



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-RUI-39  
Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/4/2025

Licensee: GONZALES,III JAMES JULIAN

License Type: 2024 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 33139  
License Number: 312402

Ruling # 2025-RUI-39

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer James Gonzalez III having been duly notified, waived a 10-day notice and formal hearing, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards on July 4, 2025, for failure to bring his entry #2 "Fiona Is Toxic" to the paddock with proper equipment (flipping halter) for the 2nd race on June 29th, 2025 at Ruidoso Downs.

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

1. A fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) which must be paid on or before July 18th, 2025. Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time may result in immediate suspension. Pursuant to Rule 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.

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

15.2.5.8 (B)(6) Procedure for Entries No alteration may be made in any entry after the closing of entries, but an error may be corrected with permission of the stewards.  
15.2.5.8 (B)(10) Procedure for Entries Any approved change of equipment must be declared at time of entry. Any changes after that time must be approved by the stewards.  
15.2.6.11(E)(11) Trainer Responsibility: The trainer is responsible for ensuring proper bandages, equipment, and shoes.  
16.47.1.10 (C) Trainers; Other Responsibility (C)(17)(20)

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

15.2.1.9 A. 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 N. Changes in Application  
16.47.1.8 T. Knowledge of Rules  
15.2.1.9 A. (9)(b): Appeal Procedures, which states "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days after the day of the ruling. If the deadline falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the period is extended to 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 dollars. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check or a money order. The last day to file is July 14, 2025



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By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

*Geoff Wapler*

*David Limer*



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Ruling #: **2025-RUI-40**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/5/2025

Licensee: FLORES-GARCIA, LUIS ANGEL  
License Type: 2024 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 163497  
License Number: 312053

Ruling # 2025-RUI-40

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Luis Angel Flores-Garcia, having been properly summoned and having appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards, on July 4, 2025, for careless riding during the running of race 10 on June 29, 2025, while aboard # 7 "Electrifying Cowboy" who bore into the path of #5 under right handed whip causing #5 to check and alter course costing #5 a better placing. #7 was disqualified from 2nd and placed 4th behind the #5.

**For this violation, the Board of Stewards issued the following penalty:**

A 7-calendar day suspension, beginning on July 12, 2025, through July 18, 2025.

Luis Angel Flores-Garcia may ride in designated races. (Rule 16.47.1.12 G. (2))

16.47.1.12 G. Jockey Suspensions and Designated Races.

16.47.1.12 G. (4)(a)(b)

16.47.1.12 G. (5)(a)(b)(c)

**Licensee is found in violation of:**

15.2.5.13 E. (2)(a) NMAC: Post to Finish Which states in pertinent part that "A jockey shall not ride carelessly or willfully so as to permit their mount to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse in the race."

15.2.5.13 E. Maintaining a straight course:

15.2.5.13 E. (3)(a) NMAC: Which states in pertinent part that "When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side, so as to interfere with, impede, or intimidate any other horse, it is a foul."

15.2.5.13 E. (3)(b) The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

15.2.5.13 E. (3)(c) NMAC: Post to Finish Which states in pertinent part that "If the Stewards determine the foul was intentional, or due to careless riding, they may fine or suspend the guilty jockey."

15.2.5.13 E. (3)(d) In a straightaway race, every horse must maintain position as nearly as possible in the lane in which it starts. If a horse is ridden, drifts or swerves out of its lane in such a manner that it interferes with, impedes or intimidates another horse, it is a foul and may result in the disqualification of the offending horse.

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

15.2.1.8 B. (1) Commission General Authority

15.2.1.9 A. Proceedings before the Stewards

15.2.3.8 B. Stewards



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Ruling Date: **7/5/2025**

Licensee: **FLORES-GARCIA, LUIS ANGEL**  
License Type: **2024 3 Year Jockey**      Applicant Id: **163497**  
License Number: **312053**

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  
15.2.1.9 A (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. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order". The last day to file an appeal is July 15, 2025.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

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*David Smith*



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Ruling #: **2025-RUI-41**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/5/2025

Licensee: MARQUEZ, LARRY

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 164170  
License Number: 307547

Ruling # 2025-RUI-41

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Larry Marquez, having been properly summoned appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards, on July 5, 2025, for careless riding during the running of race 8 on June 22, 2025, while aboard # 8 "Murphy Goode" who bore out into the path of #9 causing interference.

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

15.2.5.13 E. (2)(a) Post to Finish: "A jockey shall not ride carelessly or willfully so as to permit their mount to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse in the race."

15.2.5.13 E. Maintaining a straight course:

15.2.5.13 E. (3)(a) "When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side, so as to interfere with, impede, or intimidate any other horse, it is a foul."

15.2.5.13 E. (3)(b) The offending horse may be disqualified, if in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful or the result of careless riding.

15.2.5.13 E. (3)(c) "If the Stewards determine the foul was intentional, or due to careless riding, they may fine or suspend the guilty jockey."

15.2.5.13 E. (3)(d) In a straightaway race, every horse must maintain position as nearly as possible in the lane in which it starts. If a horse is ridden, drifts or swerves out of its lane in such a manner that it interferes with, impedes or intimidates another horse, it is a foul and may result in the disqualification of the offending horse.

**For this violation, the Board of Stewards issued the following penalty:**

A 7-calendar day suspension, beginning on July 13, 2025, through July 19, 2025.

Larry Marquez may ride in designated races, In accordance with Rule 16.47.1.12 G. (2)

16.47.1.12 G. Jockey Suspensions and Designated Races.

16.47.1.12 G. (4)(a)(b)

16.47.1.12 G. (5)(a)(b)(c)

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

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



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Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/5/2025

Licensee: MARQUEZ, LARRY

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 164170  
License Number: 307547

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

15.2.1.9 A (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. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order". The last day to file an appeal is July 15, 2025.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

*Geoff Wunker*

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*Tina Smith*



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Ruling #: 2025-RUI-42  
Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/10/2025

Licensee: GARCIA, JR NOE

License Type: 2024 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 157715  
License Number: 313002

Ruling # 2025-RUI-42

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Noe Garcia Jr. having been duly notified appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards on July 6, 2025, for excessive use of the crop, while aboard #7 "Special D" in Race 9 on July 5, 2025, at Ruidoso Downs.

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

A fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars. (\$500.00). This fine is to be paid on or before July 24, 2025, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.1.9 A. (7)(f). Failure to pay the fine in the prescribed time shall result in an immediate suspension.

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

15.2.5.13 E. (7)(a) Use of riding crops. Although the use of a riding crop is not required, any jockey who uses a riding crop during a race shall do so only in a manner consistent with exerting his or her best efforts to win.

15.2.5.13 E. (7)(e) Use of riding crops. Indiscriminate use of the whip is prohibited including whipping a horse: on the head, flanks or on any other part of its body other than the shoulders or hind quarters except when necessary to control a horse; during the post parade or after the finish of the race except when necessary to control the horse; excessively or brutally causing welts or breaks in the skin; when the horse is clearly out of the race or has obtained its maximum placing; persistently even though the horse is showing no response under the riding crop; or striking another rider or horse.

15.2.5.13 E. (9)(a)(b) Excessive use of the crop includes: (a) Riders cannot use the riding crop more than three times in succession during a race, excluding showing or waiving the crop. (b) Riders cannot use the crop more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond before using the crop again.

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

15.2.1.8 B. (1) Commission General Authority

15.2.1.9 A. 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

15.2.1.9 A. (9)(b): Which states in pertinent part that "An appeal under this section must be



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License Type: **2024 3 Year Jockey**      Applicant Id: **157715**  
License Number: **313002**

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. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order." The last day to file an appeal is July 20, 2025.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

*Jeff Walker*

*[Signature]*

*Robert Davis*





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Ruling #: **2025-RUI-43**  
Track: Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/10/2025

Licensee: SALCEDO, MAURO

License Type: 2022 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 137075  
License Number: 306552

Ruling # 2025-RUI-43

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Mauro Salcedo, having been properly summoned and represented by Ricky Ramirez, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards on July 6, 2025, for careless riding during the running of race 2 on July 5, 2025, while aboard # 4 "Eye Am Edgy", broke out sharply interfering with outside horses. (Made no attempt to correct his horse)

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

15.2.5.13 E. Post to Finish:

15.2.5.13 E. (2)(a) A jockey shall not ride carelessly or willfully so as to permit their mount to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse in the race.

15.2.5.13 E. (2)(b) No jockey shall carelessly or willfully jostle, strike or touch another jockey or another jockey's horse or equipment. It shall be the discretion of the stewards to determine if the jostle, strike or touch had an effect on the outcome of the race and warrants a disqualification.

15.2.5.13 E. (3)(a) When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side, so as to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse, it is a foul.

15.2.5.13 E. (3)(c) If the Stewards determine the foul was intentional, or due to careless riding, they may fine or suspend the guilty.

15.2.5.13 E. (3)(d) In a straightaway race, every horse must maintain position as nearly as possible in the lane in which it starts. If a horse is ridden, drifts or swerves out of its lane in such a manner that it interferes with, impedes or intimidates another horse, it is a foul and may result in the disqualification of the offending horse.

**For this violation, the Board of Stewards issued the following penalty:**

A 7-calendar day suspension, beginning on July 25, 2025, through July 31, 2025.

Mr. Mauro Salcedo may ride designated races.

16.47.1.12 G. Jockey Suspensions and Designated Races.

16.47.1.12 G. (4)(a)(b)

16.47.1.12 G. (5)(a)(b)(c)

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

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



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Licensee: SALCEDO, MAURO

License Type: 2022 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 137075  
License Number: 306552

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  
15.2.1.9 A (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. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order". The last day to file an appeal is July 20, 2025.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

*David Smith*

*(Signature) Geoff Waples*



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Ruling #: **2025-RUI-44**  
Track: **Ruidoso Downs**  
Ruling Date: **7/10/2025**

Licensee: **GOMEZ, STEVE J**

License Type: **2024 3 Year Trainer**      Applicant Id: **16986**  
License Number: **313457**

Ruling #      2025-RUI-44

Action Type:      Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner/Trainer Steve J. Gomez is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately, July 10 2025, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled for Tuesday July 15, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in the office of the Board of Stewards at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack (100 Joe Welch Lane, Ruidoso, NM, 88346), per 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(c) Summary Suspension. The Summary Suspension is regarding a medication violation on June 22, 2025, for second place finisher "White Face Luck" from race 4 at Ruidoso Downs.

Sample E548571 tested positive for the drug Albuterol (Class 3 Penalty A drug). An affidavit from Industrial Laboratories (the official laboratory for the New Mexico Racing Commission) on July 7, 2025, reported the presence of Albuterol confirmed in urine.

Steve J. Gomez, was listed as the Trainer of "White Face Luck" at the time of this race.

Humberto Balderrama was listed as the Owners of "White Face Luck" 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;

NMAC 15.2.6.9 (C)(1)(4) Medication Restrictions; There is no permissible concentration of clenbuterol or albuterol that is allowed to appear in any official sample. This includes samples collected from Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds.

NMAC 15.2.6.9 B. (1)(2) Penalty recommendations:

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 B. (21), Steve J. Gomez. 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 Steve J. Gomez are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per 15.2.1.9 B.(21)(c). All transfers and sales of horses trained, owned, or in the care and custody of Steve J. Gomez



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Licensee: GOMEZ, STEVE J

License Type: 2024 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 16986  
License Number: 313457

must be done in accordance with 15.2.6.9 A.(13)(a)(b)(c)(d) Medication and Prohibited Substances, 15.2.1.9 A.(3) (a-c) Due Process and Disciplinary Action.

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

15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority  
15.2.1.9 A. Proceedings Before the Stewards  
15.2.3.8 B. Stewards  
15.2.6.11 E. Trainer Responsibility  
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  
16.47.1.10 B. Absolute Insurer  
16.47.1.10. C. Trainer – Other Responsibility

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

*Geoff Wapler*

*Justin J. Miller*



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Ruling #: 2025-RUI-45  
Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/11/2025

Licensee: ALCALA, CRISTIAN LEONARDO

License Type: 2023 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 163821  
License Number: 308894

Ruling # 2025-RUI-45

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Cristian Alcala having been duly notified appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards on July 11, 2025, for failure to bring his entry #6 "Hard to Politic" to the paddock with proper equipment (flipping halter) for race 10 on July 6, 2025 at Ruidoso Downs.

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

15.2.5.8 (B)(6) Procedure for Entries No alteration may be made in any entry after the closing of entries, but an error may be corrected with permission of the stewards.

15.2.5.8 (B)(10) Procedure for Entries Any approved change of equipment must be declared at time of entry. Any changes after that time must be approved by the stewards.

15.2.6.11(E)(11) Trainer Responsibility: The trainer is responsible for ensuring proper bandages, equipment, and shoes.

16.47.1.10 (C) Trainers; Other Responsibility (C)(17)(20)

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

A fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) which must be paid on or before July 25th, 2025. Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time may result in immediate suspension. Pursuant to Rule 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.

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

15.2.1.9 A. 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 N. Changes in Application

16.47.1.8 T. Knowledge of Rules

15.2.1.9 A. (9)(b): Appeal Procedures, which states "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days after the day of the ruling. If the deadline falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the period is extended to 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 dollars. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check or a money order. The last day to file is July 21, 2025



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Ruling Date: **7/11/2025**

Licensee: **ALCALA, CRISTIAN LEONARDO**

License Type: **2023 3 Year Trainer**      Applicant Id: **163821**  
License Number: **308894**

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

*Geoff Wapler*

*Juliet A. Miller*



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Ruling #: 2025-RUI-46  
Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/23/2025

Licensee: ALCALA, CRISTIAN LEONARDO  
License Type: 2023 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 163821  
License Number: 308894

Ruling # 2025-RUI-46

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner/Trainer Cristian Leonardo Alcala is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately, July 23, 2025, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled for August 1, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. in the office of the Board of Stewards at The Downs at Albuquerque (145 Louisiana Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108), per 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(a)(b)(c) **Summary Suspension**. The Summary Suspension is regarding conduct detrimental to the best interest of racing due to the condition of four horses, post-race from eleven starters, resulting in one deceased horse, and three that required emergency transportation by equine ambulance, one of which required admittance to a veterinary hospital at the 2025 Ruidoso Downs race meet.

The hearing will be held on Microsoft Teams Online at **Meeting ID: 273 228 840 289 2**  
**Passcode: MX9Le9Yi** or you may choose to be present in person in The Downs at Albuquerque Board of Stewards' office.

The medical records of each horse that Cristian Alcala entered or raced at the 2025 Ruidoso meet are required to be submitted to the Stewards by the time of the scheduled Summary Suspension Hearing. See NMSA 1978, § 60-1A-4(A)(3) (Commission may compel production of documents).

NMAC 16.47.1.8 L.(1)(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:

- (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;
- (o) Has engaged in conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the best interests of racing.

NMAC 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(a) **Proceedings Before the Stewards:** Summary Suspension. "If the Stewards determine that a licensee's action constitutes an immediate danger to the public health, safety, integrity or welfare of the horseracing industry, the Stewards may summarily suspend the license pending a hearing."

NMAC 15.2.1.9 A.(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



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Licensee: ALCALA, CRISTIAN LEONARDO  
License Type: 2023 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 163821  
License Number: 308894

10-day limit.

NMAC 16.47.1.8 U. (2) **Protection of Horses:** No licensee or other person under the jurisdiction of the commission shall subject or permit any animal under their control, custody or supervision to be subjected to or to incur any form of cruelty, mistreatment, neglect or abuse or abandon, injure, maim or kill or administer any noxious substance to or deprive any animal of necessary care or sustenance, shelter or veterinary care.

NMAC 16.47.1.10 B. (1) **Absolute Insurer** "The trainer is the absolute insurer of the condition of horses entered in an official workout or race..."

NMAC 16.47.1.10 C. (5)(19) **Trainers** A trainer is responsible for:  
(5) the proper identity, custody, care, health, condition, and safety of horses in their charge.  
(19) ensuring the fitness of a horse to perform creditably at the distance entered.

NMAC 15.2.6.11 A. **Trainer Responsibility:** "The trainer is responsible for the condition of horses entered in an official workout or race..."

In accordance with NMAC 15.2.1.9 B.(21)(a)(b), Cristian Alcala 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 Cristian Alcala are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per 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..."

All transfers and sales of horses trained, owned, or in the care and custody of Cristian Alcala must be done in accordance with and NMAC 15.2.6.9 A.(13)(a)(b)(c)(d).

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

15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority  
15.2.1.9 A. Proceedings Before the Stewards  
15.2.3.8 B. Stewards  
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16.47.1.10 B. Absolute Insurer  
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*Geoff Wapler*

*(JL)*

*Travis Dineen*



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Licensee: ALCALA, CRISTIAN LEONARDO  
License Type: 2025 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 163821  
License Number: 315538

Ruling # 2025-RUI-46  
Action Type: Initial Ruling  
Ruling:

Owner/Trainer Cristian Leonardo Alcala is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately, July 23, 2025, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled for August 1, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. in the office of the Board of Stewards at The Downs at Albuquerque (145 Louisiana Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108), per 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(a)(b)(c) **Summary Suspension**. The Summary Suspension is regarding conduct detrimental to the best interest of racing due to the condition of four horses, post-race from eleven starters, resulting in one deceased horse, and three that required emergency transportation by equine ambulance, one of which required admittance to a veterinary hospital at the 2025 Ruidoso Downs race meet.

The hearing will be held on Microsoft Teams Online at **Meeting ID: 273 228 840 289 2**  
**Passcode: MX9Le9Yi** or you may choose to be present in person in The Downs at Albuquerque Board of Stewards' office.

The medical records of each horse that Cristian Alcala entered or raced at the 2025 Ruidoso meet are required to be submitted to the Stewards by the time of the scheduled Summary Suspension Hearing. See NMSA 1978, § 60-1A-4(A)(3) (Commission may compel production of documents).

**NMAC 16.47.1.8 L.(1)(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:

- (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;
- (o) Has engaged in conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the best interests of racing.

**NMAC 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(a) Proceedings Before the Stewards:** Summary Suspension. "If the Stewards determine that a licensee's action constitutes an immediate danger to the public health, safety, integrity or welfare of the horseracing industry, the Stewards may summarily suspend the license pending a hearing."

**NMAC 15.2.1.9 A.(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



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In accordance with NMAC 15.2.1.9 B.(21)(a)(b), Cristian Alcala 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 Cristian Alcala are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per 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..."

All transfers and sales of horses trained, owned, or in the care and custody of Cristian Alcala must be done in accordance with and NMAC 15.2.6.9 A.(13)(a)(b)(c)(d).

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

15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority  
15.2.1.9 A. Proceedings Before the Stewards  
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Ruling #: 2025-RUI-47  
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Ruling Date: 7/16/2025

Licensee: PICKARD, JOHN WAYNE

License Type: 2023 3 Year Practicing Applicant Id: 165219  
License Number: 308064

Ruling # 2025-RUI-47

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Practicing Veterinarian John Pickard having been duly notified, appeared via Microsoft Teams for his disciplinary hearing before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards at 9:00 a.m. on July 10, 2025, regarding the administration of furosemide to the horse "Mozart J", the first-place finisher in race 6 on May 17, 2025, at Sunray Park. Mozart J tested positive for furosemide found in Sample E573488 confirmed in blood by Industrial Laboratories (The official Laboratory for the NMRC).

During testimony given by Practicing Veterinarian John Pickard he admitted to mistakenly administering furosemide to the horse "Mozart J" who was not registered as a Lasix user at the time of the race.

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

NMAC 15.2.6.8 (B)(7) Treatment Restrictions; Veterinarians shall not have contact with an entered horse on race day except for the administration of furosemide under the guidelines set forth in Subsection D of 15.2.6.9 NMAC unless approved by the official veterinarian or in an emergency situation. Should an emergency occur during evening hours, the veterinarian shall notify the official veterinarian as soon as possible the following morning.

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(i) Grounds for disciplinary measures for a licensee, and refusal, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license: 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.

**For this violation the Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:**

A fine of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$500.00) which must be paid on or before July 30, 2025. Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time may result in immediate suspension. Pursuant to Rule 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.

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

15.2.1.8 B (1) Commission General Authority



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15.2.1.9 A. 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 N. Changes in Application

16.47.1.8 T. Knowledge of Rules

15.2.1.9 A. (9)(b): Appeal Procedures, which states "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days after the day of the ruling. If the deadline falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the period is extended to 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 dollars. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check or a money order. The last day to file is July 26, 2025

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