



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
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Track Ruidoso Downs  
Ruling Date: 7/10/2025

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License Type: 2022 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 16986  
License Number: 305694

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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.

Split sample rights were afforded to Trainer Steve J. Gomez and accepted.

After hearing the testimony and evidence presented, the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards determined that Mr. Steve J. Gomez shall remain summarily suspended pending the outcome of the split sample results.

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:

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

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

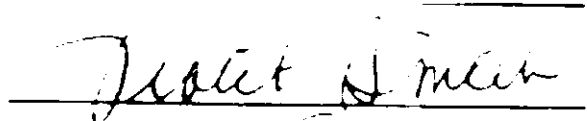
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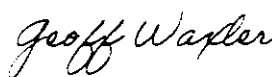
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**This Ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:**

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