



New Mexico Livestock Board  
Commission  
Racing Division  
SunRay Park, 977 E. 10th

Ruling #: 2025-SRP-11  
Track SunRay Park  
Ruling Date: 4/24/2025

Licensee: APODACA-DIAZ, JESUS ANTONIO  
License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 165412  
License Number: 308731

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RE: 2025-SRP-11 - 4/30/25 - Case Continued

Owner Jesus Antonio Apodaca-Diaz having been properly noticed appeared via Microsoft Teams before the Sunray Park Board of Stewards for his summary suspension hearing on April 30th, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. per Rule 15.2.1.9 (A)(3) **Summary Suspension**, regarding Jesus Antonio Apodaca-Diaz's admission to altering the name on the Coggins/Piro for the horse "Gallivant Ar" that was submitted to the Sunray Park Racing Office by his brother Owner Daniel Apodaca.

Jesus Antonio Apodaca-Diaz testified he wrote on both the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Equine Infectious Anemia Test Form (herein after referred to as "Coggins") and the New Mexico Livestock Board Equine Piroplasmiasis Form (herein after referred to as "Piro"). Jesus Antonio Apodaca-Diaz testified he wrote the name "Gallivant Ar" in the section for the horse's name on both the Coggins and Piro. The explanation provided by Jesus Antonio Apodaca-Diaz was that he felt the horse's name was blurry and not legible, so he wrote over the horse's name, and then made copies of both the Coggins and Piro, which he then gave to his brother, Daniel Apodaca, owner of "Gallivant Ar". Daniel Apodaca then submitted the altered copies to the Sunray Park Racing Office.

After hearing evidence and testimony presented, the Stewards determined the summary suspension shall remain in effect pending the outcome of investigations from both the USDA and the New Mexico Livestock Board. After the completion of those investigations, a Steward disciplinary hearing will be scheduled.

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;"



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In accordance with Rule 15.2.1.9 (B)(21)(a)(b), Jesus Antonio Apodaca-Diaz is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC. Additionally, effective upon applicable suspension dates, all horses owned or under the care of Jesus Antonio Apodaca-Diaz are ineligible to be sold or transferred without prior approval of the Stewards and are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per Rule 15.2.1.9(B)(21)(c). NMSA 1978, Section 60-1A-4(A)(2) provides "The commission may exclude or compel the exclusion of a person from all horse racetracks who the commission deems detrimental to the best interests of horse racing..."

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

15.2.1.8 B. (1) Commission General Authority  
15.2.1.9 A. Proceedings before the Stewards  
15.2.3.8 B. Stewards  
16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority  
16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required  
16.47.1.8.L. Grounds for Disciplinary Measures  
16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application  
16.47.1.8 T. Knowledge of Rules  
16.47.1.8 U. Protection of Horses

By Order of The SunRay Park Stewards

*Glen E. Acappozzello*