



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2024-SUN-111**
Track: Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 4/4/2024

Licensee: **MERAZ, JOSE EFREN**
License Type: **2022 3 Year Trainer** Applicant Id: **35556**
License Number: **306175**

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Action Type: Modified Ruling
Ruling:

RE: 2024-SUN-111 - Modified Ruling

Trainer, Jose Efren Meraz, is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately, April 4, 2024, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled for Saturday April 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the office of the Board of Stewards at Sunray Park Racetrack (39 Rd 5568, Farmington, NM 87401), per 15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) Summary Suspension. The summary suspension is regarding a medication violation on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at Sunland Park Racetrack: "Heart of Eagle" Sample E546049 tested positive for the drug Albuterol a class 3 penalty A drug. An affidavit from Industrial Laboratories (the official laboratory for the NMAC.) on April 3, 2024, reported the presence of Albuterol confirmed in urine.

(Jose Efren Meraz was listed as the Trainer of Heart of Eagle at the time of this race.)

NMAC 16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(i) Grounds for disciplinary measures for a licensee, and refusal, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license: (1) The commission may refuse to issue a license to an applicant, or may suspend or revoke a license issued, or order disciplinary measures, if the applicant:

(i) is a person whose conduct or reputation may adversely reflect on the honesty and integrity of horse racing or interfere with the orderly conduct of a race meeting; interfering with the orderly conduct of a race meeting shall include, but is not limited to, disruptive or intemperate behavior or behavior which exposes others to danger anywhere on the racetrack grounds; the fact that the race meet was not actually interrupted is not a defense to the imposition of discipline under this rule;

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 (C)(21), Jose Efren Meraz 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 Efren Meraz 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 Jose Efren Meraz must be done in accordance with 15.2.6.9a(12)(A)(B) Medication and Prohibited Substances, 16.47.1.10 (D)(5) Assistant Trainers And 15.2.1.9(B)(8)(B) Due Process and Disciplinary Action.

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

16.47.1.8 (U)(1)(2) Protection of Horses

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

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(i) (o)Grounds for disciplinary measures for a licensee, and refusal, denial,



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15.2.1.9(B)(3)(a) Proceedings Before the Stewards: Summary Suspension If the Stewards determine that a licensee's action constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the Stewards may summarily suspend the licensee pending a hearing.

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

15.2.1.8(B)(1) COMMISSION GENERAL AUTHORITY/15.2.3.8 B (3)(a)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action/15.2.3.8 B (1) (a)(c)(d) Stewards General Authority/16.47.1.8 (T)

15.2.6.9 NMAC. Penalty Recommendations

KNOWLEDGE OF RULES /16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority

16.47.1.8 (A)(1)(2) License Required /16.47.1.8(N) Changes in Application in.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards