



New Mexico Racing Commission
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Ruling #: 2026-SUN-45
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 2/13/2026

Licensee: BELTRAN, RAUL ARMANDO

License Type: 2025 1 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 158999
License Number: 316690

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Action Type: Case Continued
Ruling:
RE: 2026-SUN-45 - Case Continued

Owner/Trainer Raul A. Beltran Moreno having been summarily suspended February 13, 2026, appeared for his summary suspension hearing before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on February 20, 2026, regarding conduct detrimental to the best interest of racing, having been found in possession of a needle and syringe in a truck (owned by Raul A. Beltran Moreno) on January 8, 2026, on the grounds of Sunland Park Racetrack. NMRC Investigator Elizabeth Garcia provided a written report from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) Investigators, reporting a barn search at Sunland Park Racetrack. HIWU Investigators found a needle and syringe in the truck owned by Raul Beltran Moreno.

Aggravating factor:

Raul Beltran Moreno employed two (2) unlicensed grooms and one (1) unlicensed exercise rider at Frontera Park Training Center.

After hearing the testimony and viewing evidence presented, the Sunland Park Board of Stewards determined that Raul A. Beltran Moreno shall remain suspended pending the outcome of the HIWU investigation.

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:

(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 15.2.6.8 B. VETERINARY PRACTICES: Treatment Restrictions:

(4) No person other than a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this jurisdiction and licensed by the commission, or a veterinary assistant licensed by the



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any location under the jurisdiction of the commission any of the following unless approved by the commission:

(b) any hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or any equipment associated with the aid of intravenous administration.

NMAC 16.47.1.8 E. Consent to search and seizure: By acceptance of a license, a licensee consents to search and inspection by the commission or its agents and to the seizure of any prohibited medication, drugs, paraphernalia or devices in accordance with state and federal law.

NMAC 16.47.1.8 U. Protection of horses: (1) Each person licensed by the commission shall do all that is reasonable and within their power and scope of duty to guard against and prevent the administration of any drug, medication or other substance, including permissible medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, to any horse entered or to be entered in an official workout or race, as prohibited by these rules. (2) 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.

NMAC 16.47.1.10 Trainers:

B. Absolute insurer: (2) A trainer must prevent the administration of any drug or medication or other prohibited substance that may cause a violation of these rules.

C. Other Responsibility: A trainer is responsible for:

- (5) the proper identity, custody, care, health, condition, and safety of horses in their charge;
- (28) notifying horse owners upon the revocation or suspension of their trainer's license;

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 B. (21), Raul A. Beltran Moreno 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 Raul A. Beltran Moreno 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 Raul A. Beltran Moreno must be done in accordance with 15.2.6.9 A. (13)(a)(b)(c)(d) Medication and Prohibited Substances, 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



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- 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
- 16.47.1.10. C. Trainer – Other Responsibility

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

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