

BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
MOUNTAINEER RACETRACK
RULING

RULING # 68

DATE: 08/26/2026

NAME: Moises Valdez

DOB: 10/21/1988

PERMIT: # 87965 Trainer

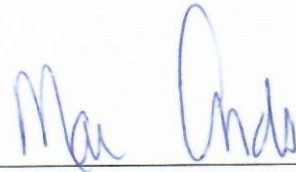
The Board of Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Trainer Moises Valdez is hereby fined three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for violation of WV Rule of Racing 178-1-26.3.g. "Each trainer is responsible for presenting his or her horse and being present in the paddock at a time appointed before post time of the race in which the horse is entered."

Mr. Valdez scratched the horse "King Miano" which was scheduled to run in the 4th race on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, (scratch to re-enter).

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You have the right to appeal this ruling to the Racing Commission. Your appeal must be received in the Commission Office within 20 days of your receipt of the ruling and must include a security fee in the amount of \$500.00.



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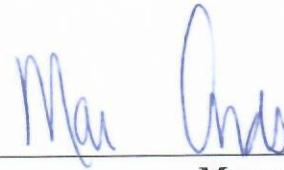
The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Trainer Moises Valdez is hereby fined three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for violation of WV Rule of Racing 178-26.3.h. "Each trainer is responsible for personally attending to his or her horse in the paddock and supervising the saddling thereof."

Mr. Valdez was not present in the paddock nor did he designate someone, to saddle his horse "Strawberry Sky" for the running of the 3rd race on Monday, August 24, 2026.

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RULING #70

DATE: 08/26/2026

NAME: Maikol Vilchez

DOB: 03/03/1998

PERMIT: # 89427 Jockey

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

After a race review in the stewards stand on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, the Board of Stewards hereby find Jockey Maikol Vilchez in violation of WV Rule of Racing, section 178-1-28.3.a. "A jockey shall give a best effort during a race, and each horse shall be ridden to win. A jockey shall not ease up or coast to the finish, without reasonable cause, even if the horse has no apparent chance to win prize money." Mr. Vilchez was present for the race review.

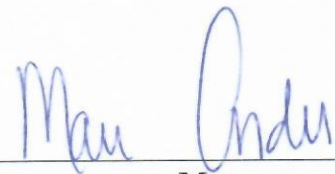
Mr. Vilchez stood up prior to the finish line in the 8th race on Monday, August 24, 2026.

Mr. Vilchez is hereby fined two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.

This is Mr. Vilchez's 2nd offense at Mountaineer in 2026.

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RULING #71

DATE: 08/26/2026

NAME: Brandon Tapara

DOB: 09/04/1996

PERMIT: # 88403 Jockey

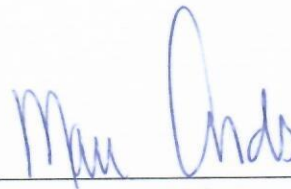
The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Jockey Brandon Tapara is hereby fined one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for violation of WV Rule of Racing 178-1-45.7.1.1, "After a race has been run, the jockey shall ride promptly to the place designated by the stewards, dismount and report to the clerk of scales to be weighed in..."

After the running of the 2nd race on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, Mr. Tapara failed to report to the clerk of scales and weigh in.

All fines imposed by the stewards shall be paid to the Racing Commission within 7 days after the ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered by the Stewards, per WV Rule of Racing number 178-1-8.5.n.

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RULING #72

DATE: 08/26/2026

NAME: Luis Tapara

DOB: 09/04/1996

PERMIT#: 87706- Jockey

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

After a race review in the Stewards stand on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, the Board of Stewards find Jockey Luis Tapara in violation of WV Rules of Racing #178-1-45.7.b.1. "A jockey shall not ride carelessly or willfully so as to permit his or her mount to interfere with, impede or intimidate any other horse in the race." Mr. Tapara was present for the review.

During the running of the eighth (8th) race on Monday, August 24, 2026, Mr. Tapara's mount #1 "Homerunhappy", drifted out under a left-hand whip causing interference to #3 "Unpredictable Bay". "Homerunhappy" was disqualified from 2nd and placed 3rd.

Mr. Tapara is hereby suspended one (1) Mountaineer Park race day, effective Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

As per WV Rule of Racing 178-1-28.1.f, Mr. Tapara may gallop while suspended.

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RULING # 73

DATE: 08/26/2026

NAME: Juan Pablo Silva, Jr.

DOB: 04/19/2006

PERMIT: # 90595- Jockey

The Stewards hereby impose the following:

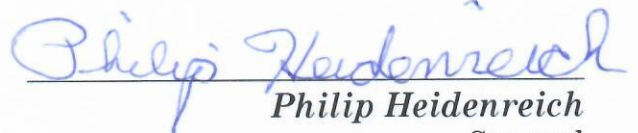
The owner permit issued to Juan Pablo Silva Jr. is hereby rescinded as he has been issued a jockey permit.

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RULING #74

DATE: **August 30, 2026**

TO: **William G. Witherow**

DOB: **01/17/1952**

PERMIT: **87467- Owner/Trainer**

The Stewards hereby impose the following penalty:

Industrial Laboratories reported sample #E697744 taken from the horse "Boccabella" which finished 3rd in the 6th race on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, did contain Methocarbamol confirmed in blood (3.11 ng/ml.) The measurement uncertainty of the method is (0.13 ng/ml) at the threshold of (1 ng/ml.) Methocarbamol is a class 4 drugs carrying a C penalty.

Mr. Witherow waived his right to a hearing and elected not to send a split sample. The Board of Stewards concludes that Mr. Witherow has violated section 178-1-49.4.a.2 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule, 178 C.S.R.1. This medication/prohibited substance violation is the permit holder's first violation in a 365-day period for medication/prohibited substance carrying a C penalty. The permit holder has accumulated zero (0) points under the multiple medication violation point system prior to this ruling. The points assessed for this medication/prohibited substance violation is one-half (1/2) point, giving a total of one-half (1/2) point pursuant to section 178-1-49.3.m of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules.

Based on the guidelines set forth in table 178-1 of the Thoroughbred Racing Rules, the Board of Stewards hereby fine Mr. Witherow one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars.

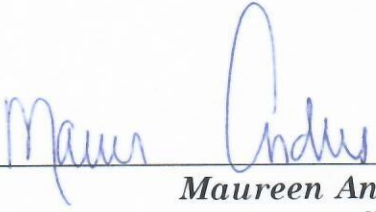
The horse "Boccabella" is disqualified from all purse monies, and the purse is to be redistributed as follows:

- 1st) Greyhound Station
- 2nd) Mean to Me
- 3rd) Good Enough for Me
- 4th) Captain Anne
- 5th) One Night Stand
- 6th) Vingativa
- 7th) Lucky Phoenix
- 8th) The Isabel Astray
- 9th) High Vibes

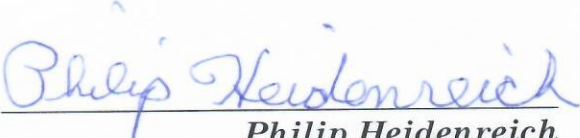
The horseman's bookkeeper is requested to make the necessary adjustments.

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