



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2017-DAA-2  
Track Downs at Albuquerque  
Ruling Date: 6/28/2017

Licensee: RAMIREZ, ESTEBAN  
License Type: 2014 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 19424  
Date of Birth: 08/09/1961 License Number: 205661

Ruling # 2017-DAA-2

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer, Esteban Ramirez, is hereby summarily suspended, (effective immediately, June 28, 2017) after having appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 28, 2017, for possessing a needle and a syringe, and injectable medication during a compliance search by the investigator in the stable area on June 28, 2017, and found to be in violation of NMRC rules.

In accordance with **15.2.1.9 (C)(21) Esteban Ramirez** is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds effective **Friday, June 30, 2017 at 12:00 PM (NOON)** under the jurisdiction of the NMSRC.

**Immediately, all horses owned, trained, or under the care of Esteban Ramirez are denied further entry, pending the outcome of his hearing July 5, 2017 at 11:00 AM in accordance with 15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b),**

Licensee is found to be in violation of:

**15.2.1.9(B)(3)(a) Summary Suspension** Which states in pertinent part "If the Stewards determine that a licensee's action constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the Stewards may summarily suspend the licensee pending a hearing".

**15.2.6.8 (B)(3) TREATMENT RESTRICTIONS:** No person other than a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this jurisdiction and licensed by the commission, or a veterinary assistant licensed by the commission acting under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, shall possess on any location under the jurisdiction of the commission any of the following unless approved by the commission(a) any drug which is a narcotic, stimulant, or depressant, or any other substance or medication that has been prepared or packaged for injection by a hypodermic syringe, or hypodermic needle; 15.2.6 NMAC 2 (b) any hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or any equipment associated with the aid of intravenous administration.

This ruling is written in accordance with:

**16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(i)** – Which states in pertinent part "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 is a person whose conduct or reputation may reflect on the honesty, and integrity of horse racing"

**16.47.1.8 (E) : Agree to search and seizure** Which states in pertinent part "By acceptance of a license, a licensee consents to search and inspection by the Commission or its agents, and to the seizure of any prohibited medication, drugs, paraphernalia, or devices in accordance with State and Federal law"

**16.47.1.10 (B) ABSOLUTE INSURER**

**16.47.1.10 (C) (5) TRAINER RESPONSIBILITY:** A trainer is responsible for the proper identity, custody, care, health, condition, and safety of horses in their charge.

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

**15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action**

**15.2.3.8 B (3)(a) Stewards Disciplinary Action**

**15.2.3.8 B (1) (d) Stewards General Authority**

**16.47.1.8. T. KNOWLEDGE OF RULES:**

**16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority**

By Order of The Downs at Albuquerque Stewards

*Martin Hamilton For Walk*

*Linda Salinas*



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Ruling #: 2017-DAA-3  
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Ruling Date: 6/28/2017

Licensee: CHAVEZ, ARTURO  
License Type: 2015 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 23940  
Date of Birth: 10/09/1957 License Number: 279870

Ruling # 2017-DAA-3

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer, Arturo Chavez, is hereby summarily suspended, (effective immediately, June 28, 2017) after having appeared before the Board of Stewards on June 28, 2017, for possessing compounded medication, a needle and a syringe, and injectable medication during a compliance search by the investigator in the stable area on June 28, 2017, and found to be in violation of NMRC rules.

In accordance with 15.2.1.9 (C)(21), Arturo Chavez is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds effective **Friday, June 30, 2017 at 12:00 PM (NOON)** under the jurisdiction of the NMSRC.

**Immediately, all horses owned, trained, or under the care of Arturo Chavez are denied further entry, pending the outcome of his hearing July 5, 2017 at 10:30 AM in accordance with 15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b),**

Licensee is found to be in violation of:

**15.2.1.9(B)(3)(a) Summary Suspension** Which states in pertinent part "If the Stewards determine that a licensee's action constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the Stewards may summarily suspend the licensee pending a hearing".

**15.2.6.8 (B)(3) TREATMENT RESTRICTIONS:** No person other than a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this jurisdiction and licensed by the commission, or a veterinary assistant licensed by the commission acting under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, shall possess on any location under the jurisdiction of the commission any of the following unless approved by the commission(a) any drug which is a narcotic, stimulant, or depressant, or any other substance or medication that has been prepared or packaged for injection by a hypodermic syringe, or hypodermic needle; 15.2.6 NMAC 2 (b) any hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or any equipment associated with the aid of intravenous administration.

This ruling is written in accordance with:

**16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(i)** – Which states in pertinent part "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 is a person whose conduct or reputation may reflect on the honesty, and integrity of horse racing"

**16.47.1.8 (E) : Agree to search and seizure** Which states in pertinent part "By acceptance of a license, a licensee consents to search and inspection by the Commission or its agents, and to the seizure of any prohibited medication, drugs, paraphernalia, or devices in accordance with State and Federal law"

**16.47.1.10 (B) ABSOLUTE INSURER**

**16.47.1.10 (C) (5) TRAINER RESPONSIBILITY:** A trainer is responsible for the proper identity, custody, care, health, condition, and safety of horses in their charge.

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

**15.2.3.8 B (3)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action**

**15.2.3.8 B (3)(a) Stewards Disciplinary Action**

**15.2.3.8 B (1) (d) Stewards General Authority**

**16.47.1.8. T. KNOWLEDGE OF RULES:**

**16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority**

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Ruling #: 2017-DAA-4  
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Ruling Date: 6/28/2017

Licensee: GONZALEZ,SR JOSE R  
License Type: 2015 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 19527  
License Number: 277277

Ruling # 2017-DAA-4  
Action Type: Initial Ruling  
Ruling:

**Trainer: Jose R. Gonzalez Sr.** having been duly notified, and appeared telephonically before the Board of Stewards on **June 28, 2017**, for failure to declare equipment (**Flipping Halter Off**) at time of entry for **"Lethal Folly"** entered in **the 2nd race on June 25, 2017 at Downs at Albuquerque Racetrack.**

**Licensee is found to be in violation of:**

**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.  
**15.2.5.8 (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

For this rule violation, the Board of Stewards assessed **Jose R. Gonzalez Sr.** a penalty in the amount of **one hundred dollars (\$ 100.00)**. The fine is to paid on or before **Jun 5, 2017**, in accordance with 15.2.3.8(B)(3) (l) NMAC. Failure to pay the fine within the time prescribed may result in immediate suspension.

**This ruling is written in accordance with:**

16.47.1.8. T. KNOWLEDGE OF RULES:

  
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Appeal Filing Deadline: 15.2.1.9(B) (9) (b) NMAC: Which states in pertinent part that "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days from the date of the ruling. The appeal must be filed at the main Commission offices, or with the Stewards who issued the ruling.



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Ruling #: 2017-DAA-5  
Track Downs at Albuquerque  
Ruling Date: 6/28/2017

Licensee: RIVERA, JR JOSE L  
License Type: 2017 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 24564  
License Number: 285838

Ruling # 2017-DAA-5

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey **Jose L. Rivera Jr.** having been duly notified and having appeared before the Board of Stewards on **June 28, 2017 at Downs at Albuquerque Racetrack**, for failing to disclose criminal/arrest history on his licensing application.

**Licensee is found to be in violation of:**

**16.47.1.8 (L)(1) GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL, DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE.**

16.47.1.8(L)(1)(F) CONDUCT 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 has been found to have made false or misleading statements to the commission, stewards, or any racing official

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assessed **Jose L. Rivera Jr.** a fine in the amount of **One hundred dollars (\$100.00)** and must fill out a corrected application. The fine is to be paid on or before **July 27, 2017** in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(1). Failure to pay the fine within the time prescribed may result in immediate suspension

**This ruling is written in accordance with:**

16.47.1.8. T. KNOWLEDGE OF RULES:

By Order of The Downs at Albuquerque Stewards

Appeal Filing Deadline: 15.2.1.9(B) (9) (b) NMAC: Which states in pertinent part that "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days from the date of the ruling. The appeal must be filed at the main Commission offices, or with the Stewards who issued the ruling.