



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-SUN-63
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/13/2025

Licensee: FOURNIER, IRVING JOEL

License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 7130
License Number: 307189

Ruling # 2025-SUN-63

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

In reference to the ruling from the Arizona Department of Racing Ruling 2025-TUP-23 and in accordance with NMAC 16.47.1.8 (L)(1)(e) Reciprocity, the Owner/Trainers license issued to Irving Fournier (NMRC Applicant ID #7130) is hereby suspended until such time the ruling has been cleared and are in good standing with the Arizona Racing Commission.

During said time of applicable suspension, Irving Fournier 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, Irving Fournier 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.

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



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cash, a cashier's check, money order or personal check." The last day to file an appeal is March 22, 2025

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

David Limer

Jeffrey Wanfle



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Ruling #: 2025-SUN-64
Track: Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/14/2025

Licensee: SOTO, JOHNNY
License Type: 2025 1 Year Owner Applicant Id: 46025
License Number: 314495

Ruling # 2025-SUN-64

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner/Trainer Johnny Soto, having been duly notified and having waived his formal disciplinary hearing before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on March 13, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. regarding a medication violation on January 5, 2025, at Sunland Park, involving the first-place finisher of the 6th race "Hot Lil Seis" for Dexamethasone, a Class 4 Penalty C drug, found in blood sample E547862, confirmed by Industrial Laboratories (the official lab for the NMRC). Trainer Johnny Soto was offered a split sample test and declined.

For this violation (first offense 365-day period) the Board of Stewards issues the following penalties:

A fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) which must be paid on or before March 28, 2025, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(e). Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time may result in immediate suspension. Pursuant to 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.

In addition, and pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.9(B)(1-7), trainer Johnny Soto has accumulated a total of "1/2 point" for this violation.

Licensee is found in violation of NMAC:

NMAC 15.2.6.9 Medications and Prohibited Substances,
NMAC 15.2.6.9 (A) Penalties
NMAC 15.2.6.9 (A)(1)(2)
NMAC 15.2.6.9 (B) Penalty Recommendations
NMAC 15.2.6.9 (B)(3)
NMAC 15.2.6.11 (A) Trainer Responsibility
NMAC 16.47.1.8 (U) (1) Protection of Horses
NMAC 16.47.1.10 (B)(1-3) Absolute Insurer

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
16.47.1.8 (L)(1) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures
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



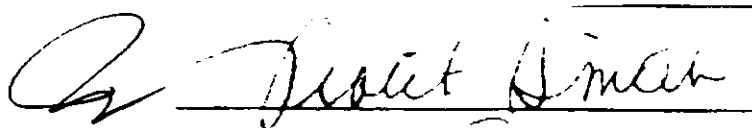
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later than 10 days after the date of the ruling. If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the period is extended to include the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The appeal must be received by noon, at the 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 24, 2025.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

 Geoff Wapler *Geoff Wapler*



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Licensee: SOTO, JOHNNY

License Type: 2025 1 Year Owner Applicant Id: 46025
License Number: 314495

Ruling # 2025-SUN-65

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner/Trainer Johnny Soto, having been duly notified and having waived his formal disciplinary hearing before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on March 13, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. regarding a medication violation on January 5, 2025, at Sunland Park involving the first-place finisher of the 6th race "Hot Lil Seis" for Methocarbamol at 155ng/mL above the threshold level of 1ng/mL, a Class 4 Penalty C drug, found in blood sample E547862, confirmed by Industrial Laboratories (the official lab for the NMRC).

Trainer Johnny Soto was offered a split sample test and declined.

For this violation (Second offense 365-day period) the Board of Stewards issues the following penalties:

1. A fine of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) which must be paid on or before March 27, 2025, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(e). Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time may result in immediate suspension. Pursuant to 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.
2. A 30 day suspension starting March 13, 2025 through April 11, 2025.

In addition, and pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.9(B)(1-7), trainer Johnny Soto has accumulated a total of "1/2 point" for this violation for a total of 1 lifetime points.

15.2.1.9 (B)(21) Exclusion (21)(a)(b)(c)

Licensee is found in violation of NMAC:

NMAC 15.2.6.9 Medications and Prohibited Substances,

NMAC 15.2.6.9 (A) Penalties

NMAC 15.2.6.9 (A)(1)(2)

NMAC 15.2.6.9 (B) Penalty Recommendations

NMAC 15.2.6.9(B)(3)

NMAC 15.2.6.11 (A) Trainer Responsibility, NMAC 16.47.1.8 (U) (1) Protection of Horses, NMAC

16.47.1.10 (B)(1-3) Absolute Insurer

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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License Type: 2025 1 Year Owner Applicant Id: 46025
License Number: 314495

16.47.1.8 (L)(1) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures
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 23, 2025.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

 Justin Smith 



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Ruling Date: 3/13/2025

Licensee: SOTO, JOHNNY

License Type: Trainer

Applicant Id: 46025

License Number: 306431

Ruling # 2025-SUN-66

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner/Trainer Johnny Soto, having been duly notified and having waived his formal disciplinary hearing before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on March 13, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. regarding a medication violation on January 5, 2025, at Sunland Park involving the first-place finisher of the 6th race "Hot Lil Seis" for Phenylbutazone at 0.592 ug/mL above the threshold level of 0.3 ug/mL, a Class 4 Penalty C drug, found in blood sample E547862, confirmed by Industrial Laboratories (the official lab for the NMRC).

Trainer Johnny Soto was offered a split sample test and declined.

For this violation (Third offense 365-day period) the Board of Stewards issues the following penalties:

1. A fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) which must be paid on or before March 27, 2025, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(e). Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time may result in immediate suspension. Pursuant to 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.
 2. A 60 day suspension starting April 12, 2025 through June 10, 2025
 3. Prior to reinstatement of the trainer's license for Mr. Johnny Soto he must take and pass all sections of the New Mexico Racing Commission sanctioned written trainers' examination.
- In addition, and pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.9(B)(1-7), trainer Johnny Soto has accumulated a total of "1/2 point" for this violation for a total of 1.5 lifetime points.
- 15.2.1.9 (B)(21) Exclusion (21)(a)(b)(c)

Licensee is found in violation of NMAC:

NMAC 15.2.6.9 Medications and Prohibited Substances,
NMAC 15.2.6.9 (A) Penalties
NMAC 15.2.6.9 (A)(1)(2)
NMAC 15.2.6.9 (B) Penalty Recommendations
NMAC 15.2.6.9(B)(3)
NMAC 15.2.6.11 (A) Trainer Responsibility, NMAC 16.47.1.8 (U) (1) Protection of Horses, NMAC 16.47.1.10 (B)(1-3) Absolute Insurer

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
16.47.1.8 (L)(1) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures



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License Type: Trainer

Applicant Id: 46025

License Number: 306431

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 23, 2025.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

 Geoff Wapler Geoff Wapler



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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-67**
Track: Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/13/2025

Licensee: SOTO, JOSE BERNARDO

License Type: 2024 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 160774
License Number: 312589

Ruling # 2025-SUN-67

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Mr. Jose B. Soto having been duly notified and having been represented by his trainer Mr. Johnny Soto, waived his formal disciplinary hearing before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on March 13, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. regarding a medication violation on January 5, 2025, at Sunland Park, involving the first-place finisher of the 6th race "Hot Lil Seis", for Dexamethasone, a Class 4 Penalty C drug, found in blood sample E547862, confirmed by Industrial Laboratories (the official lab for the NMRC).

Split sample testing rights were afforded to the owner Mr. Jose B. Soto and declined.

Mr. Johnny Soto was the trainer of record on January 5, 2025, for "Hot Lil Seis".

Given the evidence presented, Mr. Jose B. Soto is found to be in violation of the following Commission Rules:

Rule 15.2.6.9(C)(1) Medication Restrictions

Rule 16.47.1.8(U)(1) Protection of Horses.

In accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9 (B) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS, this is Owner Mr. Jose B. Soto first Class 4 Penalty C 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), "Hot Lil Seis" 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) CARTEL CHIEF
 - 2) KISS N RUN
 - 3) TRIBUTE
 - 4) RELENTLESS RUNNER
 - 5) KISSES AN WISHES
 - 6) THRILLAH
 - 7) IVY CHANEL
 - 8) APOLLITICAL DAISY
- Unplaced: HOT LIL SEIS

The horse "Hot Lil Seis" must pass a Commission approved examination prior to being eligible to enter.

In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "Hot Lil Seis" 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:

15.2.1.9 (A)(4)(a) Notice



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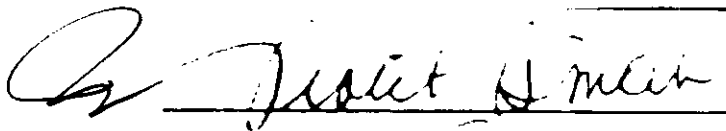
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15.2.1.9 (A)(4)(c) Last Known Address
Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(a)(c)(d)(e) Stewards General Authority:
Rule 15.2.1.9(A)(1)(4)(b)(c)(d) Due Process and Disciplinary Action:
Rule 15.2.6.9(B) Penalty Recommendations:
Rule 15.2.6.9 (B)(3)
Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(j) Purse, prize redistribution.
Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) Unplacing, purse redistribution.
16.47.1.8.(T) Knowledge of Rules
16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
16.47.1.8 (A)(1)(2) License Required

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 or money order."
The last day to file an appeal is **Sunday March 23, 2025.**

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards


Geoff Wapler Geoff Wapler



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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-68**
Track: Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/13/2025

Licensee: SOTO, JOSE BERNARDO

License Type: 2024 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 160774
License Number: 312589

Ruling # 2025-SUN-68

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Mr. Jose B. Soto, having been duly notified and having been represented by his trainer Mr. Johnny Soto, waived his formal disciplinary hearing before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on March 13, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. regarding a medication violation on January 5, 2025, at Sunland Park. involving the first-place finisher of the 6th race "Hot Lil Seis", for Methocarbamol at 155ng/mL above the threshold level of 1ng/mL, a Class 4 Penalty C drug, found in blood sample E547862, confirmed by Industrial Laboratories (the official lab for the NMRC).

Split sample testing rights were afforded to the owner Mr. Jose B. Soto and declined.

Mr. Johnny Soto was the trainer of record on January 5, 2025, for "Hot Lil Seis".

Given the evidence presented, Mr. Jose B. Soto is found to be in violation of the following Commission Rules:

Rule 15.2.6.9(C)(1) Medication Restrictions

Rule 16.47.1.8(U)(1) Protection of Horses.

In accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9(B) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS, this is Owner Mr. Jose B. Soto second Class 4 Penalty C 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), "Hot Lil Seis" 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) CARTEL CHIEF
 - 2) KISS N RUN
 - 3) TRIBUTE
 - 4) RELENTLESS RUNNER
 - 5) KISSES AN WISHES
 - 6) THRILLAH
 - 7) IVY CHANEL
 - 8) APOLLITICAL DAISY
- Unplaced: HOT LIL SEIS

The horse "Hot Lil Seis" is placed on the Commission Veterinarian's list for 45 days beginning March 13, 2025, through April 26, 2025, and must pass a Commission approved examination prior to being eligible to enter. In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "Hot Lil Seis" shall



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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:

- 15.2.1.9 (A)(4)(a) Notice
 - 15.2.1.9 (A)(4)(c) Last Known Address
 - 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 15.2.6.9(B) Penalty Recommendations;
 - Rule 15.2.6.9 (B)(3)
 - Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(j) Purse, prize redistribution.
 - Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) Unplacing, purse redistribution.
 - 16.47.1.8.(T) Knowledge of Rules
 - 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
 - 16.47.1.8 (A)(1)(2) License Required
- 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 **Sunday March 23, 2025.**

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

 Janet Miller *Geoff Wapler*



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Licensee: SOTO, JOSE BERNARDO

License Type: 2024 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 160774
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Ruling # 2025-SUN-69

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Mr. Jose B. Soto having been duly notified and having been represented by his trainer Mr. Johnny Soto, waived his formal disciplinary hearing before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on March 13, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. regarding a medication violation on January 5, 2025, at Sunland Park involving the first-place finisher of the 6th race "Hot Lil Seis" for Phenylbutazone at 0.592 ug/mL above the threshold level of 0.3 ug/mL a Class 4 Penalty C drug, found in blood sample E547862, confirmed by Industrial Laboratories (the official lab for the NMRC). Split sample testing rights were afforded to the owner Mr. Jose B. Soto and declined.

Mr. Johnny Soto was the trainer of record on January 5, 2025, for "Hot Lil Seis".

Given the evidence presented, Mr. Jose B. Soto is found to be in violation of the following Commission Rules:

Rule 15.2.6.9(C)(1) Medication Restrictions

Rule 16.47.1.8(U)(1) Protection of Horses.

In accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9(B) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS, this is Owner Mr. Jose B. Soto third Class 4 Penalty C medication violation in a 365-day period.

The NMRC Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

A Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000) fine is to be paid within 14 days. This fine is to be paid on or before March 27, 2025, 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.

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d), "Hot Lil Seis" 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) CARTEL CHIEF
 - 2) KISS N RUN
 - 3) TRIBUTE
 - 4) RELENTLESS RUNNER
 - 5) KISSES AN WISHES
 - 6) THRILLAH
 - 7) IVY CHANEL
 - 8) APOLLITICAL DAISY
- Unplaced: HOT LIL SEIS



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Licensee: SOTO, JOSE BERNARDO

License Type: 2024 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 160774
License Number: 312589

The horse "Hot Lil Seis" is placed on the Commission Veterinarian's list for 60 days beginning April 27, 2025, through June 25, 2025, and must pass a Commission approved examination prior to being eligible to enter. In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "Hot Lil Seis" 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:

- 15.2.1.9 (A)(4)(a) Notice
 - 15.2.1.9 (A)(4)(c) Last Known Address
 - 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 15.2.6.9(B) Penalty Recommendations;
 - Rule 15.2.6.9 (B)(3)
 - Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(j) Purse, prize redistribution.
 - Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) Unplacing, purse redistribution.
 - 16.47.1.8.(T) Knowledge of Rules
 - 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
 - 16.47.1.8 (A)(1)(2) License Required
- 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 **Sunday March 23, 2025.**

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

 Geoff Wapler Geoff Wapler



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Ruling #: 2025-SUN-70
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/15/2025

Licensee: OCHOA-PENA, GERARDO

License Type: 2025 1 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 21264
License Number: 314903

Ruling # 2025-SUN-70

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer, Gerardo Ochoa-Pena is hereby summarily suspended, effective immediately, March 15, 2025, pending the outcome of his summary suspension hearing scheduled for Friday, March 21st, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the office of the Board of Stewards at Sunland Park (1200 Futurity Drive, Sunland Park NM 88063), per 15.2.1.9 (A)(3)(c) Summary Suspension. The summary suspension is regarding a medication violation on March 1, 2025, for first place finisher "Featured Liberty" from the 9th race at Sunland Park Sample E548069 tested positive for the drug Clenbuterol a class 3 penalty A drug. An affidavit from Industrial Laboratories (the official laboratory for the NMAC.) on March 14th, 2024, reported the presence of Clenbuterol confirmed in blood.
(Gerardo Ochoa-Pena. was listed as the Trainer of "Featured Liberty" at the time of this race.)

This ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:

NMAC 15.2.3.8 B. (1) (3)(e) (f) (g) (j) STEWARDS:

1. **General Authority.** The stewards for each meeting shall be responsible to the commission for the conduct of the race meeting in accordance with the laws of this state and these rules.

(e) The stewards shall have the authority to amend, revoke, rescind or modify any ruling that they issued in error in accordance with the laws of this state and these rules.

(3) (f) The stewards may impose any of the following penalties on a licensee for a violation of the act or these rules: issue a reprimand; assess a fine; require forfeiture or redistribution of purse or award, when specified by applicable rules and at their discretion; place a licensee on probation; suspend a license or racing privileges; revoke a license; exclude from grounds under the jurisdiction of the commission.

(g) The stewards may order that a person be ineligible for licensing; or they may deny a license to an applicant on grounds set forth by these rules.

(j) The stewards may refer any matter to the commission and may include recommendations for disposition. The absence of a steward's referral shall not preclude the commission action in any matter.

15.2.1.9 A(3)(a-c) DUE PROCESS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

A. Proceedings before the stewards:

(3) Summary suspension.

(a) If the stewards determine that a licensee's actions constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, integrity, or welfare of the horseracing industry, the stewards may summarily suspend the license pending a hearing.

(b) 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.

(c) At a hearing on a summary suspension, the sole issue is whether the licensee's license



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should remain suspended pending a final disciplinary hearing and ruling.

NMAC 15.2.6.9 MEDICATIONS AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:

The classification guidelines contained within the "uniform classification guidelines for foreign substances and recommended penalties and model rule", January 19, 2018, version 14.0 and "association of racing commissioners international inc. controlled therapeutic medication schedule for horses", version 4.0, revised April 20, 2017 by the association of racing commissioners international, are incorporated by reference. Any threshold herein incorporated by reference by inclusion in one of the documents above shall not supersede any threshold or restrictions adopted by the commission as specified by this section.

A. Penalties:

(4) Any drug or metabolite thereof found to be present in a pre- or post-race sample which is not classified in the association of racing commissioners international uniform classification guidelines for foreign substances shall be assumed to be an association of racing commissioners international class 1 drug and the trainer and owner shall be subject to those penalties as set forth in penalty category A unless satisfactorily demonstrated otherwise by the racing medication and testing consortium, with a penalty category assigned

NMAC 15.2.6.9. C. (1) (4)(8)(a)(c)(9)(10)(a-d) MEDICATION RESTRICTIONS:

(1) A finding by the commission approved laboratory of a prohibited substance in an official sample of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited substance was administered to the horse and, in the case of a post-race test, was present in the horse's body while it was participating in a race.

(4) There is no permissible concentration of Clenbuterol or Albuterol that is allowed to appear in any official sample. This includes samples collected from Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds.

(8) Any horse that is the subject of a positive test report from the official laboratory for a drug in one of the following categories shall be placed immediately on the steward's list:

(a) any drug categorized by the association of racing commissioner's international "uniform classification guidelines for foreign substance and recommended penalties and model rule" incorporated by reference under 15.2.6.9 NMAC as a penalty class A substance:

(c) clenbuterol, albuterol, or other beta-agonist drugs with significant anabolic effects that are not currently penalty class A drugs:

(9) Horses placed on the steward's list for a positive test for any of the substances listed in Paragraph (8) of Subsection C above shall remain on the steward's list for 60 days. The first day shall be considered the day following the date of the signed report from the official laboratory.



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(10) In order to be removed from the steward's list and prior to entry, the following conditions shall be met:

- (a) a minimum of 60 days must have elapsed;
- (b) the horse must be presented to the test barn on or after day 60 for the official veterinarian to obtain blood, urine or hair samples;
- (c) the collected samples must test negative for any substance identified in Paragraph (8) of Subsection C above;
- (d) the cost of the testing, including applicable shipping costs, shall be borne by the licensed owner and must be paid in full at the time of shipment.

NMAC 15.2.6.11 (A)(B) TRAINER RESPONSIBILITY: The purpose of this subsection is to identify responsibilities of the trainer that pertain specifically to the health and well being of horses in their care.

A. The trainer is responsible for the condition of horses entered in an official workout or race and is responsible for the presence of any prohibited drug, medication or other substance, including permitted medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, in such horses. A positive test for a prohibited drug, medication or substance, including permitted medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, as reported by a Commission approved laboratory, is prima facie evidence of a violation of this rule. In the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, the trainer is responsible.

B. A trainer shall prevent the administration of any drug or medication or other prohibited substance that may cause a violation of these rules.

NMAC 16.47.1.10 B. (1)(2) ABSOLUTE INSURER:

(1) The trainer is the absolute insurer of the condition of horses entered in an official workout or race and is responsible for the presence of any prohibited drug or medication, or other prohibited substance in such horses. A positive test for a prohibited drug or medication or other prohibited substance or the presence of permitted medication in excess of maximum allowable levels as reported by a commission-approved laboratory is prima facie evidence of a violation of this rule. The trainer is absolutely responsible regardless of the acts of third parties.

(2) A trainer must prevent the administration of any drug or medication or other prohibited substance that may cause a violation of these rules.

NMAC 16.47.1.8. T KNOWLEDGE OF RULES:

A licensee shall be knowledgeable of the rules of the commission; and by acceptance of the license, agrees to abide by the rules.

NMAC 16.47.1.8.U. PROTECTION OF HORSES:

(1) Each person licensed by the commission shall do all that is reasonable and within their power and scope of duty to guard against and prevent the administration of any drug, medication or other substance, including permissible medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, to any horse entered or to be entered in an official workout or race, as prohibited by these rules.



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Justin Smith

Geoff Wapler

M. J. [Signature]



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Ruling #: 2025-SUN-71
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/21/2025

Licensee: ORONA, SR MARTIN RODRIGUEZ
License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 19384
License Number: 306901

Ruling # 2025-SUN-71

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Martin Orona Sr. having been duly notified and having failed to appear for his disciplinary hearing on March 20, 2025, at 8:30 a.m, the hearing was held absentia, before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards regarding a medication violation for the horse "Ozarke" the second place finisher of the 5th race on February 8, 2025, at Sunland Park, for a Class 4 Penalty C drug 4-Methylaminoantipyrine (Dipyrone) found in blood sample E547993, confirmed by Industrial Laboratories (the official lab for the NMRC).

Trainer Martin Orona Sr. was offered a split sample test and declined.

For this violation (first offense 365-day period) the Board of Stewards issues the following penalties:

**Aggravating factors;
Prior Class 4 Penalty C medication violations**

1. A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) which must be paid on or before April 4, 2025, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.3.8 (B)(3)(e). Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time may result in immediate suspension. Pursuant to 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.

In addition, and pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.9(B)(1-7), trainer Martin Orona Sr. has accumulated a total of "1/2 point" for this violation for a total of 1 lifetime points.

Licensee is found in violation of NMAC:

NMAC 15.2.6.9 (B) (3) Medications and Prohibited Substances,
NMAC 15.2.6.9 (A) Penalties
NMAC 15.2.6.9 (A)(1)(2)
NMAC 15.2.6.11 (A) Trainer Responsibility, NMAC 16.47.1.8 (U) (1) Protection of Horses, NMAC 16.47.1.10 (B)(1-3) Absolute Insurer

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
16.47.1.8 (L)(1) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures



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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 31, 2025.

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

David Limer

Geoff Wapler *[Signature]*



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Ruling #: 2025-SUN-72
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/21/2025

Licensee: RAMOS, CHRISTIAN
License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 163067
License Number: 309115

Ruling # 2025-SUN-72

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey Christian Ramos having been duly notified and having appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards on March 21, 2025 for misuse of the whip following the running of the 6th race while aboard #7 "Perfect Suspicion" on March 15, 2025. (Struck his mount after the wire)

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

Emilio Tapia a fine in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars. (\$200.00). This fine is to be paid on or before April 4, 2025, 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)(8) 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)(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

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 31, 2025.**



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Licensee: RAMOS, CHRISTIAN

License Type: 2023 3 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 163067
License Number: 309115

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David Limer Geoff Wapler *Wally Velez*



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Ruling #: **2025-SUN-73**
Track: Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/21/2025

Licensee: **RODRIGUEZ, LUIS RAMON**
License Type: 2025 1 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 2581
License Number: 314881

Ruling # 2025-SUN-73

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Jockey, Luis Ramon Rodriguez, having been properly summoned and having appeared before the Sunland Park Board of Stewards, on March 20, 2025, for failure to ride his mount out during the running of the 6th race on March 14, 2025, while aboard #9 "Impeachabull".

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

Suspension starting March 27, 2025 through the end of the Sunland Park race meet ending April 6, 2025.

During the suspension Luis Ramon Rodriguez is not allowed to ride designated races per Rule 16.47.1.12 (G)(2)

15.2.1.9 (B)(21)(a) The steward, agency director, or commission may order an individual ejected or excluded from all or part of any premises under the regulatory jurisdiction of the commission if the stewards, agency director, or commission determine that the individual's presence on association grounds is inconsistent with maintaining the honesty and integrity of racing.

Licensee is found in violation of NMAC:

15.2.5.13 (E)(5) Horses shall be ridden out: All horses shall be ridden out in every race. A jockey shall not ease up or coast to the finish, without adequate cause, even if the horse has no apparent chance to win prize money.

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)(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) License Required
16.47.1.8 (A)(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 cash, a cashier's check, or money order.



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Licensee: RODRIGUEZ, LUIS RAMON

License Type: 2025 1 Year Jockey Applicant Id: 2581
License Number: 314881

The last day to file an appeal is March 31, 2025.

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Ruling #: 2025-SUN-74
Track Sunland Park
Ruling Date: 3/21/2025

Licensee: NAVARRETE, FRANCISCO
License Type: 2024 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 31757
License Number: 313902

Ruling # 2025-SUN-74

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Francisco Navarrete having been duly notified and having failed to appear for his disciplinary hearing on March 20, 2025, at 8:30 a.m, the hearing was held absentia, before the Sunland Park Board of Steward regarding a medication violation on February 8, 2025, at Sunland Park. For the horse "Ozarke" the second-place finisher of the 5th race for a Class 4 Penalty C drug 4-Methylaminoantipyrine (Dipyrone) found in blood sample E547993, confirmed by Industrial Laboratories (the official lab for the NMRC).

Owner Francisco Navarrete was offered a split sample test and declined
Mr. Martin Orona Sr. was the trainer of record on February 8, 2025, for "Ozarke".

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

Rule 15.2.6.9(C)(1) Medication Restrictions

Rule 16.47.1.8(U)(1) Protection of Horses.

In accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9 (B) PENALTY RECOMMENDATIONS, this is Owner Mr. Francisco Navarrete first Class 4 Penalty C 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), "Ozarke" 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) DAOU
- 2) EYE BELIEVE IN BLOOD
- 3) JESS SONNY D
- 4) PRINCESS HADLEY
- 5) BV TICKET TO RIDE
- 6) JESS THRU A CARTEL
- 7) MAN IM TOASTED
- 8) CHURCH SPIRE

Unplaced: OZARKE

The horse "Ozarke" must pass a Commission approved examination prior to being eligible to enter. In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "Ozarke" 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:

15.2.1.9 (A)(4)(a) Notice

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



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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 15.2.6.9(B) Penalty Recommendations
Rule 15.2.6.9 (B)(3)
Rule 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(j) Purse, prize redistribution.
Rule 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) Unplacing, purse redistribution.
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16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
16.47.1.8 (A)(1)(2) License Required
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 or money order."
The last day to file an appeal is **Sunday March 31, 2025.**

By Order of The Sunland Park Stewards

