



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2024-ZIA-53
Track: Zia Park
Ruling Date: 12/18/2024

Licensee: ITURRALDE, OSMAN

License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 33054
License Number: 305026

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Action Type: Final Outcome
Ruling:
RE: 2024-ZIA-53 Final Outcome

Trainer Osman Iturralde, having been duly notified for his disciplinary hearing and having failed to appear, the hearing was held in absentia, before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards via Microsoft Teams at 9:00 a.m. on January 17, 2025, regarding a confirmed positive test for Albuterol, a Class 3, Penalty A drug, by Industrial Laboratory, the official laboratory of the NMRC, for sample #E547770 (Urine) on the horse "Kings Moon Money" who placed 1st in the 3rd race, QH Maiden Claiming Race, held at Zia Park Racetrack in Hobbs New Mexico on November 30, 2024.

Split sample testing rights were afforded to and declined by trainer Osman Iturralde and owner Ms. Jacqueline Ledezma. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.10(D)(2)

This hearing involves the following Commission Rules, whether Mr. Osman Iturralde has violated any such Rules and, if so, whether a penalty or other disciplinary action should be imposed upon him as a result:

- Rule 15.2.6.9(C)(1)(4)(8)(9)(10)(a)(c) Medication Restrictions
- Rule 15.2.6.10 Trainer Responsibility
- Rule 16.47.1.8(T) Knowledge of Rules
- Rule 16.47.1.8(U) Protection of Horses
- Rule 16.47.1.10(B) Absolute Insurer

Aggravating factors: a horse

There is zero tolerance for the Drug Albuterol in a horse

After hearing the facts of the case and testimony and considering the aggravating factor, the Sunland Park Board of Stewards determined the following:

For this violation (First offense in a 365-day period), the following penalties are imposed:

1. Mr. Osman Iturralde is hereby fined \$15,000.00 (Fifteen-Thousand Dollars). The fine is to be paid on or before February 5, 2025, in accordance with Rule 15.2.1.9(A)(7)(f). Failure to pay the fine in the prescribed time shall result in an immediate suspension.
2. Mr. Osman Iturralde shall have his trainer's license suspended for a period of one (1) and a half years. The term of suspension shall start retroactively from the date of his Summary Suspension, December 18, 2024, and run through June 18, 2026. In order to be restored to good standing, Mr.



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Osman Iturralde shall be required to take and pass all sections of the New Mexico Racing Commission written Trainers Test. Failure to pass all sections in accordance with Rule 16.47.1.10(A)(1-9) will result in the revocation of his license.

3. Mr. Osman Iturralde has accumulated "0" points prior to this infraction and "6" points in connection with this Ruling for a current total of "6" points under the multiple medication violation point system. Therefore, Mr. Osman Iturralde shall receive an additional forty-five (45) days to his period of suspension, meaning the period of suspension shall end on August 2, 2026.

In accordance with Rule 15.2.1.9(B)(21), Mr. Osman Iturralde will be excluded from all areas and grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC. Additionally, effective upon applicable suspension dates, all horses owned, trained, or under the care of Mr. Osman Iturralde are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per Rule 15.2.1.9(B)(21)(c). All transfers and sales of horses trained, owned, or in the care and custody of Mr. Osman Iturralde must be done in accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9(A)(13)(a)(b).

This Ruling is written in accordance with the following Commission Rules:

Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(a)(c)(d)(e) Stewards General Authority;
Rule 15.2.1.9(A)(1)(4)(b)(c)(d) Due Process and Disciplinary Action;
Rule 15.2.1.9(B)(21)(c) Horse Ineligibility;
Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) Running of the Race; Disqualification;
Rule 15.2.6.9(C)(1)(4) Medication Restrictions;
Rule 15.2.6.9 NMAC Penalty Recommendations;
Rule 15.2.6.10(A) Trainer Responsibility;
Rule 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority;
Rule 16.47.1.8 (A)(1) License Required;
Rule 16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required;
Rule 16.47.1.8 U Protection of horses;
Rule 16.47.1.10 B (1-3) Absolute Insurer.

Licensee's Right to Appeal: Rule 15.2.1.9(A)(9)(b) Appeal Procedures, 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 an appeal is February 1, 2025.



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By Order of The Zia Park Stewards



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