

State of Texas
Texas Racing Commission

Official Ruling # SHRP4787

of the

Board of Stewards

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK

OWNER-TRAINER	GARCIA, MELINDA	License #	37534
Ruling Date:	05/06/2014	Violation Date:	03/20/2014
Redistribute Purse:	No		

Rules Violated:

311.301 UNAUTHORIZED USE/POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE/DRUG
311.308 PENALTIES FOR HUMAN DRUG VIOLATIONS

Owner-Trainer Melinda Garcia having been duly noticed appeared at a formal hearing before the Sam Houston Race Park Board of Stewards on 04/26/2014.

On 03/20/2014 Ms. Garcia was the subject of a drug test in compliance with reinstatement requirements, which tested positive for Cocaine.

At her hearing, Ms. Garcia claimed that a number of prescribed medications she was taking must be the cause of her positive test. The stewards referred Ms. Garcia to the Texas Medical Review Officer for a consultation and review of the prescribed medication. As a result of the consultation and after reviewing the list of medications, the Medical Review Officer confirmed that the test taken on 03/20/2014 was positive for Cocaine.

After consideration of all the facts, the Sam Houston Race Park Board of Stewards hereby suspend Ms. Garcia's TxRC license for a minimum of one year, starting 05/08/2014, and this being her third violation, refer her case to the Executive Director of the Texas Racing Commission for further review.

Reinstatement is contingent upon a satisfactory evaluation by the Texas Racing Commission Medical Review Officer, the providing of a negative sample and compliance with any aftercare of further testing required.

During the term of this suspension Ms. Garcia is denied access to all areas under the jurisdiction of the Texas Racing Commission. Horses owned or trained by Ms. Garcia are denied entry pending sale or transfer to a party approved by a Board of Stewards.

By Order of the Board of Stewards

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