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## Stewards Ruling 99B-2023

Ruling Date: 09/07/2023

Licensee: Juan Carlos Sica

DOB: 07/20/1987

Violation Date: 09/07/2023

License Type: Exercise Rider

RCI ID: 1456119

Ruling Type/Description: Medication/Drug Violation Human

DTRC Rules Cited: 2.1, 2.5, 3.3 All, 3.4 All, 18.1 All, 18.1.5 and 21.3.1 All.

Suspension: Yes

Suspension Start Date: 10/3/2023

Suspension End Date: 12/31/2023

### Narrative:

Exercise Rider Juan Carlos Sica, DOB: 07/20/1987, RCI ID: 1456119, was asked to submit to a random Drug and Alcohol test, Juan Carlos Sica complied to be tested. Juan Carlos Sica tested positive for Amphetamines, MDMA and Methamphetamine at Delaware Park, is hereby summarily suspended, pending a hearing before the Board of Stewards. Mr. Sica is entitled to a hearing on his suspension no later than five (5) calendar days from this date. The deadline in asking for an appeal or for waiving his right to a hearing is Saturday, September 9, 2023. During the time of his suspension, Mr. Sica is denied the privileges of all grounds under the jurisdiction of the Delaware Racing Commission. Refer to DTRC Rules: 2.1, 2.5, 3.3 All, 3.4 All, 18.1 All, 18.1.5 All, 21.3.1 All.

### Amendment A: September 13, 2023

On September 12, 2023, a Stewards hearing was conducted into the matter of a positive drug test for Exercise Rider Juan Carlos Sica. The sole issue for this hearing is to determine if the licensee should remain suspended pending a final disciplinary hearing. After Mr. Sica's request to be reinstated Stewards determined that it was not in the Best Interest of horse racing to reinstate at this time till a final hearing on the facts of the case can be heard. Juan Carlos Sica will remain Summarily Suspended until such time. Refer to D.T.R.C Rule 18.1.5.3.

### Amendment B: October 3, 2023

Exercise Rider Juan Carlos Sica appeared before the Board of Stewards for his Final Disciplinary hearing in the matter of his failed random drug test on October 3, 2023. Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp) reported that the sample provided by Juan Carlos Sica confirmed the findings of the initial test by the Commission of Amphetamines (1041 ng/ml), Methamphetamine (3000 ng/ml). Stewards reviewed the information provided to them. Stewards have lifted the Summary Suspension and will "SUSPEND" exercise rider Juan Carlos Sica from October 3, 2023, to and through December 31, 2023 (90 days). Mr. Sica must submit to a professional evaluation by a substance abuse professional and will be required to fulfill all rehabilitation prescribed by the counselor. The substance abuse professional "MUST" be approved by the Commission. Mr. Sica must provide to the Commission upon completion of his rehabilitation a "Negative" drug test to be eligible to submit an application of license with the D.T.R.C. Pursuant to D.T.R.C. Rules 21.4 All, 21.5 All and 21.8 All.

Juan Carlos Sica is "Denied" all access to the grounds under the Jurisdiction of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission.

  
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