



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-RUI-98
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 7/24/2026

Licensee: ROGERS, JARETT CASE

License Type: Applicant Id: 32724
License Number:

Ruling # 2026-RUI-98

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Jarret Rogers, having been properly noticed, appeared via Microsoft Teams before the Ruidoso Downs at the Downs at Albuquerque Board of Stewards, Louisiana & Lomas, Gate 7 Stable Gate, Albuquerque, NM 87108 on July 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for his disciplinary hearing regarding allegedly being disrespectful to the Stewards (Racing Officials) on or about July 3, 2026.

Testimony provided by Jarett Rogers described a phone call with the Board of Stewards regarding the correct ownership of one of his horses. Mr. Rogers' testimony, at the recorded disciplinary hearing, included the following admissions: "I got frustrated", "I was a little rude" and "I was hot", all pertaining to his interactions with the Stewards which served as the basis for this disciplinary hearing. Mr. Rogers' disrespect to the Stewards was confirmed by the testimony of Stewards Violet Smith and Geoff Waxler.

After viewing the evidence and hearing the testimony provided, Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

16.47.1.8 (L) 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;

(l) is disrespectful or intimidates any official, commissioner, or commission staff or any other licensee;

(o) has engaged in conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the best interests of racing;

For this violation, the conduct of Jarett Rogers is of such concern that the Board of Stewards will hereby issue a stern Letter of Reprimand to him for the following: being disrespectful to the Stewards, engaging in disruptive and intemperate behavior, and engaging in conduct unbecoming and detrimental to the best interests of racing.

This Letter of Reprimand will be made part of Jarett Rogers' ARCI profile and Ruling



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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 T. Knowledge of Rules

15.2.1.9 A. (9)(b): Appeal Procedures, which states "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 Sunday or a legal holiday, the period is extended to 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 \$400.00 dollars. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check or a money order. The last day to file is August 3, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Julie Farr

Ronald Frazier



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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-99
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Ruling Date: 7/25/2026

Licensee: FOWLER, LANEY ANN

License Type: 2025 1 Year Owner Applicant Id: 166559
License Number: 316626

Ruling # 2026-RUI-99

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Laney Fowler is hereby summarily suspended, effective July 25, 2026 pending the outcome of her summary suspension hearing scheduled for August 1, 2026, at 8:30 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 husband's (James J. Gonzalez III, NM-Ruling #2026-RUI-61 based on reciprocity) being suspended.

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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License Type: 2025 1 Year Owner Applicant Id: 166559
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In accordance with 15.2.1.9 B. (21), Laney Fowler 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 Laney Fowler 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 Laney Fowler 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
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-100
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Ruling Date: 7/26/2026

Licensee: CANO, DANIEL

License Type: 2024 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 24304
License Number: 313111

Ruling # 2026-RUI-100

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Daniel A. Cano having been duly notified, telephonically waived his right to a 10 day notice and formal hearing before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA on July 26, 2026, for failing to have his horse "Sophies Thunder" available for prerace inspection on July 25, 2026, necessitating a late scratch and mutuel refunds.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.6.12 A. (1)(2)(4) PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF HORSES: Assessment of racing condition:

- (1) Every Horse entered to participate in an official race may be subjected to a veterinary inspection prior to starting in a race for which it is entered.
- (2) The identification and inspection of every horse entered to participate in an official race shall be conducted by the official veterinarian or the racing veterinarian.
- (4) The trainer of each horse or a representative of the trainer must present the horse for inspection as required by the examining veterinarian. Horses presented for examination must have bandages removed and the legs must be clean. Prior to examination horses may not be placed in ice nor shall any device or substance be applied that impedes veterinary clinical assessment.

The Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

A fine of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$500.00). This fine must be paid on or before August 9, 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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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 \$400.00 dollars. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check or a money order. The last day to file is August 5, 2026.

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-101
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Ruling Date: 7/27/2026

Licensee: GIBSON, GREGG BLAIR
License Type: 2026 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 167638
License Number: 318324

Ruling # 2026-RUI-101

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

In reference to the ruling from the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission Ruling 2026-REM-153, and in accordance with 15.2.1.9. B. (22) **Reciprocity** and 15.2.1.9 A.(8)(c) **Effect of Rulings**, the Owner license issued to **Gregg Gibson** (NMRC Applicant ID # 167638) is hereby suspended until such time as he has been restored to good standing with the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission.

Gregg Gibson 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

This ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:

16.47.1.8 L. (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 this state or other jurisdictions.
(g) has been or is currently excluded from association grounds by a recognized racing jurisdiction.
(h) has had privileges or a license denied, suspended, or revoked by any racing commission or a recognized regulatory organization.

15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority
15.2.1.9 A. Proceedings before the Stewards
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16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-102
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Ruling Date: 7/27/2026

Licensee: WRIGHT, STEPHEN M

License Type: 2026 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 34859
License Number: 317902

Ruling # 2026-RUI-102

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

In reference to the ruling from the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission Ruling 2026-REM-151, and in accordance with 15.2.1.9. B. (22) **Reciprocity** and 15.2.1.9 A.(8)(c) **Effect of Rulings**, the Owner license issued to **Stephen M Wright** (NMRC Applicant ID # (34859) is hereby suspended until such time as he has been restored to good standing with the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission.

Stephen M. Wright 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

This ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:

16.47.1.8 L. (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 this state or other jurisdictions.
(g) has been or is currently excluded from association grounds by a recognized racing jurisdiction.
(h) has had privileges or a license denied, suspended, or revoked by any racing commission or a recognized regulatory organization.

15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority
15.2.1.9 A. Proceedings before the Stewards
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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-103
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Licensee: VALERIANO, SAMUEL ACOSTA

License Type: 2025 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 10226
License Number: 315972

Ruling # 2026-RUI-103

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Samuel A. Valeriano (AP ID 10226), (Valeriano Racing Stable LLC) pursuant to Rule 15.2.1.9A.(3)(a), is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately, July 30, 2026, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled on August 6, 2026, at 3 P.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 Rule 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(b) (Summary Suspension). The suspension is regarding conduct unbecoming and detrimental to the integrity of racing and is based on a USDA report received by the NMRC on July 16, 2026. Based on that investigative report, the Board of Stewards has determined Samuel A. Valeriano's conduct constitutes an immediate danger to the public health, safety, integrity and welfare of the horseracing industry.

During his suspension all horses owned by Samuel A. Valeriano (Valeriano Racing Stables LLC) and any other horses in partnership with Samuel A. Valeriano (Valeriano Racing Stables LLC) on or before July 30, 2026, are placed on the stewards list, denied entry, participation, transfer and sales of any and all horses that have started in the name of Samuel A. Valeriano (Valeriano Racing Stables LLC and/or any partnerships in its last start until this case has been fully adjudicated.

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 B.(21) (a), Samuel A. Valeriano is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC.

Rule 15.2.1.9 DUE PROCESS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

A. Proceedings before the stewards:...

(3) Summary suspension.

(a) If the stewards determine that a licensee's actions constitute 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.

Rule 15.2.1.9 B.(21)(a)(b):

(21) Exclusion.

(a) The steward, agency director, or commission may order an individual ejected or excluded from all or part of any premises under the regulatory jurisdiction of the commission if the stewards, agency director, or commission determine that the individual's presence on association grounds is inconsistent with maintaining the honesty and integrity of racing.

(b) An exclusion may be ordered separately or in conjunction with other disciplinary action



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License Number: 315972

taken by the stewards or commission.

Rule 16.47.1.8 L. (1)(i)(o) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures For a License, And Refusal, Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of a License.

(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.

This Ruling is written in accordance with NMAC Rules:

- 15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority
- 15.2.1.9 A. Due Process and Disciplinary Action
- 15.2.2.8 V. 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 D. Consent to investigation
- 16.47.1.8. E. Consent to search and seizure
- 16.47.1.8 L. (1) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures
- 16.47.1.8. T. Knowledge of Rules
- 16.47.1.8 U (1, 2) Protection of Horses

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-104
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Ruling Date: 7/30/2026

Licensee: VALERIO, RAYMOND G
License Type: 2026 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 29856
License Number: 318364

Ruling # 2026-RUI-104

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner/Trainer Raymond Valerio (Applicant Id #29856) is hereby summarily suspended, (pursuant to rule 15.2.1.9 A (3) (a) effective immediately, July 30, 2026, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled on August 6, 2026, at 1 P.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). The suspension is regarding conduct unbecoming and detrimental to the integrity of racing. Based on that investigative report, the Board of Stewards has determined Raymond Valerio's conduct constitutes an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and integrity and welfare of the horseracing industry. In accordance with 15.2.1.9 B. (21), Raymond Valerio is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC.

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.1.9 A. 8 (b) During his suspension all horses owned or trained by Raymond Valerio will be placed on the steward's list, denied entry, participation, transfer, and sales until his case is fully adjudicated.

16.47.1.8 L. (1) (i)(o) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures for a License, 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.

This ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:

15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority

15.2.1.9 A. Due Process and Disciplinary Action

15.2.2.8 V. Ejection and Exclusion

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16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority

16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required

16.47.1.8 D. Consent to investigation



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License Type: 2026 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 29856
License Number: 318364

16.47.1.8. E. Consent to search and seizure
16.47.1.8 L. (1) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures
16.47.1.8. T. Knowledge of Rules
16.47.1.8 U. (1)(2) Protection of Horses

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-105
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Licensee: GARCIA, JR MANUEL ALEJANDRO
License Type: 2026 1 Year Groom Applicant Id: 165059
License Number: 318668

Ruling # 2026-RUI-105

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Groom Manuel Alejandro Garcia (AP ID 165059) is hereby summarily suspended (pursuant to rule 15.2.1.9 A (3) (a) , effective immediately, July 30, 2026, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled for August 6, 2026, at 2 P.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). The suspension is in regard to conduct unbecoming and detrimental to the integrity of racing. Having been affiliated working as a groom for multiple trainers involved with Carmoterol positives, the Board of Stewards determine that his conduct constitutes an immediate danger to the public health, safety, integrity and welfare of the horseracing industry.

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 B. (21), Manuel Alejandro Garcia Jr is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC.

16.47.1.8 L. (1) (e)(i)(o) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures For a License, 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.

This ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:

15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority

15.2.1.9 A. Due Process and Disciplinary Action

15.2.2.8 V. 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 D. Consent to investigation

16.47.1.8. E. Consent to search and seizure

16.47.1.8 L. (1) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures



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Licensee: GARCIA,JR MANUEL ALEJANDRO

License Type: 2026 1 Year Groom Applicant Id: 165059
License Number: 318668

16.47.1.8. T. Knowledge of Rules
16.47.1.8.U (1)(2) Protection of horses

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-106
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/1/2026

Licensee: RAMIREZ, JR FRANCISCO RAUL

License Type: 2026 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 32171
License Number: 318990

Ruling # 2026-RUI-106

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Francisco Raul Ramirez, Jr; having been properly notified, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA on August 1, 2026, for violation of the three strike rule by using the crop more than three times in succession (four strikes) while aboard #2 "Whyjohnnyringo" in Race 4 at Ruidoso Downs @ The DAA on July 31, 2026. This is his second 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 (Second offense during The DAA 2026 race meets) the following penalty: A fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars. (\$500.00). This fine is to be paid on or before August 15, 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: RAMIREZ, JR FRANCISCO RAUL

License Type: 2026 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 32171
License Number: 318990

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

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License Type: 2025 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 35415
License Number: 316433

Ruling # 2026-RUI-107

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey James A. Flores, having been properly noticed, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards at the DAA, on August 1, 2026, for careless riding during the running of race 7 on July 31, 2026, while aboard #7, for veering in sharply shortly after the start into the path of #6, who was intimidated and swerved in quickly, causing a chain reaction with #2, #3, #4. #7 was disqualified from second and placed seventh.

Licensee is found in violation of NMAC:

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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.

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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.

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

A 7-calendar day suspension, beginning on August 9, 2026, through August 8, 2026 (Inclusive).

James A. Flores. 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

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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