

## New Mexico Racing Commission 49(16) Alexandra Thi Albuquerque, MN 871.3

Ruling #:

2025-RUI-10

Track

Ruidoso Downs

Ruling Date:

6/1/2025

Licensee:

WILLIS, EDDIE D.

License Type:

2022 3 Year Trainer

Applicant Id: 5410

License Number: 305448

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Action Type:

Case Continued

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RE: 2025-RUI-10 - Case Continued

Owner/Trainer Eddie D. Willis having been properly noticed appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards for his Summary Suspension hearing, represented by Attorney Daniel Marquez via Microsoft Teams on June 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. regarding an Order by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission (Ruling 2024-OHRC-014) per Rule 15.2.1.9 A. (3) Summary Suspension.

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission (OHRC) issued Order # 2024-OHRC-014 dated April 16, 2025, by Administrative Law Judge Rachel Lawrence, excluding Eddie Willis from all racing enclosures under the jurisdiction of the OHRC for six (6) months and a fine of \$10,000. The six (6) month exclusion period should be for months in which there are Commission race meets. Eddie Willis is currently excluded from all Commission racetracks for six (6) months during 2025.

After hearing evidence and testimony presented, the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards determined the Summary Suspension shall remain in effect pending reinstatement from the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission stating that Mr. Eddie D. Willis is eligible to participate in racing his horses in the State of Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission Order of Exclusion is no longer in effect.

NMAC 15.2.1.9 B. (22) Reciprocity. The stewards shall honor rulings from recognized regulatory organizations or other pari-mutuel jurisdictions regarding license suspensions, revocation or eligibility of horses.

NMAC 15.2.1.9 A. (8)(c) Effect of Rulings. The stewards shall honor the rulings issued by other pari-mutuel racing commissions or other recognized regulatory organizations.

NMAC 16.47.1.8 L. (1)(e) 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: has been found in violation of rules governing racing in New Mexico and of other racing commissions or of any recognized regulatory organization.

During said time of applicable suspension, Eddie D. Willis is hereby excluded from all areas



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of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC, in accordance with 15.2.1.9 B. (21) **Exclusion**. Additionally, effective upon applicable suspension dates, all horses owned. trained, or under the care of, Eddie D. Willis are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per NMAC 15.2.1.9 B. (21) (c). Pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.9 A. (13) horses shall not be transferred to a licensed person within the first degree of affinity or consanguinity.

## This ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:

15.2.1.8 B. (1) Commission General Authority

15.2.1.9 Due Process and Disciplinary Action

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

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

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