMAC, were afforded to the trainer. Having been notified of his right to a Split Sample for E595726 that right was exercised. On May 5, 2023, the Split Sample E595726 was received by TVMDL. On May 17, 2023, TVMDL reported the Split Sample E595726 confirmed the presence of Dexamethasone, a Class 4 C drug.

Mr. Martin Valdez-Cabral Jr is the trainer of record for the horse "Wildstarinthesky."

For Martin Valdez-Cabral Jr, 1st violation within a 365-day period for a class 4 penalty C drug violation, issued in accordance with 15.2.6.9 (B)(4)

**The Board of Stewards hereby assess penalty as follows:**

A (\$1000.00) One Thousand dollar fine. Fine to be paid on or before August 2, 2023, in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B) (3) (1) NMRC. Failure to pay a fine in prescribed time will result in an immediate suspension until paid in full.

In addition, Martin Valdez-Cabral Jr has accumulated "1/2 point" for 1st violation in 365 days, (.05 Dexamethasone) under the multiple medication violation point system. Per 15.2.6.9 (O)(7)

Licensee is found in violation of and this ruling is 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. 15.2.6.11(A) Trainer Responsibility/ 16.47.1.8(T) Knowledge of the Rules/ 16.47.1.8(U)(1) Protection of Horses/ 16.47.1.10(B)(1)(2)(3) Absolute Insurer/ 15.2.6.9(B)(3) Penalty Recommendations.

15.2.1.9. (b) 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 15.2.1 NMAC 14 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 money order, cashier's check or a corporate check. Last date of appeal: July 13, 2023.



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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-62**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/3/2023

Licensee: ALVARADO, ALFRED

License Type: 2022 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 11265  
License Number: 304230

Ruling # 2023-RUI-62

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

**Owner Alfred Alvarado**, having been duly notified and having his trainer, Martin Valdez-Cabral Jr, appear on his behalf on July 3, 2023, before the Board of Stewards regarding a lab report from Industrial Laboratories (The official testing laboratory for the NMRC), for a confirmed blood positive sample for the drug DEXAMETHASONE (Class 4 penalty C drug) found in test sample **E595726** taken from the horse "Wildstarinthesky" who competed in the 3rd race and finished 1st on **April 8, 2023 at Sunray Park Racetrack, New Mexico.**

**Martin Valdez-Cabral Jr** is the trainer of record for the horse "Wildstarinthesky."

Split sample rights as provided in **15.2.6.10 (D) NMAC**, were afforded to the owner. Having been notified of his right to a Split Sample for E595726 that right was exercised. On May 5, 2023, the Split Sample E595726 was received by TVMDL. On May 17, 2023, TVMDL reported the Split Sample E595726 confirmed the presence of Dexamethasone, a Class 4 C drug.

**The Board of Stewards hereby order the purse to be redistributed as follows:**

**Official Order of finish:**

**1st -Rappers Thief**

**2nd-Flower Power**

**3rd-Las Tres Mariposas**

**4th-Eli Dancer**

**5th-Mamacita Cartier**

**6th-Credit Card Fraud**

**Wildstarinthesky is hereby disqualified from 1st place and will be unplaced.**

1. Must pass a commission approved exam prior to entry

No evidence was presented to disprove the findings of the NMRC.

Alfred Alvarado is found to be in violation of and this ruling is written in accordance with 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(3)(f) (g)(j) Stewards /15.2.6.9(C)(1) Medication Restrictions / 15.2.6.9(F)Permissible/ 15.2.6.9 NMAC Attachment 2/ Medications with Acceptable Levels /15.2.6.9(B)(4) Penalty Recommendations/ 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(k) Redistribution of Prizes/ 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) NMAC

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 \$400.00. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order." **Last date for appeal: July 13, 2023.**





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Ruling #: 2023-RUI-63  
Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/7/2023

Licensee: VEGA, LORENZO

License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 25821  
License Number: 303486

Ruling # 2023-RUI-63

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer **Lorenzo Vega** was duly notified and appeared via Teams before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards on June 23, 2023. The hearing was regarding a lab report from Industrial Laboratories (the Official testing laboratory for the NMRC) to the confirmed positive of the Drug Caffeine at 194ng/mL, Class 2 Penalty Class B, found in the blood of test sample E596077 taken from the horse "**Using Nitro**," the 1st place finisher in the 1st race on May 12th, 2023, at SunRay Park Racetrack in Farmington NM.

Split sample rights as provided in 15.2.6.10 (D) NMAC, were afforded to Mr. Lorenzo Vega as the Trainer of Record and were declined.

The Owner for the horse "**Using Nitro**" at the time of the violation was Jessica Orona.

**Aggravating factor: Caffeine is a Class 2 B Medication**

Note: Neither witnesses nor evidence were presented to disprove the findings of the New Mexico Racing Commission.

For **Lorenzo Vega** 1st Class 2 Penalty B medication violation in a 365 Days the Board of Stewards hereby assess a penalty, issued in accordance with 15.2.6.9 (B)(1) Penalty Recommendations, as follows:

1. **A 60 (Sixty) Day Suspension beginning July 1, 2023, thru August 30, 2023.**
2. **A fine of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand dollars)**, fine to be paid on or before Sunday, August 6, 2023, in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(I) NMAC. Failure to pay a fine in prescribed time will result in an immediate suspension
3. In addition, Lorenzo Vega has accumulated "0" points prior to this ruling and "4" points in connection with this ruling for a current total of "4" under the multiple medication violation point system.

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 (C)(21), **Lorenzo 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 **Lorenzo 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 **Lorenzo Vega** 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:

NMAC 15.2.1.9 B (3) (d); Due Process and Disciplinary Action; NMAC 15.2.3.8 B (1) (a-e) Stewards General Authority; NMAC 15.2.3.8 B (3) (a-k) Disciplinary Action; NMAC 15.2.5.12 B (1) Horse Ineligibility; NMAC 15.2.5.13 E (4) (d) Running of the Race; NMAC 15.2.6.9. A. (7) B (2) Penalty Recommendations; NMAC



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Ruling #: 2023-RUI-63  
Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/7/2023

Licensee: VEGA, LORENZO

License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 25821  
License Number: 303486

15.2.6.9(C)(1)(3) Medication Restrictions; NMAC 15.2.6.11 A Trainer Responsibility; NMAC 16.47.1.8. T. Knowledge of Rules; 15.2.6.9 (O)(1) Multiple Medication Violations (MMV), NMAC 16.47.1.8 U (1) Protection of horses; NMAC 16.47.1.10 B (1-3) Absolute Insurer.

This ruling is written in accordance with: NMAC 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority; NMAC 16.47.1.8 (A)(1) License Required; NMAC 16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required; NMAC 16.47.1.8(N) Last Known Address

NMAC 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 appeal is July 17, 2023

*David Ameln*  
By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards



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Ruling #: 2023-RUI-64  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/3/2023

Licensee: ORONA, JESSICA E

License Type: 2023 1 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 19826  
License Number: 308032

Ruling # 2023-RUI-64  
Action Type: Modified Ruling  
Ruling:

RE: 2023-RUI-64 - Modified Ruling

Owner Jessica Orona was duly notified and represented by her trainer Lorenzo Vega before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards on June 23rd, 2023. The hearing was regarding a lab report from Industrial Laboratories (the Official testing laboratory for the NMRC) to the confirmed positive of the Drug: Caffeine at 194ng/mL, Class 2 Penalty Class B, found in the blood of test sample E596077 taken from the horse "Using Nitro," the 1st place finisher in the 1st race on May 12th, 2023, at SunRay Park Racetrack in Farmington NM

Split sample rights as provided in 15.2.6.10 (D) NMAC, were afforded and declined by the trainer and owner

Lorenzo Vega was the trainer of record for the horse "Using Nitro" at the time of the violation.

For **Jessica Orona's** 1st Class 2 B medication violation in a 365 Days the Board of Stewards hereby assess a penalty, issued in accordance with 15.2.6.9 (B)(1) Penalty Recommendations, as follows:

1. The horse "Using Nitro" is hereby disqualified from 1st place and ordered unplaced from the 1st race on May 12th, 2023, at SunRay Park Racetrack for all but pari-mutuel wagering.
2. The horse "Using Nitro" must pass a commission approved examination before being eligible to enter.

The purse redistribution is as follows:

- 1) #5 Wisho
- 2) #8 A Simple Sendoff
- 3) #6 Kepler
- 4) #2 Tambien Wrangler
- 5) #1 Jewel of Navarone
- 6) #3 Bye Bye Heath
- 7) #4 Jess Toolin

**Disqualified and Unplaced: #7 Using Nitro**

Licensee is found to be in violation of and this ruling is written in accordance with 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(3)(f) (g)(j) Stewards /15.2.6.9(C)(1) Medication Restrictions / 15.2.6.9(F)Permissible/ 15.2.6.9 NMAC Attachment 2/ Medications with Acceptable Levels /15.2.6.9(B)(4) Penalty Recommendations/





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Licensee: ORONA, JESSICA E

License Type: 2023 1 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 19826  
License Number: 308032

15.2.3.8(B)(3)(k) Redistribution of Prizes/ 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) NMAC

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 \$400.00. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's Check, money order." The last day to file an appeal: **July 17, 2023**

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Ruling #: 2023-RUI-65  
Track: SunRay Park  
Ruling Date: 7/3/2023

Licensee: RODRIGUEZ, VERONICA

License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 137078  
License Number: 307901

Ruling # 2023-RUI-65  
Action Type: Modified Ruling  
Ruling:

RE: 2023-RUI-65 - Modified Ruling

Owner Veronica Rodriguez was duly notified and represented by her trainer Lorenzo Vega before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards on June 23rd, 2023. The hearing was regarding a lab report from Industrial Laboratories (the Official testing laboratory for the NMRC) to the confirmed positive of the Drug Caffeine at 423 ng/mL, Class 2 Penalty Class B and found in blood test sample E596082 taken from the horse "**Saturn Cloud**," the 2nd place finisher in the 3rd race on May 12th, 2023, at SunRay Park Racetrack in Farmington NM. Split sample rights as provided in 15.2.6.10 (D) NMAC, were afforded and declined by the trainer and owner

Lorenzo Vega was the trainer of record for the horse "Saturn Cloud" at the time of the violation.

For **Veronica Rodriguez** 1st Class 2 B medication violation in a 365 Days the Board of Stewards hereby assess a penalty, issued in accordance with 15.2.6.9 (B)(1) Penalty Recommendations, as follows:

1. The horse "Saturn Cloud" is hereby disqualified from 2nd place and ordered unplaced from the 3rd race on May 12th, 2023, at SunRay Park Racetrack for all but pari-mutuel wagering.
2. The horse "Saturn Cloud" must pass a commission approved examination before being eligible to enter.

The purse redistribution is as follows:

- 1) #5 Cartel Attitude
- 2) #3 You Buy I Fly V
- 3) #4 She Hit a Homer
- 4) #2 Al Site D Copas
- 5) #1 Rod James
- 6) #7 Jets Movin On
- 7) #6 Enchiloso

**Disqualified and Unplaced: #8 Saturn Cloud**

Licensee is found to be in violation of and this ruling is written in accordance with 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(3)(f) (g)(j) Stewards /15.2.6.9(C)(1) Medication Restrictions / 15.2.6.9(F)Permissible/ 15.2.6.9 NMAC Attachment 2/ Medications with Acceptable Levels /15.2.6.9(B)(4) Penalty Recommendations/ 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(k) Redistribution of Prizes/ 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) NMAC



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Ruling #: 2023-RUI-65  
Track SunRay Park  
Ruling Date: 7/3/2023

Licensee: RODRIGUEZ, VERONICA

License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 137078  
License Number: 307901

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 \$400.00. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's Check, money order." The last day to file an appeal: **July 17, 2023**

  
By Order of The SunRay Park Stewards





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Ruling #: 2023-RUI-66  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/5/2023

Licensee: VEGA, LORENZO

License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 25821  
License Number: 303486

Ruling # 2023-RUI-66

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer **Lorenzo Vega** was duly notified and appeared via Teams before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards on June 23, 2023. The hearing was regarding a lab report from Industrial Laboratories (the Official testing laboratory for the NMRC) to the confirmed positive of the Drug Caffeine at 423 ng/mL, Class 2 Penalty Class B, found in the blood of test sample E596082 taken from the horse "**Saturn Cloud**," the 2nd place finisher in the 3rd race on May 12th, 2023, at SunRay Park Racetrack in Farmington NM.

Split sample rights as provided in 15.2.6.10 (D) NMAC, were afforded to Mr. Lorenzo Vega as the Trainer of Record and were declined.

The Owner for the horse "**Saturn Cloud**" at the time of the violation was Veronica Rodriguez.

**Aggravating factor:** Caffeine is a Class B medications.

**Aggravating factor:** This Mr. Vega's 2nd Class 2 Penalty B drug Medication Violation in 365 days

**Aggravating Factor:** This is Mr. Vega's 2nd Violation on May 12, 2023, at SunRay Park

**Aggravating Factor:** The level for Caffeine was over 3 times the allowable amount of 100 ng/mL

Note: Neither witnesses nor evidence were presented to disprove the findings of the New Mexico Racing Commission.

For **Lorenzo Vega** 2nd Class 2 penalty B medication violation in a 365 Days the Board of Stewards hereby assess a penalty, issued in accordance with 15.2.6.9 (B)(1) Penalty Recommendations, as follows:

1. **A 180 (One Hundred & Eighty) Day Suspension beginning August 31, 2023, thru February 27, 2024**
2. **A fine of \$2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars),** fine to be paid on or before Sunday, August 6th, 2023, in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(I) NMAC. Failure to pay a fine in prescribed time will result in an immediate suspension
3. In addition, Lorenzo Vega has accumulated "4" points prior to this ruling and "4" points in connection with this ruling for a current total of "8" under the multiple medication violation point system therefore enhancing his suspension by an additional 45 days, **February 28, 2024, thru April 13, 2024.**

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 (C)(21), **Lorenzo 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 **Lorenzo 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 **Lorenzo Vega** 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.



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Ruling #: 2023-RUI-66  
Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/5/2023

Licensee: VEGA, LORENZO

License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 25821  
License Number: 303486

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

NMAC 15.2.1.9 B (3) (d); Due Process and Disciplinary Action; NMAC 15.2.3.8 B (1) (a-e) Stewards General Authority; NMAC 15.2.3.8 B (3) (a-k) Disciplinary Action; NMAC 15.2.5.12 B (1) Horse Ineligibility; NMAC 15.2.5.13 E (4) (d) Running of the Race; NMAC 15.2.6.9. A. (7) B (2) Penalty Recommendations; NMAC 15.2.6.9(C)(1)(3) Medication Restrictions; NMAC 15.2.6.11 A Trainer Responsibility; NMAC 16.47.1.8. T. Knowledge of Rules; 15.2.6.9 (O)(1) Multiple Medication Violations (MMV), NMAC 16.47.1.8 U (1) Protection of horses; NMAC 16.47.1.10 B (1-3) Absolute Insurer.

This ruling is written in accordance with: NMAC 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority; NMAC 16.47.1.8 (A)(1) License Required; NMAC 16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required; NMAC 16.47.1.8(N) Last Known Address NMAC 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 appeal is July 17, 2023**

*Jessie Smith*  
By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards



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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-67**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/7/2023

Licensee: **MARQUEZ, JOSE LUIS**  
License Type: **2022 3 Year Trainer**      Applicant Id: **23709**  
License Number: **304990**

Ruling #            2023-RUI-67  
Action Type:      Initial Ruling  
Ruling:

Trainer **Jose Luis Marquez** was duly notified and appeared via Teams before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards on July 7, 2023. The hearing was regarding a lab report from Industrial Laboratories (the Official testing laboratory for the NMRC) to the confirmed positive of the Drug **THEOPHYLLINE** at 1675.00 ng/mL, Class 2 Penalty B, found in the urine of test sample E595912 taken from the horse "**Mr. James Rocket**" the 1st place finisher in the 3rd race on April 28, 2023, at SunRay Park Racetrack in Farmington NM.

Split sample rights as provided in 15.2.6.10 (D) NMAC, were afforded to Mr. Marquez as the Trainer of Record and were declined.

The Owner for the horse "Mr. James Rocket" at the time of the violation was Dianna Melendez.

**Aggravating factor:** Theophylline is a Class 2 Penalty B medication.

**Aggravating factor:** Mr. Marquez has an extensive medication violation history.

**Aggravating Factor:** The level for Theophylline was over 4 times the allowable amount of 400 ng/mL

Note: Neither witnesses nor evidence were presented to disprove the findings of the New Mexico Racing Commission.

For **Jose Luis Marquez** first Class 2 Penalty B medication violation in a 365 Days the Board of Stewards hereby assess a penalty, issued in accordance with 15.2.6.9 (B)(1) Penalty Recommendations, as follows:

1. **A sixty (60) Day Suspension beginning July 7, 2023, thru September 5, 2023.**
2. **A fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)**, fine to be paid on or before Sunday, August 6th, 2023, in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(I) NMAC. Failure to pay a fine in prescribed time will result in an immediate suspension
3. In addition, Jose Luis Marquez has accumulated "0" points prior to this ruling and "4" points in connection with this ruling for a current total of "4" under the multiple medication violation point system.

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 (C)(21), **Jose Luis Marquez** 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 **Jose Luis Marquez** 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,





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Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/7/2023

Licensee: MARQUEZ, JOSE LUIS

License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 23709  
License Number: 304990

or in the care and custody of **Jose Luis Marquez** 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:  
NMAC 15.2.1.9 B (3) (d); Due Process and Disciplinary Action; NMAC 15.2.3.8 B (1) (a-e) Stewards General Authority; NMAC 15.2.3.8 B (3) (a-k) Disciplinary Action; NMAC 15.2.5.12 B (1) Horse Ineligibility; NMAC 15.2.5.13 E (4) (d) Running of the Race; NMAC 15.2.6.9. A. (7) B (2) Penalty Recommendations; NMAC 15.2.6.9(C)(1)(3) Medication Restrictions; NMAC 15.2.6.11 A Trainer Responsibility; NMAC 16.47.1.8. T. Knowledge of Rules; 15.2.6.9 (O)(1) Multiple Medication Violations (MMV), NMAC 16.47.1.8 U (1) Protection of horses; NMAC 16.47.1.10 B (1-3) Absolute Insurer.

This ruling is written in accordance with: NMAC 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority; NMAC 16.47.1.8 (A) (1) License Required; NMAC 16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required; NMAC 16.47.1.8(N) Last Known Address

NMAC 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 appeal is July 17, 2023**

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Ruling #: **2023-RUI-68**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/7/2023

Licensee: MELENDEZ, DIANNA ETHEL  
License Type: 2021 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 34216  
License Number: 300814

Ruling # 2023-RUI-68

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Dianna Melendez was duly notified and represented by her trainer Jose Luis Marquez before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards on July 7, 2023. The hearing was regarding a lab report from Industrial Laboratories (the Official testing laboratory for the NMRC) to the confirmed positive of the Drug: Theophylline at 1675.00 ng/mL, Class 2 Penalty B, found in the urine of test sample E595912 taken from the horse **"Mr. James Rocket"** the 1st place finisher in the 3rd race on April 28, 2023, at SunRay Park Racetrack in Farmington NM.

Split sample rights as provided in 15.2.6.10 (D) NMAC, were afforded and declined by the trainer and owner. Jose Luis Marquez was the trainer of record for the horse **"Mr. James Rocket"** at the time of the violation.

For **Dianna Melendez's** 1st Class 2 Penalty B medication violation in a 365 Days the Board of Stewards hereby assess a penalty, issued in accordance with 15.2.6.9 (B)(1) Penalty Recommendations, as follows:

1. The horse **"Mr. James Rocket"** is hereby disqualified from 1st place and ordered unplaced from the 3rd race on April 28, 2023, at SunRay Park Racetrack for all but pari-mutuel wagering.
2. The horse **"Mr. James Rocket"** must pass a commission approved examination before being eligible to enter.

The purse redistribution is as follows:

- 1) #5 Blazin N Flashin
- 2) #4 Eagles Flash
- 3) #10 Fs Maxx Velocity
- 4) #1 Mm the Gray Rocket
- 5) #9 Grs Wood B Streak
- 6) #8 Toby the Tiger
- 7) #7 A Kings Dynasty
- 8) #2 Look At Moon Chick

**Disqualified and Unplaced: #6 Mr. James Rocket**

Licensee is found to be in violation of and this ruling is written in accordance with 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(3)(f)(g)(j) Stewards / 15.2.6.9(C)(1) Medication Restrictions / 15.2.6.9(F) Permissible / 15.2.6.9 NMAC Attachment 2 / Medications with Acceptable Levels / 15.2.6.9(B)(4) Penalty Recommendations / 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(k) Redistribution of Prizes / 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) NMAC

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 \$400.00. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's Check, money order." The last day to file an appeal: **July 17, 2023**



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Ruling #: 2023-RUI-69  
Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/10/2023

Licensee: MELLO-ANDREWSON, STEPHANIE LEIGH  
License Type: 2023 1 Year Pari Mutue Applicant Id: 165400  
License Number: 308691

Ruling # 2023-RUI-69

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Pari Mutuel Stephanie Mello Andrewson, having been duly notified and had her hearing held in absentia, before the Board of Stewards on July 10th, 2023, regarding her Background Check. The Stewards assessed her background and revoked her license due to a Felony Charges & an active warrant out of Arkansas and failure to disclose charges on her licensing application. Ms. Andrewson must provide documentation to the Board of Stewards regarding disposition of felony charges and of active warrant being cleared before license will be reinstated.

Licensee is found to be in violation of:

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

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(a)(b)(f)(i) CONDUCT

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(d) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures

16.47.1.8.2 (M)(2) Duration of License: (2) A license is valid only under the condition that the licensee remains eligible to hold such license

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

16.47.1.8(N) Last Known Address

16.47.1 M(2) Duration of License

16.47.1.8(L)(2) Written Notice Of Suspension Or Revocation To Licensee And Other Jurisdictions

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards