



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2024-SUN-52**  
Track: Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 2/3/2024

Licensee: VILLANUEVA, JUAN CARLOS  
License Type: 2023 1 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 34058  
License Number: 309648

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Action Type:      Final Outcome  
Ruling:

Jockey Juan Carlos Villanueva opted to waive his summary suspension hearing, 10-day notice, and disciplinary hearing before the board of stewards of Sunland Park Racetrack on February 10, 2024 at 10:00am in this matter. Failing a drug test which was positive for THC.

**The Board of Stewards determined mitigating/Aggravating factors:**

- First Offense

**The Board of Stewards hereby assesses a penalty as follows:**

1. A 15-day (Fifteen) suspension beginning February 4, 2024, through February 19, 2024

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 (C)(21), Jockey Juan Carlos Villanueva is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC. Before being reinstated must pass a drug test on or after February 19, 2024.

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

16.47.1.17 (A)(1) TESTING PROCEDURES At its discretion, the commission may conduct random or episodic random drug testing, as well as testing based on reasonable suspicion, in order to ensure safety on the racetrack.

16.47.1.17 (A)(2) TESTING PROCEDURES When conducted, random drug testing shall apply, equally, to all licensees who are, at the time of the random testing, exercising the privileges of their license in such ways as may affect the outcome of a race or diminish the conditions of safety or decorum required in restricted areas.

on reasonable suspicion that the person is using drugs or alcohol or is based 16.47.1.17 (C)(6) Human Drug Testing/ Restricted Activities It shall be an offense to exercise the privileges granted by a license from this commission if the licensee: refuses to submit to urine or drug testing, when notified that such testing is based on a random drug testing procedure, is based on the licensee's acting as if in an impaired condition.

16.47.1.18 NMAC will be followed. B. First-time offenders: (1) The board of stewards or the commission may, at its discretion, order the licensee to obtain a professional assessment to determine whether there is a substantial probability that the licensee is dependent on, or abuses, alcohol or other drugs or the board of stewards or the commission may act on the information at hand

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



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Appeal Procedures 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 money order, cashier's check or a corporate check. Last day to appeal March 20, 2024.

  
By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards