



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-23  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/14/2026

Licensee: DOMINGUEZ, MARIO REYES

License Type: Applicant Id: 32896  
License Number:

Ruling # 2026-SUN-23

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Mario Reyes Dominguez, having been properly noticed, failed to appear for his disciplinary hearing (which was held in absentia via Microsoft Teams) before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards (1200 Futurity Dr. Sunland Park, NM 88063) on January 6, 2026, at 10:30 A.M., regarding a medication violation for "Dashingalltheway CsJ", first place finisher of the third race at Zia Park Racetrack on November 8, 2025.

The disciplinary hearing for Ruling # 2025-ZIA-28 ("Dashingalltheway CsJ") was held in conjunction with Julian Rey Honesto and Mario Dominguez's disciplinary hearing for Ruling # 2025-ZIA-29 ("Jd Dance Monkey"). Each Ruling number will receive a separate written ruling.

Sample E549266 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) dated November 24, 2025, reported the presence of Albuterol confirmed in Urine.

Mario Dominguez was listed as the Owner of record for the horse "Dashingalltheway CsJ" on November 8, 2025.

Julian Honesto was listed as the Trainer of record for the horse "Dashingalltheway CsJ" on November 8, 2025.

Split sample rights were afforded to and declined by Trainer Julian Honesto and Owner Mario Dominguez, pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.10 D. (2).

At the hearing, no witnesses or evidence was presented to disprove the test results at issue or the resulting findings of the New Mexico Racing Commission.

**Aggravating factors considered:**

1. Mario Dominguez was the Trainer and Owner of record for two (2) previous Class 3 Penalty B medication violations resulting in suspensions.
2. Mario Dominguez was the Owner of record for two (2) previous Clenbuterol violations.
3. Mario Dominguez had 2 previous Out-of-Competition Tests positive for Clenbuterol.

**After hearing testimony and viewing evidence presented, licensee is found to be in violation of the following provisions of NMAC:**

15.2.5.13 B. (1)



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-23  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/14/2026

Licensee: DOMINGUEZ, MARIO REYES

License Type: Applicant Id: 32896  
License Number:

15.2.5.13 E.(4)(d)

15.2.6.9. A.(1)(2)(4) MEDICATIONS AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:

15.2.6.9. C.(1) Medication restrictions

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.

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

(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 the discipline under this rule;

(o) has engaged in conduct becoming or detrimental to the best interest of racing;

16.47.1.8 U. (1) Protection of Horses.

**For these violations, the Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalties:**

1. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13 E. (4)(d), "Dashingalltheway Csj" is disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes from the third race on November 8, 2025, at Zia Park Racetrack. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.14 D. (7) and Rule 15.2.3.8 B. (3) (j), the purse redistribution is as follows:

1. Nazare
2. Wild Tymes
3. One Quick Dash
4. Oa Eye of King
5. Eye Am Candy
6. Bailey Ana
7. Deras Wynn Thru Fire
8. Jess Illegal
9. The Patriot Berna

Unplaced: Dashingalltheway Csj

2. The horse "Dashingalltheway Csj" shall be placed on the Veterinarian's list for 180 days (November 25, 2025 through May 24, 2026) and must pass a commission-approved examination (including negative hair, urine and blood tests for Albuterol and prohibited substances) before becoming eligible to be entered, per Rule 15.2.6.9 B. (3).

3. For conduct detrimental to the best interest of racing, **a fine of two-thousand and five hundred dollars (\$2,500)**, per Rule 15.2.6.9 B. (3)(e) which must be paid on or before January 28, 2026, 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





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-23  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/14/2026

Licensee: DOMINGUEZ, MARIO REYES

License Type: Applicant Id: 32896  
License Number:

within 14 days after the Ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered.

4. For conduct detrimental to the best interest of racing, Mario Dominguez shall have all licenses **suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from January 8, 2026 through February 7, 2026 (inclusive).**

5. All horses owned by Mario Dominguez, including, but not limited to, "Jd Dance Monkey", "Mattie Jane", "Tiro Al Blanco Csj", "Dashingalltheway Csj", "Maka Kia" and "Sampson Says", shall remain on the Steward list for the duration of the suspension.

In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "Dashingalltheway Csj" shall remain on the Stewards' List until such time as the case is fully adjudicated.

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 B. (21), Mario Dominguez will be 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 Mario Dominguez 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 Mario Dominguez 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  
15.2.3.8 B. Stewards  
15.2.5.12 B. Horse Ineligible  
15.2.6.9 A. (1)(2) Penalties  
15.2.6.9 B. Penalty Recommendations  
16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority  
16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required  
16.47.1.8 L. (1) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures  
16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application Information  
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 a cashier's check, money order." The last day to file an appeal is January 25, 2026.



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-23  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/14/2026

Licensee: DOMINGUEZ, MARIO REYES

License Type: Applicant Id: 32896  
License Number:

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

*Julie Farr*

*Ronald Frazier*



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-24  
Track: Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/14/2026

Licensee: DOMINGUEZ, MARIO REYES

License Type: Applicant Id: 32896  
License Number:

Ruling # 2026-SUN-24

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Mario Reyes Dominguez, having been properly noticed, failed to appear for his disciplinary hearing (which was held in absentia via Microsoft Teams) before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards (1200 Futurity Dr. Sunland Park, NM 88063) on January 6, 2026, at 10:30 A.M., regarding a medication violation for "Jd Dance Monkey", first place finisher of the seventh race at Zia Park Racetrack on November 8, 2025.

The disciplinary hearing for Ruling # 2025-ZIA-28 ("Dashingalltheway Csj") was held in conjunction with Julian Rey Honesto and Mario Dominguez's disciplinary hearing for Ruling # 2025-ZIA-29 ("Jd Dance Monkey"). Each Ruling number will receive a separate written ruling.

Sample E549274 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) dated November 24, 2025, reported the presence of Albuterol confirmed in Urine.

Mario Dominguez was listed as the Owner of record for the horse "Jd Dance Monkey" on November 8, 2025.

Julian Honesto was listed as the Trainer of record for the horse "Jd Dance Monkey" on November 8, 2025.

Split sample rights were afforded to and declined by Trainer Julian Honesto and Owner Mario Dominguez, pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.10 D. (2).

At the hearing, no witnesses or evidence was presented to disprove the test results at issue or the resulting findings of the New Mexico Racing Commission.

**Aggravating factors considered:**

1. Mario Dominguez was the Trainer and Owner of record for two (2) previous Class 3 Penalty B medication violations resulting in suspensions.
2. Mario Dominguez was the Owner of record for three (3) previous Clenbuterol violations.
3. Mario Dominguez had 2 previous Out-of-Competition Tests positive for Clenbuterol.

**After hearing testimony and viewing evidence presented, licensee is found to be in violation of the following provisions of NMAC:**





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-24  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/14/2026

Licensee: DOMINGUEZ, MARIO REYES

License Type: Applicant Id: 32896  
License Number:

15.2.5.13 B. (1)

15.2.5.13 E.(4)(d)

15.2.6.9. A.(1)(2)(4) MEDICATIONS AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:

15.2.6.9. C.(1) Medication restrictions

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.

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

(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 the discipline under this rule;

(o) has engaged in conduct becoming or detrimental to the best interest of racing;

16.47.1.8 U. (1) Protection of Horses.

**For these violations, the Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalties:**

1. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13 E. (4)(d), "Jd Dance Monkey" is disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes from the seventh race on November 8, 2025, at Zia Park Racetrack. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.14 D. (7) and Rule 15.2.3.8 B. (3)(j), the purse redistribution is as follows:

1. Paramounte Streakin
2. Tempting Mister
3. Set the Edge
4. J El Intocable
5. Hot Lips Charlie
6. Chickn Hock
7. All Lights Out
8. Aj Fast and Furious

Unplaced: Jd Dance Monkey

2. The horse "Jd Dance Monkey" shall be placed on the Veterinarian's list for 180 days (November 25, 2025 through May 24, 2026) and must pass a commission-approved examination (including negative hair, urine and blood tests for Albuterol and prohibited substances) before becoming eligible to be entered, per Rule 15.2.6.9 B. (3).

3. For conduct detrimental to the best interest of racing, **a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000)**, per Rule 15.2.6.9 B. (3)(e) which must be paid on or before January 29, 2026, 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



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-24  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/14/2026

Licensee: DOMINGUEZ, MARIO REYES

License Type: Applicant Id: 32896  
License Number:

is issued, unless otherwise ordered.

4. For conduct detrimental to the best interest of racing, Mario Dominguez shall have all licenses issued by the Commission suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from February 8, 2026 through April 4, 2026 (inclusive). These dates consecutively follow another ineligibility period. Per 15.2.6.9 B.(6) NMAC, should any dates be revised, this ineligibility shall move up or start immediately.

5. All horses owned by Mario Dominguez, including "Jd Dance Monkey", "Mattie Jane", "Tiro Al Blanco Csj", "Dashingalltheway Csj", "Maka Kia" and "Sampson Says", shall remain on the Stewards' list and are ineligible to enter or start for the duration of the suspension.

In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "Jd Dance Monkey" shall remain on the Stewards' List until such time as the case is fully adjudicated.

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 B. (21), Mario Dominguez will be 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 Mario Dominguez 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 Mario Dominguez 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  
15.2.3.8 B. Stewards  
15.2.5.12 B. Horse Ineligible  
15.2.6.9 A. (1)(2) Penalties  
15.2.6.9 B. Penalty Recommendations  
16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority  
16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required  
16.47.1.8 L. (1) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures  
16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application Information  
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 a cashier's check, money order."





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-24  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/14/2026

Licensee: DOMINGUEZ, MARIO REYES

License Type:

Applicant Id: 32896  
License Number:

The last day to file an appeal is January 26, 2026.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

*Ronald Frazier*

*Julie Farr*





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-25  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/15/2026

Licensee: RAMOS, ADRIAN ALFREDO  
License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 20427  
License Number: 308781

Ruling # 2026-SUN-25

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Adrian A. Ramos having been duly notified, failed to appear or provide an Industry representative before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on January 13, 2026, for excessive use of the crop while aboard #9 "Don Chuy Jr" in Race 10 at The Downs at Albuquerque on October 19, 2025. Hearing was held in absentia.

**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 2026) 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 February 10, 2026, 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



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-25  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/15/2026

Licensee: RAMOS, ADRIAN ALFREDO

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 20427  
License Number: 308781

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 a cashier's check, money order." The last day to file an appeal is February 6, 2026.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

*Roger Farrell*

*Ronald Frazier*





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-26  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/15/2026

Licensee: RAMOS, ADRIAN ALFREDO  
License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 20427  
License Number: 308781

Ruling # 2026-SUN-26

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Adrian A. Ramos having been properly notified, failed to appear, or provide an Industry representative, for his race review hearing (which was held in absentia) before the Board of Stewards at Sunland Park on January 13, 2026, regarding excessive use of the crop in race 10 at The Downs at Albuquerque on October 19, 2025.

**After hearing testimony and viewing the evidence presented, the Board of Stewards determined that licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:**

15.2.3.8 B.(3)(e) The stewards may impose any of the following penalties on a licensee for a violation of the act or these rules: issue a reprimand; assess a fine; require forfeiture or redistribution of purse or award, when specified by applicable rules and at their discretion; place a licensee on probation; suspend a license or racing privileges; revoke a license; exclude from grounds under the jurisdiction of the commission.

15.2.1.9 A. (4) DUE PROCESS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

(a) Except as provided by these rules regarding summary suspension, jockey riding infractions and trial races, the stewards or a racing commission designee shall provide written notice, at least 10 days before the hearing, to a person who is the subject of a disciplinary hearing. The person may waive their right to 10 days notice by executing a written waiver.

(d) Nonappearance of a summoned party after adequate notice shall be construed as a waiver of the right to a hearing before the stewards. The stewards may suspend the license of a person who fails to appear at a disciplinary hearing after written notice of the hearing has been sent, in compliance with this subsection.

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

A fine in the amount of two hundred Dollars. (\$200.00). This fine is to be paid on or before February 10, 2026, 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



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-26  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/15/2026

Licensee: RAMOS, ADRIAN ALFREDO

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 20427  
License Number: 308781

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 a cashier's check, money order." The last day to file an appeal is February 6, 2026.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

Roger Farrell      Ronald Frazier





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-27  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/15/2026

Licensee: RAMOS, ADRIAN ALFREDO  
License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 20427  
License Number: 308781

Ruling # 2026-SUN-27

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Adrian A. Ramos having been properly notified, failed to appear for his disciplinary hearing (which was held in absentia) at 8:45 A.M. on January 13, 2026 before the Board of Stewards at Sunland Park (1200 Futurity Dr. Sunland Park, NM 88063), for failure to honor his riding engagement at The Downs at Albuquerque on Friday, October 24, 2025, Race 10, aboard #1 "Eye the King", necessitating a late rider change.

**After hearing testimony and viewing the evidence presented, the Board of Stewards determined that licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:**

15.2.5.13 (C) Jockey Requirements: (3) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, a jockey engaged for a certain race or for a specified time may not fail or refuse to abide by the engagement agreement, unless excused by the stewards. Failure to fulfill riding engagements may result in disciplinary action.

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

A fine in the amount of two hundred and fifty Dollars. (\$250.00). This fine is to be paid on or before February 10, 2026, 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 a fee in the amount of \$400. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order."



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-27  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/15/2026

Licensee: RAMOS, ADRIAN ALFREDO

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 20427  
License Number: 308781

The last day to file an appeal is February 6, 2026.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

*Roger Farrell*

*Ronald Frazier*





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-28  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/19/2026

Licensee: MARTINEZ, FEDERICO

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

Ruling # 2026-SUN-28

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Federico Martinez, having been properly noticed, appeared with an Industry representative before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards, on January 17, 2026, for careless riding during the running of race 8 on January 16, 2026, while aboard #1 "Mm the Gray Rocket", for veering outward, causing interference with #5 "Political Mystery". "Mm the Gray Rocket" was disqualified from 1st place and placed 8th.

**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. (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) 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 January 24, 2026, through January 30, 2026



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-28  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/19/2026

Licensee: MARTINEZ, FEDERICO

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

(Inclusive).

Federico Martinez may ride in designated races.

16.47.1.12 G. (4)(a)(b)(5)(a)(b)(c)(6) Jockey Suspensions and Designated Races.

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

15.2.1.8 B. 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 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 January 28, 2026.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

*Geoff Wapler*

*Roger Farrell*





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-29  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/19/2026

Licensee: ENRIQUEZ, JOSE LUIS

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 86484  
License Number: 309500

Ruling # 2026-SUN-29

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Jose L. Enriquez having been properly notified, failed to appear, or provide an Industry representative, for his race review hearing (which was held in absentia) before the Board of Stewards at Sunland Park on January 17, 2026, for race 4 on January 16, 2026.

**After viewing the evidence presented, the Board of Stewards determined that licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:**

15.2.3.8 B.(3)(e) The stewards may impose any of the following penalties on a licensee for a violation of the act or these rules: issue a reprimand; assess a fine; require forfeiture or redistribution of purse or award, when specified by applicable rules and at their discretion; place a licensee on probation; suspend a license or racing privileges; revoke a license; exclude from grounds under the jurisdiction of the commission.

**15.2.1.9 A. (4) DUE PROCESS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION:**

(a) Except as provided by these rules regarding summary suspension, jockey riding infractions and trial races, the stewards or a racing commission designee shall provide written notice, at least 10 days before the hearing, to a person who is the subject of a disciplinary hearing. The person may waive their right to a 10-day notice by executing a written waiver.

(d) Nonappearance of a summoned party after adequate notice shall be construed as a waiver of the right to a hearing before the stewards. The stewards may suspend the license of a person who fails to appear at a disciplinary hearing after written notice of the hearing has been sent, in compliance with this subsection.

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

A fine in the amount of two hundred Dollars. (\$200.00). This fine is to be paid on or before February 7, 2026, 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



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2026-SUN-29**  
Track: Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/19/2026

Licensee: ENRIQUEZ, JOSE LUIS

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 86484  
License Number: 309500

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 a cashier's check, money order." The last day to file an appeal is February 3, 2026.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

*Geoff Wapler*

*Roger Farrell*





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2026-SUN-30**  
Track: Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/19/2026

Licensee: ENRIQUEZ, JOSE LUIS

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 86484  
License Number: 309500

Ruling # 2026-SUN-30

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Jose L. Enriquez having been duly notified, failed to appear, or provide an Industry representative for his race review hearing (which was held in absentia), before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on January 17, 2026, for excessive use of the crop while aboard #4 "Jess Your Honor" in Race 4 at Sunland Park on January 16, 2026. This is his second crop violation in 2026.

**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 (Second offense in 2026) hereby issue the following penalty:**

A fine in the amount of one thousand Dollars. (\$1,000.00). This fine is to be paid on or before February 7, 2026, 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.



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2026-SUN-30**  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/19/2026

Licensee: ENRIQUEZ, JOSE LUIS

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 86484  
License Number: 309500

**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 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 February 3, 2026.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

*Geoff Wapler*

*Roger Farrell*





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-31  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/23/2026

Licensee: GUTIERREZ, JR LUIS ALONSO  
License Type: 2026 1 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 20180  
License Number: 317701

Ruling # 2026-SUN-31

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Luis A. Gutierrez Jr., having been properly noticed, appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards, on January 18, 2026, for careless riding during the running of race 8 on January 17, 2026, while aboard #2 "Merrmaid", for veering outward, causing interference with #3 "Good Things Come". "Merrmaid" was disqualified from 2nd place and placed 6th.

**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. (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) 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 the disqualification of the offending horse.

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

A 7-calendar day suspension, beginning on January 25, 2026, through January 31, 2026 (Inclusive).



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-31  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/23/2026

Licensee: GUTIERREZ, JR LUIS ALONSO  
License Type: 2026 1 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 20180  
License Number: 317701

Luis A. Gutierrez Jr. may ride in designated races.

16.47.1.12 G. (4)(a)(b)(5)(a)(b)(c)(6) Jockey Suspensions and Designated Races.

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

15.2.1.8 B. 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 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 February 1, 2026.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

*Geoff Wapler*

*Roger Farrell*





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-32  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/23/2026

Licensee: RAMOS, CHRISTIAN

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 163067  
License Number: 309115

Ruling # 2026-SUN-32

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Christian Ramos having been duly notified **appeared** before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on January 18, 2026, for excessive use of the crop while aboard #1 "Moon Gunner" in Race 9 at Sunland Park on January 17, 2026. This is his second crop violation in 2026.

**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 (Second offense in 2026) hereby issue the following penalty:**

A fine in the amount of one thousand Dollars. (\$1,000.00). This fine is to be paid on or before February 5, 2026, 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.



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2026-SUN-32**  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/23/2026

Licensee: RAMOS, CHRISTIAN

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 163067  
License Number: 309115

**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 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 February 1, 2026.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

*Geoff Wapler*

*Roger Farrell*





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-ZIA-33  
Track: Zia Park  
Ruling Date: 12/7/2025

Licensee: CHAVEZ, HECTOR

License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 33662  
License Number: 308841

Ruling # 2025-ZIA-33

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer/Owner Hector Chavez is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately, December 5, 2025, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled December 12, 2025, at 4:30 P.M. in the office of the Board of Stewards at Zia Park (3901 West Millen Dr. Hobbs NM 88240), per 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(a)(b)(c) Summary Suspension. The Summary Suspension is regarding a medication violation on November 16, 2025, for second place finisher "Latigo Ellis" from race 1 at Zia Park.

Sample E549337 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 December 4, 2025, reported Albuterol confirmed in Urine.

Hector Chavez was listed as the Trainer of record for the horse "Latigo Ellis" on November 16, 2025.

Alicia Andrade was listed as the Owner of record for the horse "Latigo Ellis" on November 16, 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 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.



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-ZIA-33  
Track Zia Park  
Ruling Date: 12/7/2025

Licensee: CHAVEZ, HECTOR

License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 33662  
License Number: 308841

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) Trainers: A trainer is responsible for:  
(5) the proper identity, custody, care, health, condition, and safety of horses in their charge;

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

A. Penalties:

(1) In issuing penalties against individuals found guilty of medication and drug violations, a regulatory distinction shall be made between the detection of therapeutic medications used routinely to treat racehorses and those drugs that have no reason to be found at any concentration in the test sample on race day.

(2) The stewards or the commission will use the association of racing commissioner's international recommended penalty as a starting place in the penalty stage of the deliberations for a rule violation for any drug listed in the association of racing commissioners international uniform classification guidelines for foreign substances.

NMAC 15.2.6.9 B. Penalty Recommendations

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;





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-ZIA-33  
Track Zia Park  
Ruling Date: 12/7/2025

Licensee: CHAVEZ, HECTOR

License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 33662  
License Number: 308841

15.2.6.11 A. Trainer Responsibility: The purpose of this subsection is to identify responsibilities of the trainer that pertain specifically to the health and wellbeing of horses in their care.

A. The trainer is responsible for the condition of horses entered in an official workout or race and is responsible for the presence of any prohibited drug, medication or other substance, including permitted medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, in such horses. A positive test for a prohibited drug, medication or substance, including permitted medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, as reported by a commission- approved laboratory, is prima facie evidence of a violation of this rule. In the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, the trainer is responsible.

B. A trainer shall prevent the administration of any drug or medication or other prohibited substance that may cause a violation of these rules.

E. Additionally, with respect to horses in their care or custody, the trainer is responsible for: (1) the proper identity, custody, care, health, condition and safety of horses;

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), Hector Chavez 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 Hector Chavez 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 Hector Chavez 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  
15.2.6.11 E. Trainer Responsibility  
16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-ZIA-33  
Track Zia Park  
Ruling Date: 12/7/2025

Licensee: CHAVEZ, HECTOR

License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 33662  
License Number: 308841

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

*Julie Farr*

*Ronald Frazier*





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-ZIA-33  
Track: Zia Park  
Ruling Date: 12/7/2025

Licensee: CHAVEZ, HECTOR

License Type: 2023 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 33662  
License Number: 310384

Ruling # 2025-ZIA-33

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer/Owner Hector Chavez is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately, December 5, 2025, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled December 12, 2025, at 4:30 P.M. in the office of the Board of Stewards at Zia Park (3901 West Millen Dr. Hobbs NM 88240), per 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(a)(b)(c) Summary Suspension. The Summary Suspension is regarding a medication violation on November 16, 2025, for second place finisher "Latigo Ellis" from race 1 at Zia Park.

Sample E549337 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 December 4, 2025, reported Albuterol confirmed in Urine.

Hector Chavez was listed as the Trainer of record for the horse "Latigo Ellis" on November 16, 2025.

Alicia Andrade was listed as the Owner of record for the horse "Latigo Ellis" on November 16, 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 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.



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-ZIA-33  
Track Zia Park  
Ruling Date: 12/7/2025

Licensee: CHAVEZ, HECTOR

License Type: 2023 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 33662  
License Number: 310384

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) Trainers: A trainer is responsible for:  
(5) the proper identity, custody, care, health, condition, and safety of horses in their charge;

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

A. Penalties:

(1) In issuing penalties against individuals found guilty of medication and drug violations, a regulatory distinction shall be made between the detection of therapeutic medications used routinely to treat racehorses and those drugs that have no reason to be found at any concentration in the test sample on race day.

(2) The stewards or the commission will use the association of racing commissioner's international recommended penalty as a starting place in the penalty stage of the deliberations for a rule violation for any drug listed in the association of racing commissioners international uniform classification guidelines for foreign substances.

NMAC 15.2.6.9 B. Penalty Recommendations

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;





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-ZIA-33  
Track Zia Park  
Ruling Date: 12/7/2025

Licensee: CHAVEZ, HECTOR

License Type: 2023 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 33662  
License Number: 310384

15.2.6.11 A. Trainer Responsibility: The purpose of this subsection is to identify responsibilities of the trainer that pertain specifically to the health and wellbeing of horses in their care.

A. The trainer is responsible for the condition of horses entered in an official workout or race and is responsible for the presence of any prohibited drug, medication or other substance, including permitted medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, in such horses. A positive test for a prohibited drug, medication or substance, including permitted medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, as reported by a commission- approved laboratory, is prima facie evidence of a violation of this rule. In the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, the trainer is responsible.

B. A trainer shall prevent the administration of any drug or medication or other prohibited substance that may cause a violation of these rules.

E. Additionally, with respect to horses in their care or custody, the trainer is responsible for: (1) the proper identity, custody, care, health, condition and safety of horses;

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), Hector Chavez 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 Hector Chavez 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 Hector Chavez 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  
15.2.6.11 E. Trainer Responsibility  
16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-ZIA-33  
Track Zia Park  
Ruling Date: 12/7/2025

Licensee: CHAVEZ, HECTOR

License Type: 2023 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 33662  
License Number: 310384

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

*Julie Farr*

*Ronald Frazier*





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-34  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/24/2026

Licensee: DE LA CRUZ, VILMA IRIS

License Type: 2025 1 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 22006  
License Number: 316652

Ruling # 2026-SUN-34

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer/Owner Vilma De La Cruz, having been duly notified, waived her right to a 10-day notice and formal disciplinary hearing before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on January 4, 2026, regarding a positive medication violation in sample E549367 for the drug Methylprednisolone, a Class 4 Penalty C drug, confirmed in blood at 546 pg/mL (The measurement uncertainty of the method is 11 pg/mL at the threshold of 100 pg/mL), by Industrial Laboratories (official testing laboratory of the New Mexico Racing Commission), for the horse "Codis Breaker", who placed 7th in race 3 on November 22, 2025 at Zia Park Racetrack in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Vilma De La Cruz was the Trainer of record for the horse "Codis Breaker" on November 22, 2025.

Vilma De La Cruz was the Owner of record for the horse "Codis Breaker" on November 22, 2025.

Split sample rights were afforded to Trainer/Owner Vilma De La Cruz and declined, per NMAC 15.2.6.10 D.

**Aggravating factors considered:**

Level of Methylprednisolone was more than 5 times the threshold amount.

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

15.2.5.13 B. (1) HORSES INELIGIBLE

15.2.6.9. A. (1)(2)(3) MEDICATIONS AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

15.2.6.9 B. (3) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS:

15.2.6.9. C. (1) Medication restrictions

15.2.6.11 A. Trainer Responsibility

16.47.1.8.U. Protection of Horses

16.47.1.10 B. Absolute Insurer

**For this violation, (First offense for Class 4 Penalty C) the Board of Stewards hereby issues the following penalties:**

1. For the presence of Methylprednisolone, a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500), per Rule 15.2.6.9 B. which must be paid on or before February 6, 2026, 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



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-34  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/24/2026

Licensee: DE LA CRUZ, VILMA IRIS

License Type: 2025 1 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 22006  
License Number: 316652

ordered.

2. In addition, and pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.9 B (1-7), Trainer Vilma De La Cruz has accumulated a total of "1/2" point for this violation for a total of "1/2" lifetime point under the Multiple Medication Violation point system, in accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9(O).

3. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13 E.(4)(d), "Codis Breaker" is disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes from the third race on November 22, 2025 at Zia Park. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.14 D. (7) and Rule 15.2.3.8 B (3)(j) the purse redistribution is as follows:

1. Volcoms Favorite
  2. Hondo Hocks
  3. Wicked Trouble
  4. Kj Sky Pilot
  5. Moonin the Czech
  6. Indian Jewel
  7. Flash to Moon
- Unplaced: Codis Breaker

The horse "Codis Breaker" must pass a Commission-approved examination before becoming eligible to be entered, per Rule 15.2.6.9 B.(3).

In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "Codis Breaker" shall remain on the Stewards' List until such time as the case is fully adjudicated.

**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
- 15.2.5.12 B. Horse Ineligible
- 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
- 16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required
- 16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application Information
- 16.47.1.8 T. Knowledge of Rules
- 16.47.1.10. C. Trainers – Other Responsibility

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 a cashier's check, money order." The last day to file an appeal is February 2, 2026.





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-34  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/24/2026

Licensee: DE LA CRUZ, VILMA IRIS  
License Type: 2025 1 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 22006  
License Number: 316652

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

*Ronald Frazier*

*Julie Farr*



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-35  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/25/2026

Licensee: SOTO, JESUS M

License Type: Applicant Id: 32730  
License Number:

Ruling # 2026-SUN-35

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

The Owner and Trainer license applications submitted to the NMRC (from January 5, 2026 to January 12, 2026) for Jesus Maria Soto are hereby denied, for the following reasons:

1. Mr. Soto's spouse, Melissa Soto, is currently under suspension (NM-Ruling # 2017-SUN-254).
2. Mr. Soto's extensive violation history, which includes numerous medication violations and suspensions. NM-Ruling #s:

- 2023-RUI-54-AFF – Hearing Officer's report detailed results of a search of Mr. Soto's tack room, in which hypodermic syringes and needles, unlabeled medications, and an extensive array of injectable medications were found, resulting in 545 days of suspension and fines of \$5,000. Additional penalty for 2 unlicensed employees - \$400 fine
- 2022-SUN-60 and 2022-SUN-59 - Class 4 Penalty C medication violation - \$1,000 fine
- 2021-SRP-19 - Clenbuterol Class 3 Penalty B medication violation -60 day suspension, \$1,000 fine
- 2019-SUN-175 – Clenbuterol Class 3 Penalty B medication violation – 6 month suspension
- 2018-DAA-61 – Clenbuterol Class 3 Penalty B medication violation – 30 day suspension, \$750 fine
- 2017-SUN-80 – Stanozolol Class 3 Penalty B medication violation- 9 month suspension, \$5,000 fine
- 2016-SUN-198 – Stanozolol Class 3 Penalty B medication violation- 6 month suspension, \$2,500 fine
- 2015-ZIA-206 – Clenbuterol Class 3 Penalty B medication violation – 60 day suspension, \$1,000 fine
- 2015-ZIA-205 – Dexamethasone Class 4 Penalty C medication violation- \$500 fine
- 2015-ZIA-201 – Clenbuterol Class 3 Penalty B medication violation – 60 day suspension, \$1,000 fine, 6 months probation
- 2015-SRP-61 – Clenbuterol Class 3 Penalty B medication violation– 60 day suspension, \$1,000 fine
- 2015-RUI-120 – Employing unlicensed person





New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-35  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/25/2026

Licensee: SOTO, JESUS M

License Type:

Applicant Id: 32730  
License Number:

- 2015-RUI-7 – Employing unlicensed person
- 2014-SUN-447 – Clenbuterol Class 3 Penalty B medication violation – 60 day suspension, \$1,000 fine
- 0027409 – Suspended for failure to pay Veterinarian (\$4412.78)
- 2829513 – suspended for failure to pay fine
- 0254509 – Employed person in capacity for which they were not licensed
- 0243412 – Employed person in capacity for which they were not licensed
- 0094508 – Employed person in capacity for which they were not licensed
- 0007506 – Gratuity to Assistant Starter – 45-day suspension, \$1,500 fine
- 10100196 – Claims violation – 6 months probation, \$1,500 fine
- 10095914 – Caffeine & Theophylline positives – 6 month suspension, \$15,000 fine
- 10090024 – Employing unlicensed person

1. Mr. Soto has had 5 positive Out-of-Competition Testing (OOCT) medication violations.
2. Mr. Soto is currently on probation.
3. Mr. Soto was not the properly recorded owner of record for any horse on file at Sunland Park at the time of submitting an Owner application, and failed to indicate proof of ownership on any Owner license application.
4. Mr. Soto submitted Owner and Trainer license applications with conflicting information.

Per 16.47.1.8L.(3), Mr. Soto may not reapply for an NMRC license for a period of three (3) years.

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

- 15.2.3.8 B.(3)(f)
- 15.2.6.9 A.(13)(d)
- 16.47.1.8 A.(2)
- 16.47.1.8 L.(1)(d)(e)(f)(i)(o)
- 15.2.1.8 B. 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 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



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SUN-35  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/25/2026

Licensee: SOTO, JESUS M

License Type:

Applicant Id: 32730

License Number:

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 February 4, 2026.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

*Geoff Waxler*

*Roger Farrell*