



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-RUI-38
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 6/7/2026

Licensee: MARIONI, JUAN
License Type: 2025 1 Year Groom Applicant Id: 167542
License Number: 317658

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Action Type: Final Outcome
Ruling:

RE: 2026-RUI-38 - Ruling Final Outcome

Groom Juan Marioni appeared on June 7, 2026 and waived his summary suspension hearing and 10-day notice for his disciplinary hearing, regarding a failed drug test, in the office of the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards (The Downs at Albuquerque, Gate 7, 145 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108) per 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(a)(b)(c) Summary Suspension.

Licensee is found in violation of NMAC:

16.47.1.17 B. HUMAN DRUG OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL TESTING: Restricted Activities

- (2) possesses, without a valid prescription, a controlled substance;
- (5) has in their possession within the association grounds, any equipment, products or materials of any kind which are used or intended for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled dangerous substance;
- (7) presently has drugs or controlled substances or alcohol in their body.

16.47.1.18 A. TESTING PROCEDURES: Controlled Substance and Drug Testing:

- (1) At its discretion, the commission may conduct random or episodic random drug testing, as well as testing based on reasonable suspicion, in order to ensure safety on the association grounds.
- (2) All licensees may be subject to testing for controlled substances and drugs.
- (3) No advance notice need be given.

16.47.1.19 B. ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS: First-time offenders:

16.47.1.19 C. ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS: Second-time offenders:

During said time of applicable suspension Groom Juan Marioni is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC, per Rule 15.2.1.9 B. (21) (a-b) **Exclusion.**

For this violation, the Board of Stewards issue the following penalties:

1. For Juan Marioni's second violation: a sixty (60) day suspension, effective immediately



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on June 7, 2026 through August 6, 2026.

2. Prior to reinstatement, Juan Marioni must provide a negative urine sample.

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
- 15.2.1.9 A. (3)(a)(b)(c) Summary Suspension
- 15.2.2.8 V. (1) 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

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 June 17, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Violet Smith

Geoff Wapler

Ronald Frazier