



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-SUN-14  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/17/2025

Licensee: HEBERT, TRACY JAMES  
License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 159170  
License Number: 308087

Ruling # 2025-SUN-14

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey **Tracey Hebert**, having been summoned and having appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on January 17, 2025, for failure to honor or and be excused from his riding engagement for the 9th race on Thursday January 16, 2025 at Sunland Park Racetrack.

**For this violation 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 31, 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:**

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 NMAC:**

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)(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



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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 27, 2025.

*Jeffery White*      By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards  
*[Signature]*



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Ruling #: 2025-SUN-15  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/19/2025

Licensee: RUIZ, JOSE DANIEL  
License Type: 2024 1 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 32886  
License Number: 314238

Ruling # 2025-SUN-15

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Jose Ruiz, having been duly notified and having appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on January 19, 2025, for careless riding during the running of the 5th race on January 18, 2025, at Sunland Park while aboard # 3 "Get Up and Go" who drifted out into the 5 path causing interference with #'s 5 & 6 costing #6 an opportunity of a better placing thus resulting in the disqualification of his mount from 5th to 8th place.

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

A 7-calendar day suspension, beginning on January 26, 2025, through February 1, 2025.

Mr. Jose Ruiz may ride designated races.

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

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

16.47.1.12 (G)(5)(c) The jockey agrees that if they participate in one or more designated races in any other jurisdiction while under suspension in New Mexico, the day will still not be recognized as a suspension day and the jockey will serve an additional race day of suspension in place of the race day on which the jockey rides in a designated race, to be served on the next race day.

**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)(a)(e)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action



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License Type: 2024 1 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 32886  
License Number: 314238

- 15.2.3.8 B (1)(d) Stewards General Authority
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- 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 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 29, 2025.

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Ruling #: 2025-SUN-16  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/19/2025

Licensee: LEDEZMA, JACQUELINE ANDREA  
License Type: 2024 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 163898  
License Number: 313588

Ruling # 2025-SUN-16

Action Type: Final Outcome

Ruling:

Owner Ms. Jacqueline Ledezma having been duly notified for her disciplinary hearing and having failed to appear, the hearing which 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) Mr. Osman Iturralde was the trainer of record on November 30, 2024, for "Kings Moon Money".

**Given the evidence presented, Ms. Jacqueline Ledezma is found to be in violation of the following Commission Rules:**

Rule 15.2.6.9(C)(1)(4) Medication Restrictions; no permissible levels of Albuterol; Rule 16.47.1.8(U) Protection of Horses.

In accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9(B)(4) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS, this is Owner Ms. Jacqueline Ledezma's first Class 3 Penalty A medication violation in a 365-day period.

**The NMRC Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:**

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d), "Kings Moon Money" is disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.14(D)(7), the purse redistribution is as follows:

- 1) Mapleville
- 2) Oa Eye of King
- 3) Eye Osbaldo
- 4) A Corona Zoomer
- 5) Md El Gacho
- 6) Mistick Valentine
- 7) A Hot Patriot



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Licensee: LEDEZMA, JACQUELINE ANDREA  
License Type: 2024 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 163898  
License Number: 313588

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Unplaced: Kings Moon Money

The horse "Kings Moon Money" is placed on the Commission Veterinarian's list for 180 days beginning January 17, 2025, through July 16, 2025, and must pass a Commission approved examination before being eligible to enter, which shall include providing negative results in both a blood and hair sample done under the supervision and authority of the New Mexico Racing Commission. In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "Kings Moon Money" shall remain on the Stewards' List until such time as the case is fully adjudicated.

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 Proceedings Before the Stewards Disciplinary Action;  
Rule 15.2.6.9(B) Penalty Recommendations;  
Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(j) Purse, prize redistribution.  
Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) Unplacing, purse redistribution.

15.2.6.9(B)(4) Penalty Recommendations:

Licensee's right to appeal: Rule 15.2.1.9(A)(9)(b): APPEAL PROCEDURES, states in pertinent part "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 \$400.00. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order."

The last day to file an appeal is January 29, 2025.

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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-17**  
Track: Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/22/2025

Licensee: **MOTTA, VANESSA**  
License Type: **2023 3 Year Owner**      Applicant Id: **165216**  
License Number: **308058**

Ruling #            2025-SUN-17

Action Type:      Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Vanessa Motta's owners license is hereby rescinded as of January 22, 2025, for pending criminal charges and an indictment out of the state of Louisiana.

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

**16.47.1.8 (M)(2) Duration of License: A license is valid only under the condition that the licensee remains eligible to hold such a license.**

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

**15.2.3.8 B (1)(a)(b)(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) License Required**

**16.47.1.8 (A)(2) License Required**

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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-18**  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/22/2025

Licensee: FONTENOT, JR LARRY LANE  
License Type: 2024 1 Year Steward    Applicant Id: 164199  
License Number: 311780

Ruling # 2025-SUN-18

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Larry Fontenot Jr. license as a Steward is hereby rescinded as of January 22, 2025, without prejudice as he no longer works in this capacity.

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

**16.47.1.8 (M)(2) Duration of License: A license is valid only under the condition that the licensee remains eligible to hold such a license.**

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

**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**

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Ruling #: 2025-SUN-19  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/24/2025

Licensee: HERRERA, RAFAEL

License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 165212  
License Number: 308037

Ruling # 2025-SUN-19

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Mr. Rafael Herrera having been duly notified for his disciplinary hearing and having appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards via Microsoft Teams at 9:00 a.m. on January 24, 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 #E547540 (Urine) on the horse "Valentino Four King" who placed 1st in the 12th race, QH Allowance Race on August 18th, 2024, at Ruidoso Downs (At DAA) Racetrack in Albuquerque New Mexico.

Split sample testing rights were afforded to both trainer Mr. Guadalupe Munoz and owner Mr. Rafael Herrera. A split sample was sent to U C Davis which was confirmed positive for Albuterol, on January 3, 2025. (Sample #E547540)

Mr. Guadalupe Munoz was the trainer of record on August 18, 2024, for "Valentino Four King".

Given the evidence presented, Mr. Rafael Herrera is found to be in violation of the following Commission Rules:

Rule 15.2.6.9(C)(1)(4) Medication Restrictions; no permissible levels of Albuterol.  
Rule 16.47.1.8(U) Protection of Horses.

In accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9(B)(1) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS, this is Owner Mr. Rafael Herrera's first Class 3 Penalty A medication violation in a 365-day period.

The NMRC Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d), "Valentino Four King" is disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.14(D)(7), the purse redistribution is as follows:

- 1) QUEENOFTHANILE
- 2) KOBE D MAN
- 3) THE BIG DADDY
- 4) ONE SWEET LOVE
- 5) LA TACITA
- 6) WHISKEY RAIN
- 7) STABLE MASCOT



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Ruling #: 2025-SUN-19  
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Licensee: HERRERA, RAFAEL

License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 165212  
License Number: 308037

- 8) EYE NEEDA TEQUILA
- 9) MIDNIGHT WOODY

Unplaced: Valentino Four King

The horse "Valentino Four King" is placed on the Commission Veterinarian's list for 180 days beginning January 24, 2025, through July 23, 2025, and must pass a Commission approved examination before being eligible to enter, which shall include providing negative results in both a blood and hair sample done under the supervision and authority of the New Mexico Racing Commission. In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "Valentino Four King" shall remain on the Stewards' List until such time as the case is fully adjudicated.

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

- Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(3)(f)(g)(j) Stewards General Authority;
- Rule 15.2.1.9(A)(3)(1) Due Process and Disciplinary Action;
- Rule 15.2.6.9(B) Penalty Recommendations;
- Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(j) Purse, prize redistribution.
- Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) Unplacing, purse redistribution.

15.2.6.9(B)(4) Penalty Recommendations:

Licensee's right to appeal: Rule 15.2.1.9(A)(9)(b) states in pertinent part "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 \$400.00. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order."

The last day to file an appeal: Monday February 3, 2025.

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Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/24/2025

Licensee: HERRERA, RAFAEL

License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 165212  
License Number: 308037

*District Director Jeffrey Walker*      *Walter Velez*



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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-20**  
Track: Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/25/2025

Licensee: ZAVALA, JULIAN

License Type: 2025 1 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 164916  
License Number: 314511

Ruling # 2025-SUN-20

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Julian Zavala, having been properly summoned and having appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards, on January 25, 2025, for careless riding during the running of the 9th race on January 19, 2025, while aboard # 8 "Skindatsmokewagon", who lugged out into the path of #9 causing #9 to check and alter course.

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

A 7-calendar day suspension, beginning on February 2, 2025, through February 8, 2025.

Mr. Julian Zavala 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)(a)(e) 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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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-20**  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/25/2025

Licensee: ZAVALA, JULIAN  
License Type: 2025 1 Year Jockey      Applicant Id: 164916  
License Number: 314511

15.2.1.9(A)(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 February 4, 2025.

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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-21**  
Track: Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/26/2025

Licensee: **HERNANDEZ, JUAN ALFREDO**  
License Type: 2024 1 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 166803  
License Number: 314323

Ruling #            2025-SUN-21

Action Type:      Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Juan Hernandez having been duly notified and having waived his right to a 10-day notice and formal hearing, before the Board of Stewards on January 25, 2025, for failure to have the horse "Nogal Canyon" treated with furosemide, resulting in a late scratch and pari-mutuel refund in the 2nd race on January 24 2025, at Sunland Park Race Track.

**For this violation 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 February 9, 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 in violation of:**

15.2.6.9(D)(1)(a)(b)(e)

15.2.6.9(D)(3) The use of furosemide shall be permitted under the following circumstances on association grounds where a detention barn is not utilized: furosemide shall be administered by the official veterinarian, the racing veterinarian, or practicing veterinarian no less than four hours prior to post in which a horse is entered; the horse must be logged in at the stable gate with time and location no less than one hour prior to administration; the furosemide dosage administered shall not exceed 500 milligrams nor be less than 150 milligrams; the trainer of the treated horse shall cause to be delivered to the official veterinarian or their designee no later than one hour prior to post time for the race for which the horse is entered the following information under oath on a form provided by the commission: the racetrack name, the date and time the furosemide was administered to the entered horse; the dosage amount of furosemide administered to the entered horse; the printed name and signature of the attend

**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) 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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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-21**  
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Ruling Date: 1/26/2025

Licensee: HERNANDEZ, JUAN ALFREDO  
License Type: 2024 1 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 166803  
License Number: 314323

**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 February 5, 2025.

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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-22**  
Track: Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/27/2025

Licensee: **CASTILLO, JESUS ADRIAN**  
License Type: 2024 1 Year Security St Applicant Id: 165714  
License Number: 313520

Ruling # 2025-SUN-22

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jesus Castillo's license as a Security Officer is hereby rescinded as of January 27, 2025, without prejudice as he no longer works in this capacity.

This ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:

16.47.1.8 (M)(2) Duration of License: A license is valid only under the condition that the licensee remains eligible to hold such a license.

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

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

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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

Ruling # 2025-SUN-23

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

**Groom Juan Castro** is hereby Summarily Suspended pending the outcome of his Summary Suspension Hearing scheduled on Friday February 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. with the Board of Stewards at Sunland Park Racetrack, 1200 Futurity Drive NM 88063 per 15.2.1.9 (B)(3)(b) Summary Suspension. The summary suspension is regarding his spouse trainer Cynthia G. Gonzalez who is currently suspended.

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

**In accordance with 15.2.6.9 (A)(13)(a)(b)**

(12) 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.**

**(b) first degree of consanguinity shall mean the licensee's mother, father, brother, sister, son or daughter.**

16.47.1.11 OWNER'S AUTHORIZED AGENTS: (6) All authorized agent appointments shall expire December 31st each year or when terminated by the owner in writing, acknowledged before a notary public, and filed with the commission office whereupon the agency appointment shall not be valid

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

15.2.1.9(A)(3)(a) **Proceedings Before The Stewards: Summary Suspension** 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.

16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(g) **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



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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

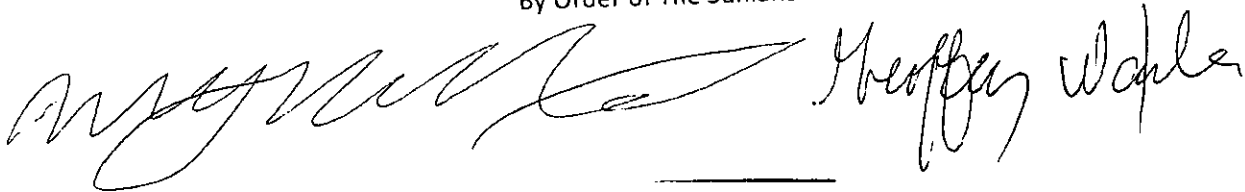
anywhere on the racetrack grounds; the fact that the race meet was not actually interrupted is not a defense to the imposition of discipline under this rule.

**15.2.1.9(A)(3)(b) Proceedings Before The Stewards: Summary Suspension** A licensee whose license has been summarily suspended is entitled to a hearing on the summary suspension not later than the 10th day after the license was summarily suspended. The licensee may waive their right to a hearing on the summary suspension within the 10-day limit

**15.2.6.9(B)(1)Penalty Recommendations /15.2.1.8(B)(1) COMMISSION GENERAL AUTHORITY/15.2.3.8 B (3)(a)(e)(f) Stewards Disciplinary Action/15.2.3.8 B (1) (a)(c)(d) 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 / 16.47.1.8(L)(1)(e) Grounds For Disciplinary Measures.**

**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. The last day to file an appeal is February 8, 2025.

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Ruling #: 2025-SUN-24  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/30/2025

Licensee: MELENDEZ, HEBER DANIEL  
License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 163287  
License Number: 309787

Ruling # 2025-SUN-24

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Mr. Heber D. Melendez having been duly notified for his disciplinary hearing and having been represented by trainer Cynthia G. Gonzalez appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards via Microsoft Teams at 11:00 a.m. on January 29, 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 #E547412 (Urine) on the horse "Rock Candy Df" who finished 1st in the 6th race, a QH Allowance Race, on August 3, 2024, at Ruidoso Downs (At DAA) Racetrack in Albuquerque New Mexico

Split sample testing rights were afforded to owner Mr. Heber D. Melendez. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.10(D)(2). A split sample was sent to U C Davis (Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory) and confirmed positive for Albuterol on January 3, 2025

Ms. Cynthia G. Gonzalez was the trainer of record on August 3, 2024, for "Rock Candy Df".

Given the evidence presented, Mr. Heber D. Melendez is found to be in violation of the following Commission Rules:

Rule 15.2.6.9(C)(1)(4) Medication Restrictions; no permissible levels of Albuterol.  
Rule 16.47.1.8(U) Protection of Horses.

In accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9(B)(1) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS, this is Owner Mr. Heber D. Melendez's first Class 3 Penalty A medication violation in a 365-day period.

The NMRC Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d), "Rock Candy Df" is disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.14(D)(7), the purse redistribution is as follows:

- 1) LUCKY LUKE
- 2) EYES ON PANAMA
- 3) FLAT OUT GITTIN IT
- 4) GT GOT A TARZAN
- 5) LIL PERRY WAGON
- 6) JESSA GOOD WINNER
- 7) POLITICS GONE WILD
- 8) MAGGIE MAY



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License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 163287  
License Number: 309787

9) FREIGHTRAINSNMONSTRS

Unplaced: ROCK CANDY Df

The horse "Rock Candy Df" is placed on the Commission Veterinarian's list for 180 days beginning January 29, 2025, through July 28, 2025, and must pass a Commission approved examination before being eligible to enter, which shall include providing negative results in both a blood and hair sample done under the supervision and authority of the New Mexico Racing Commission. In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "Rock Candy Df" shall remain on the Stewards' List until such time as the case is fully adjudicated.

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

- Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(a)(c)(d)(e)(3)(f)(g)(j) Stewards General Authority;
- Rule 15.2.1.9(A)(1)(4)(b)(c)(d) Due Process and Disciplinary Action;
- Rule 15.2.6.9(B) Penalty Recommendations;
- Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(j) Purse, prize redistribution.
- Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) Unplacing, purse redistribution.

15.2.6.9(B) Penalty Recommendations:

Licensee's right to appeal: Rule 15.2.1.9(A)(9)(b) states in pertinent part "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 \$400.00. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order."

The last day to file an appeal is Saturday February 8, 2025.

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*Jeffrey Wank*  
*David Limer*  
*Walt Kukul*





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Ruling #: 2025-SUN-25  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 1/29/2025

Licensee: DE LA RIVA, AMADO

License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 165732  
License Number: 310108

Ruling # 2025-SUN-25

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Mr. Amado De La Riva having been duly notified and having failed to appear for his disciplinary hearing which was held in absentia before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards via Microsoft Teams at 9:00 a.m. on January 29, 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 #E547836 (Urine) on the horse "La Nanas" who finished 1st in the 3rd race, (QH Stakes Race James Issac Hobbs Stakes Grade II) on December 15th, 2024, at Zia Park Racetrack in Hobbs, New Mexico

Split sample testing rights were afforded to owner Mr. Amado De La Riva and was declined. Mr. Alfredo Gomez was the trainer of record on December 15, 2024, for "La Nanas".

Given the evidence presented, Mr. Amado De La Riva is found to be in violation of the following Commission Rules:

Rule 15.2.6.9(C)(1)(4) Medication Restrictions; no permissible levels of Albuterol.  
Rule 16.47.1.8(U) Protection of Horses.

In accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9(B)(1) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS, this is Owner Mr. Amado De La Riva's first Class 3 Penalty A medication violation in a 365-day period.

The NMRC Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d), "La Nanas" is disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.14(D)(7), the purse redistribution is as follows:

- 1) TWIN FORKS
- 2) CUZ LIGHTYEAR
- 3) HALLMARKE
- 4) IM A FANCEE CHIK
- 5) SPEED THRU FIRE
- 6) LETT IT HAPPEN
- 7) THINK ON IT
- 8) RBYBYBABY
- 9) JESS FOR YOUR LADY

Unplaced: LA NANAS



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Licensee: DE LA RIVA, AMADO

License Type: 2023 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 165732  
License Number: 310108

The horse "La Nanas" is placed on the Commission Veterinarian's list for 180 days beginning January 29, 2025, through July 28, 2025, and must pass a Commission approved examination before being eligible to enter, which shall include providing negative results in both a blood and hair sample done under the supervision and authority of the New Mexico Racing Commission. In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "La Nanas" shall remain on the Stewards' List until such time as the case is fully adjudicated.

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

- Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(a)(c)(d)(e)(3)(f)(g)(j) Stewards General Authority;
- Rule 15.2.1.9(A)(1)(4)(3)(b)(c)(d) Due Process and Disciplinary Action;
- Rule 15.2.6.9(B) Penalty Recommendations;
- Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(j) Purse, prize redistribution.
- Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) Unplacing, purse redistribution.

15.2.6.9(B)(4) Penalty Recommendations:

Licensee's right to appeal: Rule 15.2.1.9(A)(9)(b) states in pertinent part "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 \$400.00. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order."

The last day to file an appeal: Saturday February 8, 2025.

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Ruling #: 2025-SUN-26  
Track Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 2/1/2025

Licensee: BECERRA, JR SERGIO  
License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 32539  
License Number: 307992

Ruling # 2025-SUN-26

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Sergio Beccera Jr was duly notified and was relieved of his mounts and required to present himself before the Board of Stewards prior to returning to ride after he tested positive for a random BAT (Breath Alcohol Test) on February 1st, 2025. For Sergio Beccera Jr FIRST violation in a 365-day period, the Board of Stewards hereby issues the following:

**1. Written Warning**

Licensee is found in violation of, and this ruling is written in accordance with:  
15.2.1.8(B)(1) COMMISSION GENERAL AUTHORITY/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

**16.47.1.17 (B)(3)(7)(D) HUMAN DRUG OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL TESTING:**

B. Restricted activities: All licensees may be subject to testing for controlled substances, drugs and alcohol. It shall be a violation for a licensee to utilize their commission issued license if the licensee:

- (3) is intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol;
- (7) presently has drugs or controlled substances or alcohol in their body.

D. Licensees in safety positions, as determined by the stewards are in violation of this rule if they have any measurable level of alcohol, as determined by a breathalyzer test. Such results shall operate as prima facie evidence of the presence of alcohol in a prohibitive amount in the licensee.

16.47.1.18 (B)(2)(3) Alcohol Testing: B. TESTING (1) At its discretion, the commission may conduct random or episodic breath alcohol 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 breath alcohol testing.
- (3) No advance notice need be given as to random breath alcohol testing

**15.2.1.9(A)(9)(b): 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. Last date for appeal: **February 11, 2025**



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Licensee: **BECERRA, JR SERGIO**

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

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Ruling Date: 2/1/2025

Licensee: KEETON, TOBY LEE  
License Type: 2024 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 11966  
License Number: 312738

Ruling # 2025-SUN-27

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

In reference to the ruling from the Texas Commission Racing Commission Ruling LSP 32350 and in accordance with 16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(e) Reciprocity, the Owner/Trainer licenses issued to Toby Keeton (NMRC Applicant ID #11966) are hereby suspended until such time the ruling has been cleared and is in good standing with Texas Commission Racing Commission.

During said time of applicable suspension, Toby Keeton is hereby excluded from all areas of the grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC, in accordance with 15.2.1.9 (B)(21) Exclusion. Additionally, effective upon applicable suspension dates, all horses owned, trained, or under the care of, Toby Keeton are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per 15.2.1.9 (B)(21)(c) Exclusion.

**Licensee is found to be in violation of and this ruling is written in accordance with:**

15.2.1.8(B)(1) COMMISSION GENERAL AUTHORITY/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

15.2.1.9(A)(8)(c) Effect of Rulings The stewards shall honor the rulings issued by other pari-mutuel racing commissions.

15.2.1.9(B)(22)(a) Reciprocity The stewards shall honor the rulings issued by other pari-mutuel racing commissions.

15.2.1.9(B)(22)(b) Reciprocity Appeals of reciprocal rulings. Persons subject to rulings in other jurisdictions shall have the right to request a hearing before the commission to show cause why such ruling should not be enforced in this jurisdiction. Any request for such hearing must clearly set forth in writing the reasons for the appeal.

16.47.1.8 (L)(1) (e) 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 in violation of rules governing racing in this state or other jurisdictions.

16.47.1.8 (L)(1) (g) 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 or is currently excluded from association grounds by a recognized racing jurisdiction.



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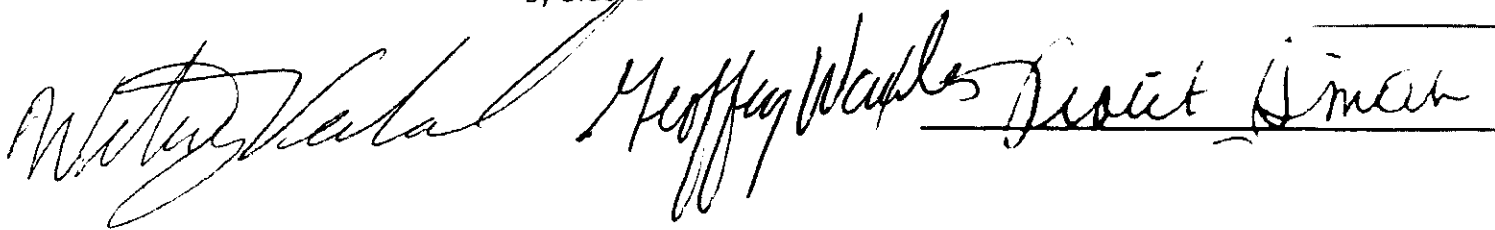
Licensee: KEETON, TOBY LEE

License Type: 2024 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 11966  
License Number: 312738

16.47.1.8 (L)(1) (h) 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 had a license denied, suspended, or revoked by any racing jurisdiction.

16.47.1.8 (A)(1)(2) License Required /15.2.1.9(A)(4)(c)Last Known Address/ 16.47.1.8(L)(1) (e) Grounds For Disciplinary Measures/ 15.2.1.9(A)(9)(a)Failure to Appeal/ 15.2.1.9(A)(9)(b): Appeal Procedures 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, money order or personal check." The last day to file an appeal is February 11, 2025

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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-28**  
Track: Sunland Park  
Ruling Date: 2/2/2025

Licensee: **BAEZA, JUAN MANUEL**  
License Type: **2023 3 Year Trainer**      Applicant Id: **26389**  
License Number: **311035**

Ruling #            2025-SUN-28

Action Type:      Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Juan Manuel Baeza having been duly notified and having appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on February 2, 2025, waived his right to a 10-day notice and formal hearing for failure to have a flipping halter on his entry "Snazzee" for the 5th race on February 1, 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 February 16, 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 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)(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) Changes in Application
- 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. The last day to file is February 12, 2025.



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Licensee: BAEZA, JUAN MANUEL  
License Type: 2023 3 Year Trainer      Applicant Id: 26389  
License Number: 311035

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*Geoffrey Waples*      *[Signature]*      *David Smith*