



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2023-DAA-28**
Track: Downs at Albuquerque
Ruling Date: 9/20/2023

Licensee: **VALDEZ, FELIPE SANCHEZ**
License Type: **2022 1 Year Jockey** Applicant Id: **86558**
License Number: **306703**

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Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, **Felipe Valdez**, having been summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on **September 20, 2023**, for careless riding during the running of the **7th race on September 17, 2023, at The Downs at Albuquerque Racetrack**, while aboard "Smooth Waters". (Drifted into the path of #3 Flying Phantom Under left-handed whip making #3 to alter course.

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed **Felipe Valdez**, a 3-day racing suspension, September 30th, October 1st, & October 4th, 2023. **Felipe Valdez**, may ride in designated races.

Licensee is found in violation of:

15.2.5.13(E)(2)(a) NMAC: Post to Finish Which states in pertinent part that "A jockey shall not ride carelessly or willfully so as to permit his/her mount to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse in 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 **October 30, 2023**.