



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-43  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/30/2026

Licensee: ACOSTA, OMAR

License Type: 2025 1 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 167359  
    License Number: 316767

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Action Type: Case Continued

Ruling:

RE: 2026-SUN-43 - Case Continued

Summary Suspension Hearing 02-03-2026

Trainer Omar Acosta having been properly noticed, appeared via Microsoft Teams, for his Summary Suspension hearing before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards (1200 Futurity Dr, Sunland Park, NM 88063), on February 3, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. per 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(a)(b)(c) Summary Suspension. The Summary Suspension is regarding a medication violation on January 9, 2026, for first place finisher "The Huerfanita" from race 5 at Sunland Park.

Sample E655841 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 January 28, 2026, reported Albuterol confirmed in Urine.

Omar Acosta was listed as the Trainer of record for the horse "The Huerfanita" on January 9, 2026.

One Time Racing Stables LLC (Juan C. Flores) was listed as the Owner of record for the horse "The Huerfanita" on January 9, 2026.

Split sample rights were afforded to Trainer Omar Acosta and declined, per NMAC 15.2.6.9 D.

**After hearing the testimony and viewing evidence presented, the Sunland Park Board of Stewards determined that Omar Acosta shall remain suspended pending the outcome of his disciplinary hearing.**

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



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detrimental to the best interests of racing.

NMAC 16.47.1.8 U. (2) Protection of Horses:

NMAC 16.47.1.10 B. (1) Absolute Insurer:

NMAC 16.47.1.10 C. (5) Trainers:

NMAC 15.2.6.9 A. MEDICATIONS AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:

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. (4) 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 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 15.2.6.11 A. B. E. Trainer Responsibility:

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

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 B. (21), Omar Acosta 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 Omar Acosta 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 Omar Acosta 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. (8) Due Process and Disciplinary Action, and 16.47.1.10 D. (7) Assistant Trainers.

**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

15.2.2.8 V. Ejection and Exclusion

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



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16.47.1.10 B. Absolute Insurer

16.47.1.10. C. Trainer – Other Responsibility

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

*Geoff Wayler*

*Roger Farrell*