



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-SUN-23
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 1/29/2025

Licensee: CASTRO, JUAN CARLOS
License Type: 2024 1 Year Groom Applicant Id: 35575
License Number: 313348

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Action Type: Final Outcome
Ruling:
RE: 2025-SUN-23 - Ruling Final Outcome

Groom Juan Castro having been duly notified and having appeared for his disciplinary hearing, via Microsoft Teams, appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards at 9:00 a.m. on February 19, 2025. regarding the status of his license.

Stewards determined that due to the spousal relationship of trainer Cynthia Gonzalez who is currently suspended through October 8, 2028. Mr. Juan Castro shall remain suspended through October 8, 2028. In accordance with per Rule **15.2.6.9 (A)(13)(a)**

(13) Procedures shall be established to ensure that a licensed trainer is not able to benefit financially during the period for which the individual has been suspended. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that horses are not transferred to a licensed person within the first degree of affinity (marriage relationship) or first degree of consanguinity (blood relationship)

(a) first degree of affinity shall mean the licensee's spouse or spouse's mother, father, brother, sister, son or daughter.

In accordance with Rule **15.2.1.9 (B)(21) EXCLUSION: Groom Juan Castro** is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC.

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(e)(g)(i) has had or is currently excluded from association grounds by a recognized racing jurisdiction;

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

This ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:

- 15.2.1.9 (A)(4)(a) Notice
- 15.2.1.9 (A)(4)(c) Last Known Address
- 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(a)(e) Stewards Disciplinary Action
- 15.2.3.8 (B)(1)(a)(c)(d)(e) Stewards General Authority



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16.47.1.8 (T) Knowledge of Rules
16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
16.47.1.8 (A)(1)(2) License Required
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 March 2, 2025.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

Misty Welch *Heffgy Walker* *Justin Simen*