



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-SRP-1
Track SunRay Park
Ruling Date: 4/9/2026

Licensee: GUTIERREZ, JOEL

License Type: 2023 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 32861
License Number: 309262

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Action Type: Case Continued
Ruling:
RE: 2026-SRP-1 - Case Continued

Owner/Trainer Joel Gutierrez, currently under a summary suspension from April 9, 2026, having been properly noticed, appeared for his Summary Suspension hearing before the Sunray Park Board of Stewards (39 Rd 5568, Farmington, NM 87401), via Microsoft Teams, on April 12, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. per 15.2.1.9 A. (3)(a)(b)(c) Summary Suspension. The Summary Suspension is regarding a medication violation on March 21, 2026, for seventh place finisher #7 "Stuntin Like Daddy" from race 4 at Sunland Park Racetrack.

Sample #E656813 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 April 7, 2026, reported Albuterol confirmed in Urine.

Joel Gutierrez was listed as the Trainer of record for the horse "Stuntin Like Daddy" on March 21, 2026.

Joel Gutierrez was listed as the Owner of record for the horse "Stuntin Like Daddy" on March 21, 2026.

Split sample rights were afforded to Owner/Trainer Joel Gutierrez and accepted, per NMAC 15.2.6.9 D.

After hearing the testimony and viewing evidence presented, the Sunray Park Board of Stewards determined that Joel Gutierrez shall remain suspended pending the outcome of the split sample results.

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



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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:

NMAC 16.47.1.10 B. (1) Absolute Insurer:

NMAC 16.47.1.10 C. (5) Trainers:

MNAC 16.47.1.10 C. (28) Other Responsibility: notifying horse owners upon the revocation or suspension of their trainer's license;

NMAC 15.2.6.9 Medications and Prohibited Substances:

A. Penalties

B. Penalty Recommendations

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.

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.

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), Joel Gutierrez 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 Joel Gutierrez 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 Joel Gutierrez 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.



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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
- 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 SunRay Park Stewards

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