



BOARD OF STEWARDS – RULING

MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION
CANTERBURY PARK
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| Ruling # | C20045 |
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NAME: Velazquez Denny
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

MRC# 342 OCCUPATION: Jockey

VIOLATION: Possession of Electrical Device, Loaded Firearm

VIOLATION DATE: July 20, 2020 RULING DATE: August 10, 2020

NARRATIVE:

Jockey Denny Velazquez responded in person to a formal hearing notice before the Board of Stewards at Canterbury Park on August 4, 2020. The Stewards entered 9 exhibits and heard testimony of Mr. Velazquez.

After due deliberation, the Stewards hereby suspend Jockey Denny Velazquez for one year (with credit given for 21 days served during a summary suspension), August 10, 2020 through July 20, 2021 and levy a fine of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), for being found in possession of an electrical device and a loaded firearm during a search of his vehicle conducted by Minnesota Racing Commission investigators within Canterbury Park grounds on July 20, 2020. The penalties represent the maximum statutory limits of Stewards' authority in Minnesota.

In addition, the Board of Stewards hereby refers this matter to the Minnesota Racing Commission with recommendations to declare Denny Velazquez ineligible for any type of Class C License in Minnesota for Five (5) Years through July 20, 2025 and to increase the civil penalty fine to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) due to the two serious violations that call into question the honesty and integrity of horse racing and the safety, health and welfare of the participants and the general public at Canterbury Park. The recommended penalties represent the maximum statutory limits of Commission authority in Minnesota.

During the term of his suspension, Jockey Denny Velazquez is denied privileges of all grounds under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Racing Commission.

Minnesota Statute:

- 240.22 Fines. (a)(b)(c).
- 240.25 Prohibited Acts. Subd. 4.(1) Tampering with horses.
- 240.26 Penalties. Subd.1. Felonies.
- 240.27 Exclusion of Certain Persons. Subd. 1.(3) Persons excluded.
- 624.714 Carrying of Weapons Without Permit; Penalties. Subd. 1a. Permit required; penalty.

Minnesota Rules part(s)

- 7877.0155 Conditions Precedent to Licensing. A.E.(2) H.
- 7879.0200 Stewards' Authority and Duties. Subp. 1.A.C. General authority of Stewards.
- 7897.0100 Prohibited Acts. Subp. 1. Scope; Subp. 2. Violations of laws - 240.25 Subd. 4. (1) Tampering with horses. 624.714 Carrying of weapons without permit; Subp. 3. Possession of firearms or weapons; Subp. 18. Possession of electrical device.
- 7897.0120 Disciplinary Sanctions. Subp. 1. Sanctions; Subp. 2. Exclusion from racetrack.
- 7897.0130 Schedule of Fines. Subp. 1. Imposition of fines; Subp. 2.A. Categories of violations; Subp. 3. Assignment of categories and determination of fine amount; Subp. 4. Serious violations. A.B.C.D. Subp. 5. Amount of fines; Subp. 6. Timetable for paying fines.
- 7897.0155 Appeal to Commission. Subp. 1. A.B.C. Appeals; Subp. 3. Stays of decisions; Subp. 4. A.B.C.D. Procedure for appeal to Commission; Subp. 5. Deposit shall be required; Subp. 6. Commission shall set date for hearing.

FINES ARE DUE 72 HOURS FROM THE DATE OF THE RULING

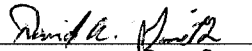
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SUSPENSION: 08/10/20 through 07/20/21 TOTAL # OF DAYS: 344

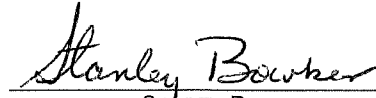
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DAVID HOOPER



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