



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-SRP-7
Track SunRay Park
Ruling Date: 4/18/2025

Licensee: APODACA, DANIEL

License Type: 2024 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 35633
License Number: 313326

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Action Type: Case Continued
Ruling:

RE: 2025-SRP-7 - 5/3/25- Case Continued

Owner Daniel Apodaca appeared with Jesus Antonio Apodaca-Diaz (interpreter for and brother to Owner Daniel Apodaca) before the Board of Stewards at Sunray Park (39 Rd 5568, Farmington, NM 87401) for his Summary Suspension hearing, per Rule 15.2.1.9 A.(3) (a)(b)(c), on April 24th, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. regarding the validity of an Equine Infectious Anemia Test Form (herein after "Coggins") and Equine Piroplasmiasis Form (herein after "Piro") that was submitted to the Sunray Park Racing Office with the foal papers for the horse "Gallivant Ar". The foal certificate and Coggins/Piro was in Trainer Juan Alfredo Hernandez's file. Daniel Apodaca is listed as the Owner of "Gallivant Ar".

Jesus Antonio Apodaca-Diaz testified he wrote on both the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Coggins and the New Mexico Livestock Board Equine 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 viewing the evidence and testimony presented, the Sunray Park Board of Stewards determined the summary suspension shall remain in effect pending the outcome of investigations from both the USDA and the New Mexico Livestock Board. A Board of Stewards disciplinary hearing for Daniel Apodaca will be scheduled after the completion of investigations from both the USDA and the New Mexico Livestock Board.

The following horses shall remain on the Stewards list until the case is fully adjudicated: "Gallivant AR"; "Next Star"; "HS Apolos Light"; "Nube Blancas"; and "Eb Little King".

NMAC 16.47.1.8 L.(1)(e)(i)(o) **"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:
(e) has been found in violation of rules governing racing in New Mexico and of other racing commissions or of any recognized regulatory organization;
(i) is a person whose conduct or reputation may adversely reflect on the honesty and



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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;"

(o) has engaged in conduct becoming [sic] or detrimental to the best interests of racing".

In accordance with Rule 15.2.1.9 (B)(21)(a)(b), Daniel Apodaca 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 Daniel Apodaca 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) 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

JKS *Heff Walker*