



Ruling #: 2026-SUN-74  
Track: Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 3/14/2026

Licensee: MARTINEZ, EDWIN ABRAHAM

License Type: 2025 1 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 46015  
License Number: 317357

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Action Type: Case Continued  
Ruling:

RE: 2026-SUN-74 Case Continued

Owner/Trainer Edwin A. Martinez, currently under summary suspension per Rule 15.2.1.9 A(3), since March 14, 2026, was duly notified and appeared for his summary suspension hearing before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards (1200 Futurity Drive Sunland Park NM 88063), and via Microsoft Teams, on March 22, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.

The Summary Suspension is regarding two horses trained by Edwin A. Martinez, that sustained catastrophic injuries shortly after the finish of races 1 and 2, requiring euthanasia, March 14, 2026, at Sunland Park Racetrack.

Edwin A. Martinez was the trainer of record for the horse "A Streakin Prada" in race 1 on March 14, 2026, at Sunland Park Racetrack.

Edwin A. Martinez was the trainer of record for the horse "Flower Peach" in race 2 on March 14, 2026, at Sunland Park Racetrack.

The Summary Suspension Ruling for Edwin A. Martinez required the following:

1. The veterinary records, for the past six (6) months, of all Quarter Horses that Edwin A. Martinez entered or started at the Sunland Park 2026 race meet are required to be submitted to the Stewards by the time of the scheduled Summary Suspension Hearing. See NMSA 1978, § 60-1A-4(A)(3) (Commission --may compel production of documents).
2. All Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds, trained, entered or raced by Edwin A. Martinez during the Sunland Park 2026 race meet, are required to have a regulatory exam by a New Mexico Racing Commission (NMRC) Official Veterinarian.
3. Current diagnostic radiographs of the carpus and fetlock, of all Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds, trained, entered or raced by Edwin A. Martinez during the Sunland Park 2026 race meet, are required to be provided for review by an NMRC Official Veterinarian.
4. All Quarter Horses, trained, entered or raced by Edwin A. Martinez during the Sunland Park 2026 race meet, must complete mandatory hair testing conducted by the NMRC for prohibited substances. Edwin A. Martinez will be responsible for all associated costs.



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Edwin A. Martinez testified he had been suspended in 2025 (NM-Ruling #2025-SUN-82 and HIWU Case # 25-HI-093) and had not returned to training until shortly before the start of the 2026 Sunland Park race meet. Additionally, he testified he had not provided the required veterinary records, diagnostic radiographs, hair tests and NMRC Official Veterinarian exams.

**After hearing the testimony and viewing the evidence presented, the Sunland Park Board of Stewards determined Edwin A. Martinez shall remain summarily suspended pending the required submissions (veterinary records, diagnostic radiographs, hair testing) are reviewed by an NMRC Official Veterinarian and the NMRC Official Veterinarian exams are completed. The time frame for the veterinary records is amended to commence January 2, 2026.**

NMAC 16.47.1.8 L. (1)(i)(o) **Grounds for disciplinary measures for a licensee, and refusal, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license:** (1) The commission may refuse to issue a license to an applicant, or may suspend or revoke a license issued, or order disciplinary measures, if the applicant: (i) Is a person whose conduct or reputation may adversely reflect on the honesty and integrity of horse racing or interfere with the orderly conduct of a race meeting; interfering with the orderly conduct of a race meeting shall include, but is not limited to, disruptive or intemperate behavior or behavior which exposes others to danger anywhere on the racetrack grounds; the fact that the race meet was not actually interrupted is not a defense to the imposition of discipline under this rule; (o) Has engaged in conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the best interests of racing.

NMAC 15.2.1.9 A. (3)(a) **Proceedings Before the Stewards:** Summary Suspension. "If the Stewards determine that a licensee's action constitutes an immediate danger to the public health, safety, integrity or welfare of the horseracing industry, the Stewards may summarily suspend the license pending a hearing."

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.

NMAC 16.47.1.10 B. (1) **Absolute Insurer** "The trainer is the absolute insurer of the condition of horses entered in an official workout or race..."

NMAC 16.47.1.10 C. (5)(19) **Trainers** A trainer is responsible for:

(5) the proper identity, custody, care, health, condition, and safety of horses in their charge;  
(19) ensuring the fitness of a horse to perform creditably at the distance entered.

NMAC 15.2.6.11 A. E. **Trainer Responsibility:** "The trainer is responsible for the condition of horses entered in an official workout or race..."



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In accordance with NMAC 15.2.1.9 B. (21), Edwin A. Martinez 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 Edwin A. Martinez are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per 15.2.1.9 A. (8)(b) and 15.2.1.9 B.(21)(c).

NMSA 1978, Section 60-1A-4(A) provides "The commission may exclude or compel the exclusion of a person from all horse racetracks who the commission deems detrimental to the best interests of horse racing..."

All transfers and sales of horses trained, owned, or in the care and custody of Edwin A. Martinez must be done in accordance with NMAC 15.2.6.9 A. (13)(a)(b)(c)(d) 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 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 Sunland Park Stewards

*Geoff Wapler*

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