



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112

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

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Action Type: Case Continued
Ruling:
RE: 2025-RUI-46 - Case Continued

Owner/Trainer Cristian Alcala appeared with attorney Juston R. Givens via Microsoft Teams before the Board of Stewards at Downs at Albuquerque (145 Louisiana Blvd NE Albuquerque NM 87108) for his Summary Suspension hearing, per Rule 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(a)(b)(c), on October 1, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. The hearing was regarding conduct detrimental to the best interest of racing, for horses under the care, custody and control of Trainer Cristian Alcala, related to the post-race condition of four horses, 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.

New Mexico Racing Commission (NMRC) Official Veterinarian, Dr. Victoria Lowe, testified regarding the post-race condition of Cristian Alcala-trained horses during the 2025 Ruidoso Downs race meet.

After viewing the evidence and hearing testimony presented, the Downs at Albuquerque Board of Stewards determined the summary suspension of Mr. Alcala shall remain in effect pending the outcome of the disciplinary hearing.

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 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



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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 Rule 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 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..."

All transfers and sales of horses trained, owned, or in the care and custody of Cristian Alcala must be done in accordance with 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
- 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



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By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

District Director