



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-RUI-1
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 5/16/2026

Licensee: WOOD, STERLEN TREY
License Type: 2025 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 32499
License Number: 316222

Ruling # 2026-RUI-1
Action Type: Initial Ruling
Ruling:

Trainer Sterlen Trey Wood, having been duly notified via Assistant Trainer Jonathan Espinoza, waived his right to a 10-day notice and formal hearing, before the Ruidoso at The Downs at Albuquerque Board of Stewards on May 16, 2026, for entering an ineligible horse (insufficient works, not gate approved) for the horse "Jessys Valiant Spydr" entered in race 8 on May 23, 2026, at Ruidoso at Albuquerque, thus necessitating a scratch.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.11 A. WORKOUTS: Requirements:

(1) A non-starter must have had within 60 days prior to time of entry, one approved official schooling race or at least two workouts recorded at a pari mutuel or commission recognized facility and posted with the racing secretary prior to time of entry, one of the two workouts shall be from the starting gate, and be gate approved. It shall be the trainer's responsibility to establish validity as to workouts and gate approvals.

15.2.5.12 HORSES INELIGIBLE:

A. A horse shall be ineligible to enter in a race when:

- (4) it is a first-time starter and has not been approved to start by the starter;
- (6) A horse shall be ineligible to enter in a race when it lacks sufficient official published workouts or race past performance(s);

The Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

A fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) This fine is to be paid on or before May 30, 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
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16.47.1.8. T. Knowledge of Rules

15.2.1.9 A. (9)(a)(b): Which states in pertinent part that "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days after the day 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 or a money order. The last day to file an appeal is May 26, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-2
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Ruling Date: 5/21/2026

Licensee: AMAYA, DANIEL ROBERTO
License Type: 2025 1 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 33287
License Number: 316321

Ruling # 2026-RUI-2

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Daniel Amaya's Jockey license is hereby rescinded without prejudice as he no longer works in that capacity and he has been issued a trainer's license, on May 4, 2026.

Pursuant to NMAC: 16.47.1.8 M. (2) Duration of License: A license is valid only under the condition that the licensee remains eligible to hold such a license.

This ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:

- 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

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-3
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 5/21/2026

Licensee: BANDERAS, ANDRES AGUERO
License Type: 2026 1 Year Groom Applicant Id: 33077
License Number: 318172

Ruling # 2026-RUI-3

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Andres Banderas's Groom license is hereby rescinded without prejudice as he no longer works in that capacity and he has been issued a Veterinary Assistant license, on May 21, 2026.

Pursuant to NMAC: 16.47.1.8 M. (2) Duration of License: A license is valid only under the condition that the licensee remains eligible to hold such a license.

This ruling in written in accordance with NMAC:

- 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

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-4
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 5/23/2026

Licensee: RODRIGUEZ, XAVIER E.

License Type: 2024 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 35368
License Number: 313467

Ruling # 2026-RUI-4
Action Type: Initial Ruling
Ruling:

Owner/Trainer Xavier E. Rodriguez is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately May 23, 2026, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled on June 1, 2026, at 11:00 A.M. in the offices of the Board of Stewards at Ruidoso Downs at The Downs at Albuquerque Racetrack (145 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108) per 15.2.1.9 A. (3)(b) (Summary Suspension) regarding an inspection conducted by New Mexico Racing Commission investigators, which revealed needles, syringes, and injectable medications found in his tack room in the barn area on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at The Downs at Albuquerque. Xavier E. Rodriguez is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC, per 15.2.1.9 B. (21) (a-b) Exclusion.

Licensee is found in violation of and this ruling is written in accordance with:

15.2.1.9 A. (3)(a) Proceedings Before The Stewards: Summary Suspension. If the Stewards determine that a licensee's action constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the Stewards may summarily suspend the licensee pending a hearing.
15.2.1.9 A. (3)(b) Proceedings Before The Stewards: Summary Suspension. A licensee whose license has been summarily suspended is entitled to a hearing on the summary suspension not later than the 10th day after the license was summarily suspended. The licensee may waive their right to a hearing on the summary suspension within the 10-day limit.

15.2.6.8 B. (4) VETERINARY PRACTICES: Treatment restrictions: 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 commission acting under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, shall possess on any location under the jurisdiction of the commission any of the following unless approved by the commission:

- (a) any drug which is a narcotic, stimulant, or depressant, or any other substance or medication that has been prepared or packaged for injection by a hypodermic syringe, or hypodermic needle;
- (b) any hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or any equipment associated with the aid of intravenous administration.

15.2.6.9 A. (13)(d) Medications and Prohibited Substances:

(13) Procedures shall be established to ensure that a licensed trainer is not able to benefit financially during the period for which the individual has been suspended. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that horses are not transferred to or entered on behalf of a licensed person within the first degree of affinity (marriage relationship) or first degree of



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License Type: 2024 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 35368
License Number: 313467

consanguinity (blood relationship):

(a) First degree of affinity shall mean the licensee's spouse or spouse's mother, father, brother, sister, son or daughter:

15.2.6.9 H. (1) Medical Labeling: No person on association grounds where horses are lodged or kept, excluding veterinarians licensed by the commission, shall have in or upon association grounds which that person occupies or has the right to occupy, or in that person's personal property or effect or vehicle in that person's care, custody or control, a drug, medication, chemical, foreign substance or other substance that is prohibited in a horse on a race day unless the product is labeled in accordance with this subsection.

15.2.6.9 K. (1) Contraband: No person on association grounds or any premises under the jurisdiction of the New Mexico racing commission where horses are lodged or kept, excluding licensed veterinarians, shall have in that person's care, custody or control, a drug, medication, chemical, foreign substance or other substance that is prohibited in a horse on a race day unless the product is labeled in accordance with Subsection H of 15.2.6.9 NMAC. This restriction includes, but is not limited to, locations on the association grounds where that person occupies, in that person's personal property, effects or vehicle.

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.

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.

16.47.1.10 B. Absolute insurer: (1) The trainer is the absolute insurer of the condition of horses entered in an official workout or race and is responsible for the presence of any prohibited drug or medication, or other prohibited substance in such horses. A positive test for a prohibited drug or medication or other prohibited substance or the presence of permitted medication in excess of maximum allowable levels as reported by a commission-approved laboratory is prima facie evidence of a violation of this rule. The trainer is absolutely responsible regardless of the acts of third parties.

16.47.1.10 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.

16.47.1.10 C. Other Responsibility: A trainer is responsible for: (1) the condition and contents of stalls, tack rooms, feed rooms, sleeping rooms and other areas which have been assigned by the association;



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In accordance with NMAC 15.2.1.9 B. (21), Xavier E. Rodriguez 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 Xavier E. Rodriguez 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 Xavier E. Rodriguez 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
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- 16.47.1.8 A.(1)(2) License Required
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- 16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application
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- 16.47.1.8 U. Protection of Horses
- 16.47.1.10 B. Absolute Insurer
- 16.47.1.10 C. Trainer – Other Responsibility

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-5
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 5/24/2026

Licensee: LEVARIO, JESSE LEE

License Type: 2025 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 32734
License Number: 317538

Ruling # 2026-RUI-5
Action Type: Initial Ruling
Ruling:

Jockey Jesse Lee Levario having been properly notified, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards (The Downs at Albuquerque [The DAA]) on May 23, 2026, for excessive use of the crop while aboard #9 "Cr Favorite Tequila" in Race 5 at Ruidoso Downs at The DAA on May 22, 2026. This is his first crop violation during The DAA 2026 race meets.

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 hereby issue (First offense during The DAA 2026 race meets) the following penalty: A fine in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars. (\$250.00). This fine is to be paid on or before June 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 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority



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Licensee: LEVARIO, JESSE LEE
License Type: 2025 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 32734
License Number: 317538

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 3, 2026.

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-6
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 5/24/2026

Licensee: VALENZUELA, ERIC
License Type: 2025 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 163129
License Number: 316057

Ruling # 2026-RUI-6
Action Type: Initial Ruling
Ruling:

Trainer Eric Valenzuela is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately May 24, 2026, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled on June 1, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the offices of the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards (The Downs at Albuquerque [The DAA], 145 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108) per 15.2.1.9 A. (3)(b) (Summary Suspension) regarding an inspection conducted by New Mexico Racing Commission investigators, which revealed a needle and syringe found in his tack room in the barn area on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at The DAA. Eric Valenzuela is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC, per 15.2.1.9 B. (21) (a-b) Exclusion.

Licensee is found in violation of and this ruling is written in accordance with:

15.2.1.9 A. (3)(a) Proceedings Before The Stewards: Summary Suspension. If the Stewards determine that a licensee's action constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the Stewards may summarily suspend the licensee pending a hearing.
15.2.1.9 A. (3)(b) Proceedings Before The Stewards: Summary Suspension. A licensee whose license has been summarily suspended is entitled to a hearing on the summary suspension not later than the 10th day after the license was summarily suspended. The licensee may waive their right to a hearing on the summary suspension within the 10-day limit.

15.2.6.8 B. (4) VETERINARY PRACTICES: Treatment restrictions: 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 commission acting under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, shall possess on any location under the jurisdiction of the commission any of the following unless approved by the commission:

- (a) any drug which is a narcotic, stimulant, or depressant, or any other substance or medication that has been prepared or packaged for injection by a hypodermic syringe, or hypodermic needle;
- (b) any hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or any equipment associated with the aid of intravenous administration.

15.2.6.9 A. (13)(d) Medications and Prohibited Substances:

(13) Procedures shall be established to ensure that a licensed trainer is not able to benefit financially during the period for which the individual has been suspended. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that horses are not transferred to or entered on behalf of a licensed person within the first degree of affinity (marriage relationship) or first degree of



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License Type: 2025 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 163129
License Number: 316057

consanguinity (blood relationship):

(a) First degree of affinity shall mean the licensee's spouse or spouse's mother, father, brother, sister, son or daughter:

15.2.6.9 H. (1) Medical Labeling: No person on association grounds where horses are lodged or kept, excluding veterinarians licensed by the commission, shall have in or upon association grounds which that person occupies or has the right to occupy, or in that person's personal property or effect or vehicle in that person's care, custody or control, a drug, medication, chemical, foreign substance or other substance that is prohibited in a horse on a race day unless the product is labeled in accordance with this subsection.

15.2.6.9 K. (1) Contraband: No person on association grounds or any premises under the jurisdiction of the New Mexico racing commission where horses are lodged or kept, excluding licensed veterinarians, shall have in that person's care, custody or control, a drug, medication, chemical, foreign substance or other substance that is prohibited in a horse on a race day unless the product is labeled in accordance with Subsection H of 15.2.6.9 NMAC. This restriction includes, but is not limited to, locations on the association grounds where that person occupies, in that person's personal property, effects or vehicle.

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.

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.

16.47.1.10 B. Absolute insurer: (1) The trainer is the absolute insurer of the condition of horses entered in an official workout or race and is responsible for the presence of any prohibited drug or medication, or other prohibited substance in such horses. A positive test for a prohibited drug or medication or other prohibited substance or the presence of permitted medication in excess of maximum allowable levels as reported by a commission-approved laboratory is prima facie evidence of a violation of this rule. The trainer is absolutely responsible regardless of the acts of third parties.

16.47.1.10 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.

16.47.1.10 C. Other Responsibility: A trainer is responsible for: (1) the condition and contents of stalls, tack rooms, feed rooms, sleeping rooms and other areas which have been assigned by the association;



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Licensee: VALENZUELA, ERIC
License Type: 2025 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 163129
License Number: 316057

In accordance with NMAC 15.2.1.9 B. (21), Eric Valenzuela 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 Eric Valenzuela 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 Eric Valenzuela 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
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- 16.47.1.10 B. Absolute Insurer
- 16.47.1.10. C. Trainer – Other Responsibility

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-7
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Licensee: GORDON, ASHLEY NICOLE
License Type: 2026 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 159944
License Number: 318454

Ruling # 2026-RUI-7
Action Type: Initial Ruling
Ruling:

Trainer/Owner Ashley Gordon is hereby summarily suspended, effective May 24, 2026 pending the outcome of her summary suspension hearing scheduled for June 1, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. in the offices of the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards (The Downs at Albuquerque [The DAA], 145 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108) per 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(a)(b)(c) Summary Suspension. The summary suspension is in regard to her domestic partner (Xavier E. Rodriguez) being suspended for possession of needles, syringes, and injectable medications found in his tack room at The DAA.

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 A. (3)(a) Proceedings Before The Stewards: Summary Suspension. If the Stewards determine that a licensee's action constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the Stewards may summarily suspend the licensee pending a hearing.

15.2.1.9 A. (3)(b) Proceedings Before The Stewards: Summary Suspension. A licensee whose license has been summarily suspended is entitled to a hearing on the summary suspension not later than the 10th day after the license was summarily suspended. The licensee may waive their right to a hearing on the summary suspension within the 10-day limit.

In accordance with 15.2.6.9 A. (13)(a)(d) Medications and Prohibited Substances: Procedures shall be established to ensure that a licensed trainer is not able to benefit financially during the period for which the individual has been suspended. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that horses are not transferred to or entered on behalf of a licensed person within the first degree of affinity (marriage relationship) or first degree of consanguinity (blood relationship):

15.2.6.9 A (13)(a) First degree of affinity shall mean the licensee's spouse or spouse's mother, father, brother, sister, son or daughter.

15.2.6.9 A (13)(d) The spouse or domestic partner of any licensee that has had their license suspended, revoked or summarily suspended by the commission, or any other recognized regulatory organization may be suspended as well to assure that the suspended licensee does not benefit from horse racing in any way during their suspension. If the license of a jockey has been suspended for a routine riding offense and given a suspension of less than 15 days, the spouse or domestic partner may continue to participate in racing at the discretion of the stewards. The assistant trainer of a trainer that has had their license suspended, revoked or summarily suspended by the commission, or any other recognized regulatory organization may be suspended as well to assure that the suspended licensee does not benefit from horse racing in any way during their suspension.



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Licensee: GORDON, ASHLEY NICOLE
License Type: 2026 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 159944
License Number: 318454

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 B. (21), Ashley Gordon 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 Ashley Gordon 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 Ashley Gordon 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
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- 16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required
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- 16.47.1.8 T. Knowledge of Rules

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-8
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Licensee: LINARES, GILBERTO
License Type: 2025 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 164381
License Number: 316520

Ruling # 2026-RUI-8
Action Type: Initial Ruling
Ruling:

Jockey Gilberto Linares having been properly notified, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards (The Downs at Albuquerque [The DAA]) on May 24, 2026, for excessive use of the crop while aboard #8 "Hes Rustless" in Race 6 at Ruidoso Downs at The DAA on May 23, 2026. This is his first crop violation during The DAA 2026 race meets.

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 hereby issue (First offense during The DAA 2026 race meets)

the following penalty: A fine in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars. (\$250.00). This fine is to be paid on or before June 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 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority

16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required

16.47.1.8 L. Grounds for Disciplinary Measures



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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-8
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 5/24/2026

Licensee: LINARES, GILBERTO

License Type: 2025 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 164381
License Number: 316520

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 3, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Violet Smith

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-9
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 5/24/2026

Licensee: ORTEGA-ARMENDARIZ, RAUL ADRIEL
License Type: 2024 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 166064
License Number: 312586

Ruling # 2026-RUI-9
Action Type: Initial Ruling
Ruling:

Jockey Raul Ortega having been properly notified, appeared with an industry representative before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards (The Downs at Albuquerque [The DAA]) on May 24, 2026, for excessive use of the crop while aboard #5 "Seis Lightning" in Race 5 at Ruidoso Downs at The DAA on May 23, 2026. This is his first crop violation during The DAA 2026 race meets.

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 hereby issue (First offense during The DAA 2026 race meets) the following penalty: A fine in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars. (\$250.00). This fine is to be paid on or before June 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 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required



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Licensee: ORTEGA-ARMENDARIZ, RAUL ADRIEL

License Type: 2024 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 166064
License Number: 312586

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 3, 2026.

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-10
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 5/24/2026

Licensee: MARTINEZ, FEDERICO
License Type: 2024 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 160591
License Number: 311950

Ruling # 2026-RUI-10

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Federico Martinez, having been properly noticed, appeared with an industry representative before the Ruidoso Board of Stewards (The Downs at Albuquerque [The DAA]), on May 24, 2026, for careless riding during the running of race 13 on May 22, 2026, while aboard #3 "Think Twice Perry", for veering in shortly after the start under right handed crop and impeding #1 "A Valliant Cowgirl".

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 May 31, 2026, through June 6, 2026 (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



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Licensee: MARTINEZ, FEDERICO

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

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 June 3, 2026.

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-11
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 5/25/2026

Licensee: ENRIQUEZ, JOSE LUIS

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

Ruling # 2026-RUI-11

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Jose Luis Enriquez, having been properly noticed, appeared with an industry representative before the Ruidoso Board of Stewards (The Downs at Albuquerque), on May 25, 2026, for careless riding during the running of race 9 on May 24, 2026, while aboard #8 "Havasu Heights", for bearing in throughout, forcing #6 "Philippe" out of his lane, causing interference. #8 was disqualified from second and placed fourth.

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 June 5, 2026, through June 11, 2026 (Inclusive).

Jose Luis Enriquez 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
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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-11
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Ruling Date: 5/25/2026

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 cash, a cashier's check, or money order". The last day to file an appeal is June 4, 2026.

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-12
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 5/25/2026

Licensee: ESCOBEDO, EDWIN GUADALUPE
License Type: 2024 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 163616
License Number: 312661

Ruling # 2026-RUI-12

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Edwin Escobedo having been duly notified, telephonically waived his right to 10-day notice and formal hearing appeared before the Ruidoso Board of Stewards (The Downs at Albuquerque), on May 26, 2026, for failing to make his assigned weight for race 6 on May 22, 2026, necessitating a late rider change.

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

A fine in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). This fine is to be paid on or before June 4, 2026, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.1.9 (A)(7)(f). Failure to pay the fine in the prescribed time shall result in immediate suspension.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.13 C. (1) Jockey requirements: Jockeys shall report to the jockeys' quarters at the time designated by the association. Jockeys shall report their engagements and any overweight to the clerk of scales. Jockeys shall not leave the jockeys' quarters, except to ride in scheduled races, until all their riding engagements of the day have been fulfilled except as approved by the stewards.

15.2.5.13 C. (13) Jockey requirements: Five pounds is the limit of overweight any horse is permitted to carry.

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 June 4, 2026.



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Licensee: ESCOBEDO, EDWIN GUADALUPE
License Type: 2024 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 163616
License Number: 312661

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