



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87116

Ruling #: **2024-RUI-45**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/27/2024

Licensee: REYNOLDS, CODY LYMOIN  
License Type: 2023 1 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 34144  
License Number: 310993

Ruling # 2024-RUI-45

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Cody Reynolds, having been duly notified and having waived his 10-day notice and formal hearing appeared before the Board of Stewards at Ruidoso Downs on July 21, 2024 regarding a medication violation on June 28, 2024, at Ruidoso Downs, involving the sixth-place finisher of the 9th race, "La Barrita De Plata", for Dexamethasone, a Class 4 Penalty C drug, found in blood sample #E547018, confirmed by Industrial Laboratories (the official lab for the NMRC).

Trainer Cody Reynolds and owner Felipe Carrasco were offered a split sample test and declined.

**For this violation (first offense 365-day period) the Board of Stewards issues the following penalties:**

1. A fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) which must be paid on or before August 10, 2024, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(e). Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time may result in immediate suspension. Pursuant to NMAC 15.2.1.9(A)(7)(f) all fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Commission within 14 days after the Ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered.

In addition, and pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.9(B)(1-7), trainer Cody Reynolds has accumulated a total of "1/2 point" for this violation.

**Licensee is found in violation of NMAC:**

NMAC 15.2.6.9 B (3) Medications and Prohibited Substances,  
NMAC 15.2.6.11 A. Trainer Responsibility, NMAC 16.47.1.8.U. (1) Protection of Horses, NMAC 16.47.1.10 B. (1-3) Absolute Insurer and NMAC 16.47.1.8. T. Knowledge of Rules

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

15.2.1.9(A)(4)(a) Notice  
15.2.1.9 (A)(4)(c) Last Known Address  
15.2.3.8 B (3)(e) 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 (L)(1) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures  
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  
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



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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 August 06, 2024.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards



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Ruling #: **2024-RUI-46**  
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Ruling Date: 7/27/2024

Licensee: CARRASCO, FELIPE VALENZUELA  
License Type: 2022 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 165024  
License Number: 307276

Ruling # 2024-RUI-46

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Felipe Carrasco, having been represented by trainer Cody Reynolds and having been duly notified, waived his 10-day notice and formal hearing and appeared before the Board of Stewards at Ruidoso Downs on July 21, 2024 regarding a confirmed positive test for Dexamethasone, a Class 4, Penalty C drug, by Industrial Laboratory, the official laboratory of the NMRC, for sample #E547018 (Blood) on the horse "La Barrita De Plata" who placed 6th in the 9th race held at Ruidoso Downs NM on June 28, 2024.

Split sample testing rights were afforded to trainer Cody Reynolds and owner Felipe Carrasco and were declined.

Mr. Cody Reynolds was the trainer of record on June 28, 2024

In accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9(B)(4) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS, this is Owner Felipe Carrasco's first Class 4 Penalty C drug medication violation in a 365-day period.

15.2.5.14 D. (7) Protests, Objections and Inquiries: The stewards may order any purse, award or prize for any race withheld from distribution pending the determination of any protest. In the event any purse, award or prize has been distributed to an owner or for a horse which by reason of a protest or other reason is disqualified or determined to be not entitled to such purse, award or prize, the stewards or the commission may order such purse, award or prize returned and redistributed to the rightful owner or horse. Any person who fails to comply with an order to return any purse, award or prize erroneously distributed shall be subject to fines and suspension.

**The Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:**

The purse redistribution is as follows:

- 1) MOUNTAINAIRE
- 2) ASSAULTT
- 3) FLYING CACHINA EAGLE
- 4) ALL ABOUT ME
- 5) SHES FANCY
- 6) ROSIES ROSIE
- 7) UNPRECEDYNTED
- 8) REMEMBER YOU TOO

"La Barrita De Plata" is hereby disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes.

The horse "La Barrita De Plata" must pass a commission approved examination before being eligible to enter.



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License Type: 2022 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 165024  
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**Licensee is found to be in violation of and this ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:**  
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: August 6, 2024.

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*[Handwritten signatures of three stewards]*



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Ruling #: **2024-RUI-47**  
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Ruling Date: 7/29/2024

Licensee: **MERAZ, JOSE ELISEO**  
License Type: **2023 3 Year Owner**      Applicant Id: **15129**  
License Number: **308724**

Ruling #            2024-RUI-47  
Action Type:        Initial Ruling  
Ruling:

Owner Jose E Meraz was duly notified for a disciplinary hearing and represented by Julian Mancillas via Microsoft Teams appeared before the NMRC Board of Stewards at 9:00 a.m. on July 26, 2024, regarding a medication violation for 2nd place finisher (6th race) at Sunland Park Racetrack on March 17, 2024 (West Texas Futurity Trial) for "Heart of Eagle" Sample E546049 who tested positive for the drug Albuterol a class 3 penalty A drug. An affidavit from Industrial Laboratories (the official laboratory for the NMRC.) on April 3, 2024, reported the presence of Albuterol confirmed in urine.

Mr. Meraz was afforded a split sample which he sent to Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry laboratory and was confirmed for Albuterol in urine.

Mr. Jose Effren Meraz was the trainer of record on March 17, 2024, for "Heart of Eagle".

Given the evidence presented, Mr. Jose E Meraz is found to be in violation of the following Commission Rules:

Rule 15.2.6.9(C)(1)(4) Medication Restrictions; no permissible levels of Albuterol;  
Rule 16.47.1.8(U) Protection of Horses.

In accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9(B)(4) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS, this is Jose E Meraz's first Class 3 Penalty A medication violation in a 365-day period.

The NMRC Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d), "Heart of Eagle" is disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.14(D)(7), the purse redistribution is as follows:

- 1) SHES FANCY
- 2) KASH N CHECKS
- 3) BLUFFN YOU
- 4) JESS ACES FORTUNES
- 5) BP SEIS ALL
- 6) FIRST EAGLE N FLIGHT
- 7) BOUJEE RUNNER
- 8) FREIGHT TRAIN DIVA



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Unplaced: Heart of Eagle

The horse "Heart of Eagle" is placed on the Commission Veterinarian's list for 180 days beginning July 29, 2024, through January 25, 2025, and must pass a Commission approved examination before being eligible to enter, which shall include providing negative results in both a blood and hair sample done under the supervision and authority of the New Mexico Racing Commission. In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "Heart of Eagle" shall remain on the Stewards' List until such time as the case is fully adjudicated.

This Ruling is written in accordance with the following Commission Rules:

Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(3)(f)(g)(j) Stewards General Authority;  
Rule 15.2.1.9(B)(3)(a-k) Due Process and Disciplinary Action;  
Rule 15.2.6.9(B) Penalty Recommendations;  
Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(j) Purse, prize redistribution.  
Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) Unplacing, purse redistribution.

15.2.6.9(B)(4) Penalty Recommendations:

Licensee's right to appeal: Rule 15.2.1.9(B)(9)(b) states in pertinent part "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: Monday August 8, 2024.

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