



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-DAA-11
Track Downs at Albuquerque
Ruling Date: 9/17/2026

Licensee: HARTUNIAN, GARY ALAN
License Type: 2026 1 Year Owner Applicant Id: 45910
License Number: 318490

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Action Type: Modified Ruling
Ruling:

RE: 2026-DAA-11 - Modified Ruling 9-24-26

Owner Gary Hartunian, having been duly notified, failed to appear or provide an industry representative for his hearing, which was held in absentia before the Downs at Albuquerque Board of Stewards, on September 17, 2026, at 9:00am, concerning an outstanding financial obligation to partner Austin Evans (minor son of Trainer Justin Evans), in the amount of **\$2,730.38**, which is 50% of the purse money for the horse "Roki" who raced at Sunland Park, race 7 on March 30, 2026.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

16.47.1.8 (I)(2) GENERAL PROVISIONS: Financial responsibility: Any person licensed by the commission may file a financial responsibility complaint against another licensee. Any financial responsibility complaint against a licensee shall be in writing, signed by the complainant, and accompanied by documentation of the services, supplies or fees alleged to be due in connection with his/her operations as a licensee. A judgment from a civil court, which has been issued within one year of the date of the complaint, may be honored by the stewards as long as at least the defendant is a licensee.

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;

15.2.3.8 B. (1)(d) General authority: The stewards have the authority to interpret the rules and to decide all questions of racing not specifically covered by the rules. Whenever the stewards find any person culpable for any act or omission in violation of these regulations or any violation of the horse Racing Act, the person shall be subject to disciplinary action, which could include a fine, suspension, or revocation/denial of license or any combination of these penalties.



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The Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

All licenses for Gary Hartunian are suspended, effective September 17, 2026 pending the satisfaction of payment regarding 50% of the purse for the horse "Roki" which is in the amount of **\$2,730.38**.

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
16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application
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 September 27, 2026.

By Order of The Downs at Albuquerque Stewards

Violet Smith

Geoff Wapler

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