

State of Texas
Texas Racing Commission

Official Ruling # SHRP4840

of the

Board of Stewards

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK

JOCKEY	CHAPA, ROMAN	License #	53851
Ruling Date:	03/02/2015	Violation Date:	01/17/2015
Redistribute Purse:	Yes		

Rules Violated:

3.16	UNLAWFUL INFLUENCES ON RACING
311.206	INFLUENCE OF RACE PROHIBITED
311.207	INHUMANE TREATMENT OF HORSE OR GREYHOUND
311.215	POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND

Jockey Roman Chapa having been duly noticed, appeared at a formal hearing before the Sam Houston Race Park Board of Stewards on 02/27/2015 and was represented by his attorneys Paul Vick and Angus McGinty.

Counsel for both parties agreed that the evidence and testimony presented at the Summary Suspension Hearing held on 02/09/2015, be entered into the record.

Having considered all the testimony and evidence presented at both hearings the preponderance of evidence indicated that Mr. Chapa did carry an electric shocking device while riding "Quiet Acceleration" to win the 9th race at Sam Houston Race Park the "Richard King Turf Stakes" on 01/17/2015. Mr. Chapa is hereby suspended 5 years (01/19/2015 through 01/18/2020) and fined twenty five thousand (\$25,000) dollars and the case referred to the Executive Director of the Texas Racing Commission for further consideration.

The horse "Quiet Acceleration" is disqualified from the 9th race at Sam Houston Race Park on 01/17/2015 and declared unplaced with the purse redistributed as follows;

1. (3) Fly the Red Eye
 2. (9) Magna Breeze
 3. (10) Special UFO
 4. (4) Fiery Dream
 5. (1) Rule Breaker
 6. (2) Seeking West
 7. (6) Anew Rumor
 8. (7) Special Praise
 9. (5) Spiderman Ridge
- Unplaced (8) Quiet Acceleration

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During the term of this suspension Mr. Chapa is denied access to all areas under the jurisdiction of the Texas Racing Commission.

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Supplement # 1

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On March 5, 2015, Executive Director Trout exercised his authority under Rule 307.69 and modified stewards' ruling SHRP 4840 by increasing the fine from \$25,000 to \$100,000. All other provisions of the ruling remain, including the five-year suspension of Mr. Chapa's jockey's license, the disqualification of "Quiet Acceleration," and the redistribution of the purse.

Supplement # 2

03/13/2015

On March 5, 2015, Attorney Paul Vick filed an appeal on Mr. Chapa's behalf. Mr. Vick also requested a stay of the suspension and fine imposed against Mr. Chapa, or in the alternative, a stay of the requirement to tender the \$25,000 fine during the pendency of the appeal.

Executive Director Trout denied the request for a stay of the suspension, but granted the request to stay the requirement that Mr. Chapa tender the fine during the pendency of the appeal in order to ensure that Mr. Chapa's due process rights are protected.