



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-ZIA-1  
Track Zia Park  
Ruling Date: 11/1/2025

Licensee: JOINER, MICHAEL WAYNE  
License Type: 2023 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 12366  
License Number: 308210

Ruling # 2025-ZIA-1  
Action Type: Initial Ruling  
Ruling:

Trainer Michael Joiner is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately, October 31, 2025, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled for Friday November 7, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in the office of the Board of Stewards at Zia Park (3901 West Mullen Drive, Hobbs, NM 88240), per 15.2.1.9 A. (3)(c) Summary Suspension. The Summary Suspension is regarding a medication violation on October 19, 2025, for second place finisher "Js on Fire" from race 13 at the Downs At Albuquerque.

Sample E656230 tested positive for the drug D-Methamphetamine (Class 1 Penalty A4 drug). An affidavit from Industrial Laboratories (the official laboratory for the New Mexico Racing Commission) on October 30, 2025, reported the presence of D-Methamphetamine confirmed in blood.

Michael Joiner, was listed as the Trainer of "Js on Fire" on October 19, 2025.

Joshua Owens was listed as the Owner of "Js on Fire" on October 19, 2025.

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 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 15.2.6.9 MEDICATIONS AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES: The classification guidelines contained within the "Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances and Recommended Penalties and Model Rule", December 2024 version 18.1 and



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"Association of Racing Commissioners International Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule for Horses", version 4.2.1, - December, 2020 update are incorporated by reference.

#### NMAC 15.2.6.9 B. Penalty Recommendations

NMAC 15.2.6.9 C. (1) Medication Restrictions; A finding by the commission approved laboratory of a prohibited substance in an official post-race or out-of-competition sample of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited substance was administered to the horse and, in the case of a post-race test, was present in the horse's body while it was participating in a race.

NMAC 15.2.6.9 C. (8) Any horse that is the subject of a positive test report from the official laboratory for a drug in one of the following categories shall be placed immediately on the steward's list: (a) any drug categorized by the association of racing commissioner's international "uniform classification guidelines for foreign substance and recommended penalties and model rule" incorporated by reference under 15.2.6.9 NMAC as a penalty class A substance;

#### NMAC 15.2.3.8. B. (9)(a)(e) Stewards List

(a) The stewards shall maintain a stewards' list of the horses which are ineligible to be entered in a race because of poor or inconsistent performance behavior on the racetrack that endangers the health or safety of other participants in racing or for positive tests pursuant to Subsection C of 15.2.6.9 NMAC.

(e) A horse that has been placed on the steward's list for a positive test pursuant to Subsection C of 15.2.6.9 NMAC may only be removed if the criteria set forth in that subsection are met or in the event of a split sample result which does not confirm the official laboratory's original finding of a positive test.

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 B. (21), Michael Joiner 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 Michael Joiner 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)(2) provides "The commission may exclude or compel the exclusion of a person from all horse racetracks who the commission deems detrimental the best interest of horseracing".

All transfers and sales of horses trained, owned, or in the care and custody of Michael Joiner



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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)(b)(c)(d) 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 Zia Park Stewards

*Geoff Wapler*



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Ruling #: 2025-ZIA-2  
Track Zia Park  
Ruling Date: 11/4/2025

Licensee: GOMEZ BARRAZA, DAVID MANUEL

License Type: 2024 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 45722  
License Number: 313010

Ruling # 2025-ZIA-2

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer David Gomez Barraza having been properly noticed responded via telephone, waived his 10 day notice and formal hearing, before The Zia Park Board of Stewards on November 3, 2025, regarding failure to have a current Coggins certificate on file with the Racing Office prior to start for his entry #5 "Lil Newt" in race #6 on November 1, 2025, at Zia Park which resulted in a late scratch.

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

15.2.5.12 B. Horses Ineligible

15.2.5.12. B. (12) there is no current negative test certificate for equine infectious anemia on file with the racing office, as required by the commission.

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

1. A fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) which must be paid on or before November 17, 2025, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.3.8 B. (3)(e). Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time may result in immediate suspension. Pursuant to 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  
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 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



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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 November 13, 2025.

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*Jeff Waples*



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Ruling #: 2025-ZIA-3  
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Ruling Date: 11/4/2025

Licensee: MARTINEZ, FEDERICO

License Type: 2024 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 160591  
License Number: 311950

Ruling # 2025-ZIA-3  
Action Type: Initial Ruling  
Ruling:

Jockey Federico Martinez having been duly notified, appeared before The Zia Park Board of Stewards on November 2nd, 2025, for excessive use of the crop while aboard #6 "Ivorys Patriot" in Race 8 on November 1st, 2025, at Zia Park.

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

**15.2.5.13 E. RUNNING OF THE RACE**

(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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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.

**The Board of Stewards (First offense in 2025) 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 November 17, 2025, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.3.8 B. (3)(e). Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time may result in immediate suspension. Pursuant to 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:**



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By Order of The Zia Park Stewards

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