



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2025-SUN-8**
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 1/12/2025

Licensee: **BECERRA, JR SERGIO**

License Type: **2023 3 Year Jockey** Applicant Id: **32539**
License Number: **307992**

Ruling # 2025-SUN-8

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Sergio Becerra, having been properly summoned and having appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards, on January 12, 2025, for careless riding during the running of the 5th race on January 11, 2025, while aboard # 4 "Harken", who bore in sharply into the path of #3 causing interference and a disqualification of his mount from first to 5th place.

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

A 7-calendar day suspension, beginning on January 20, 2025, through January 26, 2025.

Mr. Sergio Becerra 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)(e) 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




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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 January 21, 2025.



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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-9**
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 1/12/2025

Licensee: GONZALEZ, ANDRES SIJIFREDO
License Type: 2023 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 28171
License Number: 308408

Ruling # 2025-SUN-9

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Andres Gonzalez having been duly notified and having appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on January 12, 2025, waived his right to a 10-day notice and formal hearing for failure to have a flipping halter on his entry "Big Deal" for the 9th race on January 11, 2025, 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 January 25, 2025, 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)(e) 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 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 January 21, 2025.



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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-10**
Track: Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 1/12/2025

Licensee: **BARRIOS, BERNADETTE EVANGELIN**
License Type: **2022 3 Year Trainer** Applicant Id: **29859**
License Number: **303948**

Ruling # 2025-SUN-10

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Bernadette Barrios having been duly notified and having appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on January 12, 2025, waived her right to a 10-day notice and formal hearing for failure to have a flipping halter on her entry "Ms Bulas Vike" for the 1st race on January 11, 2025, 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 January 25, 2025, 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)(e) 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

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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-11**
Track: Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 1/12/2025

Licensee: TORRES, DANIEL ANTONIO
License Type: 2024 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 30001
License Number: 312787

Ruling # 2025-SUN-11

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Daniel Torres opted to waive his summary suspension hearing, 10-day notice, and disciplinary hearing before the board of Stewards at Sunland Park Racetrack at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2025, having tested positive for a prohibited substance (Marijuana) in a UA sample given by investigator Elizabeth Garcia while on the grounds at Sunland Park.

The Board of Stewards determined mitigating/Aggravating factors:

- First Offense
- Admitting guilt

The Board of Stewards hereby assesses a penalty as follows:

1. A 15-day (Fifteen) suspension beginning January 12, 2025, through January 27, 2025. In accordance with 15.2.1.9 (C)(21), Jockey Daniel Torres is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC. Before being reinstated must pass a drug test on or after February 27, 2025.

Licensee is found in violation and this ruling is written in accordance with:

16.47.1.18 (A)(1)(2)(3)(4) Testing Procedures: At its discretion, the commission may conduct random or episodic random drug 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 testing for controlled substances and drugs. (3) No advance notice need be given. (4) Refusing to test, failing to appear for a test, leaving before the test is over or otherwise failing to cooperate shall be considered a positive test. If this occurs during a race meet, the licensee is subject to and may be ejected from association grounds.

16.47.1.19 (B) ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS:

B. First-time offenders: (1) The board of stewards or the commission may, at its discretion, order the licensee to obtain a professional assessment to determine whether there is a substantial probability that the licensee is dependent on, or abuses, alcohol or other drugs or the board of stewards or the commission may act on the information at hand. (2) Actions in the case of first offenders may include revocation of the license, suspension of the license for up to six months, placing the offender on probation for up to 90 days or ordering formal assessment and treatment.

15.2.1.8(B)(1) COMMISSION GENERAL AUTHORITY/15.2.1.9 (A)(4)(c) Last Known Address/15.2.3.8 B (3)(a)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action/15.2.3.8 B (1) (a)(c)(d)(e) Stewards General Authority/16.47.1.8 (T) Knowledge of Rules/16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority 16.47.1.8 (A)(1)(2)



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License Number: 312787

License Required/16.47.1.8(N) Changes in Application Information

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, cashier's check or a corporate check. Last day to appeal January 22, 2025.

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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-12**
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Ruling Date: 1/12/2025

Licensee: **CARDENAS, CHRISTIAN LUIS**
License Type: **2023 3 Year Jockey** Applicant Id: **35458**
License Number: **309109**

Ruling # 2025-SUN-12

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Christian Cardenas opted to waive his summary suspension hearing, 10-day notice, and disciplinary hearing before the board of Stewards at Sunland Park Racetrack at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2025, having tested positive for a prohibited substance (Marijuana) in a UA sample given by investigator Elizabeth Garcia while on the grounds at Sunland Park.

The Board of Stewards determined mitigating/Aggravating factors:

- First Offense
- Admitting guilt

The Board of Stewards hereby assesses a penalty as follows:

1. A 15-day (Fifteen) suspension beginning January 12, 2025, through January 26, 2025. In accordance with 15.2.1.9 (B)(21), Jockey Christian Cardenas is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC. Pursuant to Commission Rule 16.47.1.12(G)(2), during that period of suspension Mr. Cardenas may not exercise horses or run in designated races; and
2. Before being reinstated, Mr. Cardenas must take and pass a drug test on or after January 27, 2025, that test to be given under the supervision of the New Mexico Racing Commission.

Licensee is found in violation and this ruling is written in accordance with:

16.47.1.18 (A)(1)(2)(3)(4) Testing Procedures: At its discretion, the commission may conduct random or episodic random drug testing, as well as testing based on reasonable suspicion, in order to ensure safety on the association grounds.

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License Type: **2023 3 Year Jockey** Applicant Id: **35458**
License Number: **309109**

15.2.1.8(B)(1) COMMISSION GENERAL AUTHORITY/15.2.1.9 (A)(4)(c) Last Known Address/15.2.3.8 B (3)(a)(c)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action/15.2.3.8 B (1) (a)(c)(d)(e) Stewards General Authority/16.47.1.8 (T) Knowledge of Rules/16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority 16.47.1.8 (A)(1) (2) License Required/16.47.1.8(N) Changes in Application Information

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Licensee: MARTINEZ, EDWIN ABRAHAM
License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 46015
License Number: 304092

Ruling # 2025-SUN-13

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Edwin Martinez, having been issued a citation to appear before the Board of Stewards on January 5, 2025, for working an unlicensed person on the back side (Barn C-7) at Sunland Park Racetrack.

The Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

1. A fine of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) which must be paid on or before January 29, 2025, 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:

16.47.1.8 A. (G)(1) Employer Responsibility: (1) The employment of any unlicensed person under the jurisdiction of the commission is prohibited.

16.47.1.10(C)(4) Trainers Other Reasonability: (4) providing a list to the chief of security of the trainer's employees on association grounds and any other area under the jurisdiction of the commission; the list shall include each employee's name, occupation, social security number, and occupational license number; the chief of security shall be notified by the trainer, in writing, within 24 hours of any change;

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)(e)(f) 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(A)(9)(a) FAILURE TO APPEAL 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. Last day to appeal is January 25, 2025.



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