

State of Texas
Texas Racing Commission

Official Ruling # SHRP4806

of the

Board of Stewards

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK

JOCKEY	MARTINEZ, DAMIAN	License #	153760
Ruling Date:	06/13/2014	Violation Date:	05/09/2014
Redistribute Purse:	No		

Rules Violated:

313.443	ACTION BY JOCKEYS, INTERFERENCE
313.442	INTERFERENCE BY A HORSE

Jockey Damian Martinez was duly noticed and appeared with Jockey Guild Representative John Beech for a formal hearing before the Retama Park Board of Stewards on 6/7/14.

The Board of Stewards considered the evidence and testimony presented during the hearing.

Mr. Damian Martinez is hereby suspended for 7 days (6/15/14 through 6/21/14) because he allowed his mount, "Royal Deelights," to drift in without sufficient clearance, causing interference and leading to a disqualification during race 1 at Sam Houston Race Park on 5/9/14.

The term of this suspension does not prohibit participation in designated stake races, provided he is named on at the time of entry, nor does it prohibit any other activities normally associated with his license. Each day of race participation extends the suspension a like number of race days.

By Order of the Board of Stewards

ANNE ALLEY

FRED WINCH JR

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Supplement # 1

06/21/2014

Dissenting Opinion.

On 6/15/2013 Mr. Martinez was fined two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars by the Retama Park Board of stewards for allowing his horse to drift in, without correction, in the 9th race at Retama Park on 6/07/2013.

On 11/12/2013 Mr. Martinez was suspended 7 days by the Lone Star Park Board of Stewards for careless riding in the 7th race at Lone Star Park on 11/02/2013. This suspension was served at Sam Houston Race Park from 03/20/2014 through 03/26/2014 covering 2 racing days in Texas.

On 5/06/2014, in deference to Mr. Tony Langford, who was filling in as the third steward at Sam Houston Race Park, Mr. Martinez was given the benefit of the doubt and a written caution as to his future riding in relation to the disqualification of his mount in the 1st race at Sam Houston Race Park on 3/29/2014.

On 6/13/2014 Mr Martinez was suspended for 7 days (2 racing days) for allowing his horse to drift in, causing interference and resulting in the disqualification of his mount in the 1st race at Sam Houston Race Park on 5/09/2014.

It is my opinion that the latter violation showed gross carelessness and the subsequent penalty of 7 days is grossly inadequate.

J.D.Rollinson, State Steward.