



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-RUI-108
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/7/2026

Licensee: MARTINEZ, EDGAR

License Type: 2026 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 35567
License Number: 319063

Ruling # 2026-RUI-108

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Edgar S. Martinez, having been properly noticed, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards at the DAA, on August 7, 2026, for careless riding during the running of race 1 on August 1, 2026, while aboard #1, for veering out during the race under left handed crop and impeding horses #2, #3.

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 August 16, 2026, through August 22, 2026 (Inclusive).

Edgar S. 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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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 or money order". The last day to file an appeal is August 17, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Violet Smith

Geoff Wapler

Ronald Frazier



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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-109
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Ruling Date: 8/9/2026

Licensee: ORTIZ, JOSE ENRIQUE

License Type: 2025 1 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 35364
License Number: 317463

Ruling # 2026-RUI-109

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Jose Enrique Ortiz, having been properly notified, was represented by an Alonso Hernandez, before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA on August 9, 2026, for violation of the three strike rule by using the crop more than three times in succession (five strikes) while aboard #9 in Race 5 at Ruidoso Downs @ The DAA on August 7, 2026. This is his fifth 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 (Fifth offense during The DAA 2026 race meets) the following penalty:

A 7-calendar day suspension, beginning on August 16, 2026, through August 22, 2026 (Inclusive).

Jose Enrique Ortiz 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 NMAC:

15.2.1.8 B. (1) Commission General Authority

15.2.1.9 A. Due Process and Disciplinary Action

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License Type: 2025 1 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 35364
License Number: 317463

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 or money order." The last day to file an appeal is August 20, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Violet Smith

Julie Farr

Ronald Frazier



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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-110
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/9/2026

Licensee: LINARES, GILBERTO

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

Ruling # 2026-RUI-110

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Gilberto Linares, having been duly notified, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA on August 9, 2026, for misuse of the crop while aboard #10 during the post parade for race 4 at Ruidoso Downs at The DAA on August 8, 2026. (Struck his mount during post parade).

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.13 E. (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.

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

A fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars. (\$500.00). This fine is to be paid on or before August 24, 2026, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.1.9 A. (7)(f). Failure to pay the fine in the prescribed time shall result in an immediate suspension.

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
15.2.3.8 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)(a)(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 \$400.00. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, money order or personal check." The last day to file an appeal is August 20, 2026.



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

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Ruling Date: 8/9/2026

Licensee: LINARES, GILBERTO

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

Ruling # 2026-RUI-111

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Gilberto Linares, having been properly noticed, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards at the DAA, on August 9, 2026, for careless riding during the running of race 8 on August 8, 2026, while aboard #8, for veering in sharply during the race and jostling horse #4. #8 was disqualified from sixth and placed eighth.

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 August 23, 2026, through August 29, 2026 (Inclusive).

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

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

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-112
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/13/2026

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

Ruling # 2026-RUI-112

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Raul Ortega, having been properly notified, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA on August 13, 2026, for violation of the three strike rule by using the crop more than three times in succession (four strikes) while aboard #3 in Race 4 at Ruidoso Downs @ The DAA on August 9, 2026. This is his third crop violation during The RUI 2026 race meet.

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 (Third offense during The DAA 2026 race meets) the following penalty: A fine in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars. (\$750.00). This fine is to be paid on or before August 27, 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: ORTEGA-ARMENDARIZ, RAUL ADRIEL

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

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 or money order." The last day to file an appeal is August 23, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-113
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/16/2026

Licensee: CANALES AGUILERA, JUVENCIO

License Type: 2026 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 165717
License Number: 318643

Ruling # 2026-RUI-113

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner/Trainer Juvencio Canales is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately, August 16, 2026, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled August 24, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the office of the Ruidoso Downs @ DAA Board of Stewards (145 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108), per 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(a)(b)(c) Summary Suspension. The Summary Suspension is regarding a medication violation on August 1, 2026, for second place finisher #9 "A Sweet Temptation" from race 4 at Ruidoso Downs @ DAA.

Sample #E728645 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 August 14, 2026, reported Albuterol confirmed in Urine.

Juvencio Canales was listed as the Trainer of record for the horse "A Sweet Temptation" on August 1, 2026.

Bismark A. Camarena was listed as the Owner of record for the horse "A Sweet Temptation" on August 1, 2026.

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 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. Protection of Horses:

NMAC 16.47.1.10 B. (1) Absolute Insurer:

NMAC 16.47.1.10 C. (5) Trainers:

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



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License Type: 2026 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 165717
License Number: 318643

NMAC 15.2.6.9 MEDICATIONS AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:

NMAC 15.2.6.9 A. Penalties

NMAC 15.2.6.9 B. Penalty Recommendations

NMAC 15.2.6.9 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), Juvencio Canales 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 Juvencio Canales 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 Juvencio Canales 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

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



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License Type: 2026 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 165717
License Number: 318643

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

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-114
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/16/2026

Licensee: GUTIERREZ, MANUEL

License Type: 2026 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 31992
License Number: 318272

Ruling # 2026-RUI-114

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Manuel Gutierrez, having been properly notified, telephonically waived his right to a 10-day notice and formal hearing before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA on August 16, 2026, for violation of the three strike rule by using the crop more than three times in succession (four strikes) while aboard #9 in Race 9 at Ruidoso Downs @ The DAA on August 9, 2026. This is his third crop violation during The 2026 Ruidoso Downs race meet.

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 (Third offense during the Ruidoso 2026 race meet) the following penalty:

A fine in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars. (\$750.00). This fine is to be paid on or before August 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



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Licensee: GUTIERREZ, MANUEL

License Type: 2026 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 31992
License Number: 318272

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 or money order." The last day to file an appeal is August 26, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Violet Smith

Geoff Wapler

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-115
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/16/2026

Licensee: ORTIZ, JOSE ENRIQUE

License Type: 2025 1 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 35364
License Number: 317463

Ruling # 2026-RUI-115

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Jose Enrique Ortiz, having been properly notified, was represented by an Alonso Hernandez, before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA on August 16, 2026, for violation of the three strike rule by using the crop more than three times in succession (four strikes) while aboard #8 in Race 4 at Ruidoso Downs @ The DAA on August 14, 2026. **This is his sixth crop violation during the 2026 Ruidoso meet.**

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 (Sixth offense during The 2026 Ruidoso meet) the following penalty:

A 14-calendar day suspension, beginning on August 23, 2026, through September 5, 2026 (Inclusive).

Jose Enrique Ortiz may not ride in designated races.

Jose Enrique Ortiz may continue to exercise horses during training hours

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 NMAC:

15.2.1.8 B. (1) Commission General Authority

15.2.1.9 A. Due Process and Disciplinary Action



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-RUI-115
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/16/2026

Licensee: ORTIZ, JOSE ENRIQUE

License Type: 2025 1 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 35364
License Number: 317463

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 or money order." The last day to file an appeal is August 26, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Violet Smith

Geoff Wapler

Ronald Frazier



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2026-RUI-116
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/21/2026

Licensee: MEDRANO, GABRIEL IGNACIO

License Type: 2025 3 Year Other -app Applicant Id: 167171
License Number: 316225

Ruling # 2026-RUI-116

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Gabriel Medrano, having been properly noticed, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards at the DAA, on August 21, 2026, for careless riding during the running of race 5 on August 16, 2026, while aboard #2, for drifting out under left-handed crop, and causing the rider of #3 to check.

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.

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

A 7-calendar day suspension, beginning on August 29, 2026, through September 4, 2026 (Inclusive).

Gabriel Medrano 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

16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application



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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-116
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/21/2026

Licensee: MEDRANO, GABRIEL IGNACIO

License Type: 2025 3 Year Other -app Applicant Id: 167171
License Number: 316225

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 or money order". The last day to file an appeal is August 31, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Violet Smith

Geoff Wapler

Ronald Frazier



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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-117
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/21/2026

Licensee: MARTINEZ, LUIS MARIO

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 161541
License Number: 310620

Ruling # 2026-RUI-117

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Luis Martinez, having been properly notified, appeared with interpreter Alejandro Flores before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA on August 21, 2026, for violation of the three strike rule by using the crop more than three times in succession (four strikes) while aboard #5 in Race 9 at Ruidoso Downs @ The DAA on August 14, 2026. This is his first crop violation during The 2026 Ruidoso race meet.

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 2026 Ruidoso race meet) the following penalty: A fine in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars. (\$250.00). This fine is to be paid on or before September 3, 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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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-117
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/21/2026

Licensee: MARTINEZ, LUIS MARIO

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 161541
License Number: 310620

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 August 31, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Violet Smith

Geoff Wapler

Ronald Frazier



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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-118
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/23/2026

Licensee: SOTO, JHACIEL

License Type: 2024 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 34623
License Number: 312278

Ruling # 2026-RUI-118

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Jhaciel Soto, having been properly notified, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA on August 23, 2026, for excessive use of the crop (struck his mount nine times in succession) while aboard #3 in Race 5 at Ruidoso Downs at The DAA on August 22, 2026.

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 the following penalty: A fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars. (\$500.00). This fine is to be paid on or before September 6, 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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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-118
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/23/2026

Licensee: SOTO, JHACIEL

License Type: 2024 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 34623
License Number: 312278

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 or money order." The last day to file an appeal is September 2, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Violet Smith

Geoff Wapler

Ronald Frazier



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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-119
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/24/2026

Licensee: DOZAL, OSCAR OMAR

License Type: 2026 1 Year Groom Applicant Id: 157819
License Number: 317942

Ruling # 2026-RUI-119

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Groom Oscar Dozal was duly notified and appeared, before Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA on August 16, 2026, for failing a random BAT (Breath Alcohol Test) taken by a New Mexico Racing Commission Investigator on August 16, 2026, at Ruidoso Downs @ The DAA.

Licensee is found in violation of NMAC:

16.47.1.17 B. Human Drug or Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing: Restricted Activities:

16.47.1.18 (B) Testing Procedures: Alcohol Testing:

This is Oscar Dozal's FIRST violation in a 365-day period.

The Board of Stewards hereby issues the following:

1. Written Warning

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 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 3, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards



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Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/24/2026

Licensee: DOZAL, OSCAR OMAR

License Type: 2026 1 Year Groom Applicant Id: 157819
License Number: 317942

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-120
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/27/2026

Licensee: CHAVEZ, ARTURO

License Type: 2024 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 23940
License Number: 314226

Ruling # 2026-RUI-120

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

In reference to the ruling from the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU) *EAD2025-68/EAD Charge of Anti-Doping Rule Violation – Rule 3212/Presence of a Banned Substance*, and in accordance with 15.2.1.9. B. (22) Reciprocity and 15.2.1.9 A. (8)(c) Effect of Rulings, the Owner/Trainer license issued to Arturo Chavez (NMRC Applicant ID #23940) is hereby suspended through August 24, 2028.

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.

Arturo Chavez 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:

15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority
15.2.1.9 A. Proceedings before the Stewards
15.2.3.8 B. Stewards
15.2.6.9 A. (13)(d) Penalties
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-121
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/28/2026

Licensee: VAZQUEZ, JOSE MIGUEL

License Type: 2025 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 163933
License Number: 316890

Ruling # 2026-RUI-121

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Jose Vazquez, having been properly noticed, appeared with interpreter Rodolfo Guerra, before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards at the DAA, on August 28, 2026, for careless riding during the running of race 6 on August 23, 2026, while aboard #8, for steering out near the 3/16 pole, in front of and impeding #3, causing the rider of #3 to check.

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.

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

A 7-calendar day suspension, beginning on September 4, 2026, through September 10, 2026 (Inclusive).

Jose Vazquez 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

16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application



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Licensee: VAZQUEZ, JOSE MIGUEL

License Type: 2025 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 163933
License Number: 316890

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 or money order". The last day to file an appeal is September 7, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Violet Smith

Geoff Wapler

Ronald Frazier



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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-122
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/29/2026

Licensee: BARRIOS, BERNADETTE EVANGELIN
License Type: 2025 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 29859
License Number: 315169

Ruling # 2026-RUI-122

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Bernadette Barrios, having been duly notified via a citation issued to her, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA, on August 29, 2026, for failure to bring her entry #4 "Patriots World" to the paddock with proper equipment (flipping halter) for race 1 on August 28, 2026, at The DAA.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.8 B. (6) Procedure for Entries: No alteration may be made in any entry after the closing of entries, but an error may be corrected with permission of the stewards.
15.2.5.8 B. (10) Procedure for Entries: Any approved change of equipment must be declared at time of entry. Any changes after that time must be approved by the stewards.
15.2.6.11E. (11) Trainer Responsibility: The trainer is responsible for ensuring proper bandages, equipment, and shoes.
16.47.1.10 C. (17)(20) Trainers; Other Responsibility

The Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

A fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). This fine is to be paid on or before September 12, 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
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



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Ruling Date: 8/29/2026

Licensee: BARRIOS, BERNADETTE EVANGELIN

License Type: 2025 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 29859
License Number: 315169

day to file is September 8, 2026.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Violet Smith

Geoff Wapler

Ronald Frazier



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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-123
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/29/2026

Licensee: MARTINEZ, EDWIN ABRAHAM

License Type: 2025 1 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 46015
License Number: 317357

Ruling # 2026-RUI-123

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Edwin Martinez having been duly notified via a citation issued to him, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA, August 29, 2026, for failure to present the horse "Valentyno" in the paddock on August 28, 2026, for Race 2 by the designated time, necessitating a late scratch and mutuel refunds.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.9 DECLARATIONS AND SCRATCHES: Scratches: B. (4) No horse may be scratched from an overnight race without approval of the stewards.

The Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

A fine of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$500.00) which must be paid on or before September 12, 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

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 8, 2026.



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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-123
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/29/2026

Licensee: MARTINEZ, EDWIN ABRAHAM

License Type: 2025 1 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 46015
License Number: 317357

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Violet Smith

Geoff Wexler

Ronald Frazier



New Mexico Racing Commission
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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-124
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/29/2026

Licensee: HINOJOS, ALVARO

License Type: 2025 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 27309
License Number: 316038

Ruling # 2026-RUI-124

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Alvaro Hinojos, having been duly notified via a citation, waived his right to a 10-day notice and formal disciplinary hearing before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA, on August 29, 2026, for failure to bring his entry #5 "Love That Jess" to the paddock with proper equipment (flipping halter) for race 6 on August 22, 2026, at The DAA.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.8 B. (6) Procedure for Entries: No alteration may be made in any entry after the closing of entries, but an error may be corrected with permission of the stewards.
15.2.5.8 B. (10) Procedure for Entries: Any approved change of equipment must be declared at time of entry. Any changes after that time must be approved by the stewards.
15.2.6.11E. (11) Trainer Responsibility: The trainer is responsible for ensuring proper bandages, equipment, and shoes.
16.47.1.10 C. (17)(20) Trainers; Other Responsibility

The Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

A fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). This fine is to be paid on or before September 12, 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
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16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required
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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



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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-124
Track Ruidoso Downs
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Licensee: HINOJOS, ALVARO

License Type: 2025 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 27309
License Number: 316038

day to file is September 8, 2026.

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-125
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/29/2026

Licensee: MEDELLIN, ERICK A

License Type: 2026 1 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 161807
License Number: 319386

Ruling # 2026-RUI-125

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Erick Medellin, having been properly noticed, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards at the DAA, on August 29, 2026, for careless riding during the running of race 5 on August 29, 2026, while aboard #8, for drifting in under right-handed crop causing #1 to clip heels and unseat the rider. #8 was disqualified from third and unplaced.

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.

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

A 7-calendar day suspension, beginning on September 6, 2026, through September 12, 2026 (Inclusive).

Erick Medellin 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

16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application



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Licensee: MEDELLIN, ERICK A

License Type: 2026 1 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 161807
License Number: 319386

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 or money order". The last day to file an appeal is September 8, 2026.

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-126
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/30/2026

Licensee: BARRAZA-SOSA, RAFAEL

License Type: 2023 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 160206
License Number: 310118

Ruling # 2026-RUI-126

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Rafael S. Barraza having been duly notified, waived his right to a 10-day notice and formal hearing, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards at the DAA on August 29, 2026, for failure to have his owner licensed prior to the start of race 7 on August 30, 2026, for his entry #4 "Always on Cay" necessitating a late scratch at the DAA.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.12 B. Horses Ineligible: A horse shall be ineligible to start when:

(11) its owner(s), lessor(s) or trainer have not completed the licensing procedures required by the commission;

16.47.1.8 A. General Provisions: Licenses Required

16.47.1.9 A. Owners: Licensing requirements for owners:

(1) Each person who has a five percent or more ownership or beneficial interest in a horse is required to be licensed.

16.47.1.10 C. (17) Trainers: Other Responsibility: representing an owner in making entries and scratches and in all other matters pertaining to racing; horses entered as to eligibility and weight or other allowances claimed;

The Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

A fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) which must be paid on or before September 13, 2026. Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time may result in immediate suspension. Pursuant to Rule 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:

15.2.1.9 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

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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



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Licensee: BARRAZA-SOSA, RAFAEL

License Type: 2023 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 160206
License Number: 310118

day to file is September 9, 2026.

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-127
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/31/2026

Licensee: GONZALEZ, JOSE A

License Type: 2024 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 29031
License Number: 311685

Ruling # 2026-RUI-127

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Jose A. Gonzalez having been duly notified via a citation, waived his right to a 10-day notice and formal disciplinary hearing before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA, August 31, 2026, for failure to present the horse "Brandyn" in the paddock on August 30, 2026, for Race 5 by the designated time, necessitating a late scratch and mutuel refunds.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.9 DECLARATIONS AND SCRATCHES: Scratches: B. (4) No horse may be scratched from an overnight race without approval of the stewards.

The Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

A fine of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$500.00) which must be paid on or before September 14, 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

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16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-128
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 9/3/2026

Licensee: Villéla, Guillermo

License Type: 2025 1 Year Owner Applicant Id: 160126
License Number: 316686

Ruling # 2026-RUI-128

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Guillermo Villela having been duly, failed to appear or provide an industry representative for his hearing, which was held in absentia before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA, September 3, 2026, at 10:00am, concerning an outstanding financial obligation to Jaime Aldavaz in the amount of \$4,640 for training the horse "Chicks in the Meadow."

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;

The Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

All licenses for Guillermo Villela are suspended, effective September 3, 2026 pending the satisfaction of payment regarding the training bill for the horse "Chicks in the Meadow" in the amount of \$4,640.

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



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Licensee: Villela, Guillermo

License Type: 2025 1 Year Owner

Applicant Id: 160126

License Number: 316686

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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-129
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Ruling Date: 9/4/2026

Licensee: ITURRALDE, LUIS DANIEL
License Type: 2026 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 33065
License Number: 318064

Ruling # 2026-RUI-129

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner/Trainer Luis Daniel Iturralde is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately, September 4, 2026, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled September 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the office of the Ruidoso Downs @ DAA Board of Stewards (145 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108), per 15.2.1.9 A.(3)(a)(b)(c) Summary Suspension. The Summary Suspension is regarding a medication violation on August 24, 2026, for an out of competition sample from the horse "The Diesel Train" from Ruidoso Downs @ DAA.

Sample #E656387 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 September 3, 2026, reported Albuterol confirmed in Urine.

Luis Daniel Iturralde was listed as the Trainer of record for the horse "The Diesel Train" on August 24, 2026.

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 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. Protection of Horses:

NMAC 16.47.1.10 B. (1) Absolute Insurer:

NMAC 16.47.1.10 C. (5) Trainers:

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

NMAC 15.2.6.9 MEDICATIONS AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:



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License Number: 318064

NMAC 15.2.6.9 A. Penalties

NMAC 15.2.6.9 B. Penalty Recommendations

NMAC 15.2.6.9 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;

16.2.6.9 J. (3)(4) Out of competition testing:

(3) The penalty for a positive test resulting from an out of competition blood or urine sample will be determined by the penalty class of the drug listed in the association of racing commissioners international "uniform classification guidelines for foreign substances and recommended penalties and model rule" and incorporated by reference under 15.2.6.9 NMAC.

(4) A horse with a positive test in an out of competition official sample for any substance identified under Paragraph (6) of Subsection C of 15.2.6.9 NMAC will be placed on the steward's list as per the conditions set forth in that subsection. Horses already on the steward's list for violations of Subsection C of 15.2.6.9 NMAC that have a positive out of competition test in a blood or urine sample for one of the substances identified in the referenced paragraph shall be placed on the steward's list for an additional, consecutive 60-day period.

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), Luis Daniel Iturralde 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 Luis Daniel Iturralde 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 Luis Daniel Iturralde 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



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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-130
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Licensee: RIVERA-VELAZQUEZ, CARLOS

License Type: 2026 1 Year Groom Applicant Id: 159121
License Number: 319621

Ruling # 2026-RUI-130

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Groom Carlos Rivera-Velazquez, having been properly noticed, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA on September 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., regarding participation in an altercation in the barn area.

After hearing the testimony presented, the Board of Stewards determined that Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

16.47.1.8 L. Grounds for Disciplinary Measures for a License, And Refusal, Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of a License:

16.47.1.8 L. (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.

16.47.1.8 L. (l) is disrespectful or intimidates any official, commissioner, or commission staff or any other licensee.

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

For this violation, the Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

A fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars. (\$500.00). This fine is to be paid on or before September 19, 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

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License Number: 319621

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 September 15, 2026.

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-131
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Licensee: ALDAVAZ, KARINA

License Type: 2025 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 33112
License Number: 317481

Ruling # 2026-RUI-131

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Karina Aldavaz, having been properly noticed, appeared before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA on September 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., regarding participation in an altercation in the barn area.

After hearing the testimony presented, the Board of Stewards determined that Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

16.47.1.8 L. Grounds for Disciplinary Measures for a License, And Refusal, Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of a License:

16.47.1.8 L. (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.

16.47.1.8 L. (l) is disrespectful or intimidates any official, commissioner, or commission staff or any other licensee.

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

For this violation, the Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

A fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars. (\$500.00). This fine is to be paid on or before September 19, 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

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16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority

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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 September 15, 2026.

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-132
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 9/6/2026

Licensee: AMPARAN, ALBERTO

License Type: 2025 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 10520
License Number: 316614

Ruling # 2026-RUI-132

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Alberto Amparan, having been duly notified via a citation, waived his right to a 10-day notice and formal disciplinary hearing before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA, September 6, 2026, regarding failure to have a current Coggins certificate on file with the Racing Office for his entry #8 "Certe" prior to the start of race 10 on September 5, 2026, at The DAA, necessitating a late scratch and mutuel refunds.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.12 B. (12) Horses Ineligible. There is no current negative test certificate for equine infectious anemia on file with the racing office, as required by the commission.

The Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

A fine of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$500.00) which must be paid on or before September 20, 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
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 16, 2026.



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Ruling Date: 9/6/2026

Licensee: MORENO, EDGAR

License Type: 2024 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 30696
License Number: 313847

Ruling # 2026-RUI-133

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Edgar Moreno, having been duly notified, waived his right to a 10 day notice for a formal disciplinary hearing before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards (The Downs at Albuquerque, Gate 7, 145 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108) on September 6, 2026, regarding a medication violation for the horse "Shell Game" who placed second in race 5 on August 21, 2026, at RUI @ DAA, for a Class 4 Penalty C drug, "Phenylbutazone" confirmed in blood Sample E656324 at 0.494 ug/ml, (the measurement of uncertainty of the method is 0.050 ug/mL at the threshold of 0.3 ug/ml), by Industrial Laboratories (the official laboratory for the NMRC) on September 4, 2026.

Edgar Moreno was the trainer of record for the horse "Shell Game" on August 21, 2026.
Socorro Duarte was the owner of record for the horse "Shell Game" on August 21, 2026.

Split Sample rights were afforded to and declined by Trainer Edgar Moreno and Owner Socorro Durate per NMAC 15.2.6.10 D.

In accordance with **Rule 15.2.6.9 B. (2) Licensed Trainer**: This is Trainer Juan Meraz's first offense within a two year period for a Class 4 Penalty C medication violation.

Licensee is found in violation of NMAC:

15.2.6.9. A. (7)(8) Medications and Prohibited Substances
15.2.6.9 B. (3) Penalty Recommendations:
15.2.6.9. C. (1)(8)(a) Medication restrictions
15.2.6.11 A. Trainer Responsibility
16.47.1.8 (L)(i)(o) Grounds for disciplinary measures for a license
16.47.1.8.U. Protection of Horses
16.47.1.10 B. Absolute Insurer

For this violation, the Board of Stewards hereby issues the following penalties:

A written warning letter is issued pursuant to 15.2.6.9 (B)(7). (Phenylbutazone at a level of 0.494 ug/ml)

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
15.2.3.8 B. Stewards
15.2.6.9 A. (1)(2) Penalties



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15.2.6.9 B. Penalty Recommendations

16.47.1.8 L. (i)(o) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures

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 or money order." The last day to file an appeal is September 16, 2026.

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Ruling Date: 9/6/2026

Licensee: MERAZ, LAURA IRENE

License Type: 2025 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 30490
License Number: 316654

Ruling # 2026-RUI-134

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Laura Meraz, having been duly notified, waived her right to a 10 day notice for a formal disciplinary hearing before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards (The Downs at Albuquerque, Gate 7, 145 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108) on September 6, 2026, regarding a medication violation for the horse "Dream Corona" who placed second in race 3 on August 22, 2026, at RUI @ The DAA, for a Class 4 Penalty C drug, "Phenylbutazone" confirmed in blood Sample E656343 at 0.967 ug/ml, (the measurement of uncertainty of the method is 0.050 ug/mL at the threshold of 0.3 ug/ml), by Industrial Laboratories (the official laboratory for the NMRC) on September 4, 2026.

Juan Meraz was the trainer of record for the horse "Dream Corona" on August 22, 2026.
Laura Meraz was the owner of record for the horse "Dream Corona" on August 22, 2026.

Split Sample rights were afforded to and declined by Trainer Juan Meraz and Owner Laura Meraz per NMAC 15.2.6.10 D.

Given the evidence presented, licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC Rules:

- 15.2.5.13 E. (4)(d) Running of the race: Post to Finish
- 15.2.5.14 D. (7) Protests, Objections and Inquiries
- 15.2.6.9 A. (7)(8) Medications and Prohibited Substances
- 15.2.6.9 B. (3)(a) Penalty Recommendations
- 15.2.6.9 C. (1)(8) Medication Restrictions
- 16.47.1.8 U. (1) Protection of Horses

For this violation, (First offense within 365 days) the Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalties:

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13 E. (4)(d), "Dream Corona" is disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes from the third race on August 22, 2026, at The DAA.
Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.14 D. (7) and Rule 15.2.3.8 B. (3)(j), the purse redistribution is as follows:

1. Corona Wagon
2. T Bar Grand Leona
3. Ob Perfection
4. Eagles Baby Girl
5. If Im Lethal
6. Fire Sky
7. Shinin in Hott



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8. Aviano

9. Pump Up Tha Jam

Unplaced: Dream Corona

The horse "Dream Corona" shall be placed on the Steward's list and must pass a commission-approved examination before becoming eligible to be entered, per Rule 15.2.6.9 B. (3).

In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "Dream Corona" shall remain on the Stewards' List until such time as the case is fully adjudicated.

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

15.2.3.8 B. Stewards

15.2.6.9 A. (1)(2) Penalties

15.2.6.9 B. Penalty Recommendations

16.47.1.8 L. (i)(o) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures

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 or money order." The last day to file an appeal is September 16, 2026.

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-135
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Ruling Date: 9/6/2026

Licensee: MERAZ, JUAN RAMON

License Type: 2024 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 30670
License Number: 314254

Ruling # 2026-RUI-135

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Juan Meraz, having been duly notified, waived his right to a 10 day notice for a formal disciplinary hearing before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards (The Downs at Albuquerque, Gate 7, 145 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108) on September 6, 2026, regarding a medication violation for the horse "Dream Corona" who placed second in race 3 on August 22, 2026, at RUI @ The DAA, for a Class 4 Penalty C drug, "Phenylbutazone" confirmed in blood Sample E656343 at 0.967 ug/ml, (the measurement of uncertainty of the method is 0.050 ug/mL at the threshold of 0.3 ug/ml), by Industrial Laboratories (the official laboratory for the NMRC) on September 4, 2026.

Juan Meraz was the trainer of record for the horse "Dream Corona" on August 22, 2026.
Laura Meraz was the owner of record for the horse "Dream Corona" on August 22, 2026.

Split Sample rights were afforded to and declined by Trainer Juan Meraz and Owner Laura Meraz per NMAC 15.2.6.10 D.

In accordance with **Rule 15.2.6.9 B. (2) Licensed Trainer**: This is Trainer Juan Meraz's first offense within a two year period for a Class 4 Penalty C medication violation.

Licensee is found in violation of NMAC:

- 15.2.6.9. A. (7)(8) Medications and Prohibited Substances
- 15.2.6.9 B. (3) Penalty Recommendations:
- 15.2.6.9. C. (1)(8)(a) Medication restrictions
- 15.2.6.11 A. Trainer Responsibility
- 16.47.1.8 (L)(i)(o) Grounds for disciplinary measures for a license
- 16.47.1.8.U. Protection of Horses
- 16.47.1.10 B. Absolute Insurer

For this violation, the Board of Stewards hereby issues the following penalties:

A written warning letter is issued pursuant to 15.2.6.9 (B)(7). (Phenylbutazone at a level of 0.967 ug/ml)

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
- 15.2.3.8 B. Stewards
- 15.2.6.9 A. (1)(2) Penalties



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15.2.6.9 B. Penalty Recommendations

16.47.1.8 L. (i)(o) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures

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 or money order." The last day to file an appeal is September 16, 2026.

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-136
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 9/6/2026

Licensee: DUARTE, SOCORRO

License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 86276
License Number: 310720

Ruling # 2026-RUI-136

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Socorro Duarte, represented by trainer Edgar Moreno, having been duly notified, waived his right to a 10 day notice for a formal disciplinary hearing before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards (The Downs at Albuquerque, Gate 7, 145 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108) on September 6, 2026, regarding a medication violation for the horse "Shell Game" who placed second in race 5 on August 21, 2026, at RUI @ DAA, for a Class 4 Penalty C drug, "Phenylbutazone" confirmed in blood Sample E656324 at 0.494 ug/ml, (the measurement of uncertainty of the method is 0.050 ug/mL at the threshold of 0.3 ug/ml), by Industrial Laboratories (the official laboratory for the NMRC) on September 4, 2026.

Edgar Moreno was the trainer of record for the horse "Shell Game" on August 21, 2026.
Socorro Duarte was the owner of record for the horse "Shell Game" on August 21, 2026.

Split Sample rights were afforded to and declined by Trainer Edgar Moreno and Owner Socorro Durate per NMRC 15.2.6.10 D.

Given the evidence presented, licensee is found to be in violation of NMRC Rules:

- 15.2.5.13 E. (4)(d) Running of the race: Post to Finish
- 15.2.5.14 D. (7) Protests, Objections and Inquiries
- 15.2.6.9 A. (7)(8) Medications and Prohibited Substances
- 15.2.6.9 B. (3)(a) Penalty Recommendations
- 15.2.6.9 C. (1)(8) Medication Restrictions
- 16.47.1.8 U. (1) Protection of Horses

For this violation, (First offense within 365 days) the Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalties:

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13 E. (4)(d), "Shell Game" is disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes from the third race on August 22, 2026, at The DAA.
Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.14 D. (7) and Rule 15.2.3.8 B. (3)(j), the purse redistribution is as follows:

1. Eb Famous King
2. Daddys Tea
3. Beaux Dashes
4. Well Ta Do
5. El Vital
6. Jornalero



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Licensee: DUARTE, SOCORRO

License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 86276
License Number: 310720

Unplaced: Shell Game

The horse "Shell Game" shall be placed on the Steward's list and must pass a commission-approved examination before becoming eligible to be entered, per Rule 15.2.6.9 B. (3). In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "Shell Game" shall remain on the Stewards' List until such time as the case is fully adjudicated.

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

15.2.3.8 B. Stewards

15.2.6.9 A. (1)(2) Penalties

15.2.6.9 B. Penalty Recommendations

16.47.1.8 L. (i)(o) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures

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 or money order." The last day to file an appeal is September 16, 2026.

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Ruling #: 2026-RUI-137
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 9/7/2026

Licensee: MARQUEZ, LARRY

License Type: 2026 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 164170
License Number: 317984

Ruling # 2026-RUI-137

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Larry Marquez was duly notified and appeared, with interpreter, before Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA on September 7, 2026, for failing a random BAT (Breath Alcohol Test) taken by a New Mexico Racing Commission Investigator on September 6, 2026, at Ruidoso Downs @ The DAA.

Aggravating factor considered:

1. This is Larry Marquez's **SECOND** violation in a 365-day period.
2. Lying to an NMRC Investigator.

Licensee is found in violation of NMAC:

16.47.1.8 L. (1)(e)(f)(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:

(f) has been found to have made false or misleading statements to the commission, stewards, or any racing official;

(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;

16.47.1.17 B. Human Drug or Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing: Restricted Activities:

16.47.1.18 (B) (1)(2)(3)(6) Testing Procedures: Alcohol Testing:

(1) At its discretion, the commission may conduct random or episodic breath alcohol 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 breath alcohol testing.

(3) No advance notice need be given as to random breath alcohol testing.

(6) For a licensee's second breath testing violation in any jurisdiction, the licensee shall be referred to the board of stewards and shall be fined no less than two hundred dollars and



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Licensee: MARQUEZ, LARRY

License Type: 2026 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 164170
License Number: 317984

shall be suspended for a period of not more than sixty days.

The Board of Stewards hereby issues the following:

1. A fine of **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250)** per rule 15.2.69 B. (1) which must be paid on or before September 21, 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.
2. Larry Marquez shall have his Jockey's license suspended for fifteen days (15) days effective immediately, per Rule 15.2.6.9B (1), from **September 7, 2026 through September 21, 2026**. Larry Marquez may not ride in designated races. [Rule 16.47.1.12 G. (2)]. Larry Marquez may continue to exercise horses during training hours. 16.47.1.12 G. Jockey Suspensions and Designated Races. 16.47.1.12 G. (4)(a)(b) 16.47.1.12 G. (5)(a)(b)(c).

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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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 17, 2026.

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Ruling Date: 9/7/2026

Licensee: STINEBAUGH, JOHN ALLEN

License Type: 2025 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 7101
License Number: 316199

Ruling # 2026-RUI-138

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer John Stinebaugh, having been duly notified via a citation issued to him, failed to appear for his hearing, which was held in absentia, before the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards @ The DAA, on September 7, 2026, for failure to bring his entry #8 "Mr Roosevelt" to the paddock with proper equipment (flipping halter) for race 11 on August 8, 2026, at The DAA.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.8 B. (6) Procedure for Entries: No alteration may be made in any entry after the closing of entries, but an error may be corrected with permission of the stewards.
15.2.5.8 B. (10) Procedure for Entries: Any approved change of equipment must be declared at time of entry. Any changes after that time must be approved by the stewards.
15.2.6.11E. (11) Trainer Responsibility: The trainer is responsible for ensuring proper bandages, equipment, and shoes.
16.47.1.10 C. (17)(20) Trainers; Other Responsibility

The Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

A fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). This fine is to be paid on or before September 21, 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
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



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License Type: 2025 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 7101
License Number: 316199

\$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 17, 2026.

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Violet Smith

Geoff Wapler

Ronald Frazier