



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2024-ZIA-34**
Track: Zia Park
Ruling Date: 11/25/2024

Licensee: **WILSON, DALE COSPER**

License Type: 2024 1 Year Assistant T Applicant Id: 29692
License Number: 313144

Ruling # 2024-ZIA-34

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Assistant trainer Dale Wilson having been properly summoned and having appeared before the Zia Park Board of Stewards on November 23, 2024, after he tested positive for BAT (Breath Alcohol Test) regarding his erratic behavior and inappropriate handling of a horse on the way to the paddock for the third race on November 19, 2024.

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

- 1, Mr. Dale Wilson has been referred to the Chaplin at Zia Park and must attend 90 Alcohol Anonymous meetings in 90 days.
- 2, Mr. Dale Wilson is required to meet with the Stewards at Sunland Park and provide documentation confirming his completion of 90 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings no later than February 21, 2025. Failure to comply will result in a suspension or revocation of license.

Aggravating factors:

- 1) Zero tolerance for alcohol in a safety position
- 2) Tested positive with a BAT at .222 confirmed
- 3) Being unruly and combative towards the investigator
- 4) Inappropriate handling of a horse

Licensee is found in violation of, and this ruling is written in accordance with: 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(3)(f)(g) (j) Stewards/ 16.47.1.8(T)Knowledge of the Rules/ 16.47.1.10(D)(1)/16.47.1.17 (A)(C)(3) (7)/16.47.1.18 (A)(1)(2)(3) Testing Procedures

This ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:

- 15.2.1.9(A)(4)(c) Last Known Address
- 15.2.3.8 B (3)(A) Stewards Disciplinary Action
- 15.2.3.8 B (1) (d)(e)Stewards General Authority
- 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
- 16.47.1.8 (A)(1) License Required
- 16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required

Appeal Procedures 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 money order or cashier's check. The last date for appeal: December 5, 2024





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Ruling #: **2024-ZIA-35**
Track: Zia Park
Ruling Date: 11/29/2024

Licensee: **BACHICHA, ELLIOT LLOYD**
License Type: **2024 3 Year Trainer** Applicant Id: **25972**
License Number: **313086**

Ruling # 2024-ZIA-35

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Elliot Bachicha having been properly summoned and having appeared before the Board of Stewards at Zia Park on November 29, 2024, and having waived his right to a 10 day notice and formal hearing for failure to have a current coggins certificate on file in the racing office for the horse "Mr Yin Yang" for the 4th race on November 29, 2024 at Zia Park which resulted in a late scratch.

The Board of Stewards hereby assess the following penalty:

1. A fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) which must be paid on or before December 13, 2024, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(e)(i). 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.

Licensee is found to be in violation of and this ruling is written in accordance with 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(d) Stewards:

This ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:

- 15.2.1.9 A (4)(c) Last Known Address
- 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
- 16.47.1.8 (A)(1) License Required
- 16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required

15.2.1.9(B)(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 December 9, 2024.

Happy Walk David Smith



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Ruling #: **2024-ZIA-36**
Track: Zia Park
Ruling Date: 11/30/2024

Licensee: VERA, GERARDO MIGUEL
License Type: 2023 1 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 164001
License Number: 310939

Ruling # 2024-ZIA-36

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Gerardo Miguel Vera having been duly notified and having appeared before The ZIA Park Board of Stewards on November 30, 2024, for excessive use of whip, while aboard #5 "Cupids Fast Arrow" in the 4th Race on November 29, 2024, at ZIA Park Racetrack.

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

Gerardo Miguel Vera (1st offense) a fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars. (\$500.00). This fine is to be paid on or before December 14, 2024, 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.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.13(E)(6)(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.

15.2.5.13(E)(6)(e) 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.

This ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:

15.2.1.9(A)(4)(a) Notice

15.2.1.9 (A)(c) Last Known Address

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

16.47.1.8 (A)(1) License Required

16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required

15.2.1.9(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,



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License Number: 310939

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 December 10, 2024.

Whitney Velazquez *Jeffrey Waples* *[Signature]*

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Ruling #: **2024-ZIA-37**
Track: Zia Park
Ruling Date: 11/30/2024

Licensee: FLORES, JAMES ALEXANDER
License Type: 2022 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 35415
License Number: 305869

Ruling # 2024-ZIA-37
Action Type: Initial Ruling
Ruling:

Jockey **James Flores** having appeared before ZIA Park Board of Stewards on November 30, 2024, for failure to honor and be excused from his riding engagement on Saturday November 16, 2024, at ZIA Park Racetrack race 9 #8(Daddys Prized Doll) causing a late rider change.

For this violation, the Board of Stewards assess jockey **James Flores** a fine in the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty dollars, \$250.00. The fine is to be paid on or before December 14, 2024, in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B) (3) (1). Failure to pay the fine within the time prescribed shall result in immediate suspension.

Licensee is found to be in violation of:

15.2.5.13 (C)(1) (3) Jockey requirements: (1) Jockeys shall report to the jockeys' quarters at the time designated by the association. Jockeys shall report their engagements and any overweight to the clerk of scales. Jockeys shall not leave the jockeys' quarters, except to ride in scheduled races, until all their riding engagements of the day have been fulfilled except as approved by the stewards.

(3) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, a jockey engaged for a certain race or for a specified time may not fail or refuse to abide by the engagement agreement, unless excused by the stewards. Failure to fulfill riding engagements may result in disciplinary action.

This ruling is written in accordance with:

15.2.1.9(B)(4)(A) NMAC Notice Except as provided by these rules regarding summary suspension, jockey riding infractions and trial races, the stewards or a racing commission designee shall provide written notice, at least 10 days before the hearing, to a person who is the subject of a disciplinary hearing. The person may waive their right to 10 days' notice by executing a written waiver.

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

16.47.1.8 (A)(1) License Required

16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required

16.47.1.8(N) Last Known Address

15.2.1.9(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 December 10, 2024.**



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Ruling #: **2024-ZIA-38**
Track: Zia Park
Ruling Date: 12/1/2024

Licensee: **TRUJILLO, STEPHANIE MELENA**
License Type: **2024 1 Year Security St Applicant Id: 164977**
License Number: **312435**

Ruling # 2024-ZIA-38

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Security Staff Stephanie Trujillo having been properly notice appeared before the Board of Stewards at the Zia Park Racetrack on November 30 , 2024, involving not tagging the horse JM Ferrari Lane to go to the test barn for post -race testing when ordered by the stewards.

The Board of Stewards hereby assess the following penalty:

1. A fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) which must be paid on or before **December 14, 2024**, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(e)(i). 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.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.10(A)(1)(3)(4) TESTING

16.47.1.8(L)(1)(i) Grounds for disciplinary measures for a licensee, and refusal, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license:

This ruling in written in accordance with NMAC:

15.2.1.9 A (4)(c) Last Known Address

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

16.47.1.8 (A)(1) License Required

16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required

15.2.1.9(B)(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 **December 10, 2024**.

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Stephanie Melena
Geoffrey Wapler



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Ruling Date: 12/1/2024

Licensee: **STUTES, JR PAUL FLOYD**

License Type: **2024 1 Year Starter** Applicant Id: **96586**
License Number: **314109**

Ruling # 2024-ZIA-39

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Starter Paul Stutes having been duly notified and having appeared before the Board of Stewards at Zia Park on December 1, 2024, waived his right to a 10-day notice and formal hearing regarding Zia Park race #4 for not having the #8(Princess Kitten) completely in the starting gate when starting the race causing a change reaction with the #9 (Juniors Legacy)-#7(Hush Yer Face) and #6 (Pals Wild Liberty) causing an unfair start of the race therefore making the Stewards to declare the race a non-contest and issue pari-mutuel refunds.

Licensee is found to be in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.13 (E)(a) Post to Finish (a) The starter is responsible for assuring that each participant receives a fair start.

16.47.1.8(L)(i). Grounds for disciplinary measures for a licensee, and refusal, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license:

(i) is a person whose conduct or reputation may adversely reflect on the honesty and integrity of horse racing or interfere with the orderly conduct of a race meeting; interfering with the orderly conduct of a race meeting shall include, but is not limited to, disruptive or intemperate behavior or behavior which exposes others to danger anywhere on the racetrack grounds; the fact that the race meet was not actually interrupted is not a defense to the imposition of discipline under this rule;.

For this violation the Board of Stewards assess the following penalty:

A fine of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) which must be paid on or before December 15, 2024, in accordance with 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(e)(i). Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time shall result in an immediate suspension. Pursuant to Rule 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 notice is written in accordance with the following Commission Rules NMAC:

15.2.1.8 (B)(1)(2) Commission General Authority

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

15.2.3.8 (B)(1)(a)(b)(c) Stewards General Authority

15.2.1.9 (A)(4)(c) Last Known Address

16.47.1.8 (T) Knowledge of Rules



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License Type: 2024 1 Year Starter Applicant Id: 96586
License Number: 314109

16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority

16.47.1.3.(L)(1)(f)(i)

16.47.1.6.(A)(1)(2) License Required

16.47.1.8. (N) Changes in Application Information

15.2.1.9(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 December 11, 2024.

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Ruling #: **2024-ZIA-40**
Track: Zia Park
Ruling Date: 12/2/2024

Licensee: **ESQUEDA, CRISTIAN R**
License Type: **2024 1 Year Jockey** Applicant Id: **160938**
License Number: **314246**

Ruling # 2024-ZIA-40

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Cristian Esqueda, having been properly summoned and having Daniel Torres represent him before The Board of Stewards, on December 1, 2024, for careless riding during the running of the 7th race on November 29, 2024, at ZIA Park Racetrack while aboard #6 "Famous Painted Wagon who veered in sharply impeding #5 and costing the horse an opportunity of a better placing thus resulting in the disqualification of his mount from 6th to 7th place.

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

A 7-calendar day suspension, beginning on December 9, 2024, through December 15, 2024.

Mr. Cristian Esqueda, may ride designated races.

16.47.1.12 (G)(4)(a) Jockey Suspensions and Designated Races.

16.47.1.12 (G)(5)(a)(b)

Licensee is found in violation of:

15.2.5.13(E)(2)(a) NMAC: Post to Finish Which states in pertinent part that "A jockey shall not ride carelessly or willfully so as to permit his/her mount to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse in the race."

15.2.5.13(E)(3)(a) NMAC: Which states in pertinent part that "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) NMAC: Post to Finish Which states in pertinent part that "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)(4)(a) Disqualification: When the stewards determine that a horse shall be disqualified for interference, they may place the offending horse behind such horse as in their judgment it interfered with, or they may place it last.

This ruling is written in accordance with:

15.2.1.9(A)(4)(c) Last Known Address

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

16.47.1.8 (A)(1) License Required

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Licensee: ESQUEDA, CRISTIAN R
License Type: 2024 1 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 160938
License Number: 314246

15.2.1.9(b): Which states in pertinent part that "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days after the date of the ruling. If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the period is extended to include the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. The appeal must be received by noon, at the main commission offices or with the stewards who issued the ruling and must be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$400. The fee must be in the form of cash, a cashier's check, or money order." The last day to file an appeal is December 11, 2024.

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Ruling #: **2024-ZIA-41**
Track: Zia Park
Ruling Date: 12/2/2024

Licensee: CHAVEZ, JOSE

License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 15047
License Number: 305023

Ruling # 2024-ZIA-41

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Jose Chavez having been duly notified and having responded via telephone to the ZIA Park Board of Stewards on December 1, 2024, waived his right to a 10-day notice and formal hearing, for failure to have a flipping halter on his entry #4 "Beduino Kicker" for the 2nd race on December 1, 2024, at the ZIA Park necessitating a late scratch and pari-mutuel refunds.

The Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

1. A fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) which must be paid on or before December 16, 2024, In accordance with NMAC 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(e)(i). 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.

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.

15.2.6.11(E)(11) Trainer Responsibility The trainer is responsible for ensuring proper bandages, equipment, and shoes.

16.47.1.10 TRAINER RESPONSIBILITY (C) Other Responsibility (C)(17)(20)

This ruling in written in accordance with NMAC:

15.2.1.9. (A)(4)(c) Last Known Address.

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

16.47.1.8 (A)(1) License Required

16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required

16.47.1.8(N) Last Known Address

15.2.1.9(B)(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



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Licensee: CHAVEZ, JOSE

License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 15047
License Number: 305023

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 December 12, 2024.

By Order of The Zia Park Stewards