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## Stewards Ruling 85-2025

Ruling Date: 08/09/2025

Licensee: Mario Roberto Lopez

DOB: 02/12/1995

Violation Date: 08/01/2025

License Type: Owner/Assistant Trainer RCI ID: 2272497

Ruling Type/Description: Conduct Detrimental to Racing

DTRC Rules Cited: 2.5.1.3, 2.5.1.9, 2.5.1.18, 2.5.1.20, 6.1.5, 6.1.6, 11.2.3, 11.2.11, 3.3 All and 3.4 All.

Fine: \$1,500

Fine Due Date: 08/23/2025

Suspension: Yes

Suspension Start Date: 08/16/2025

Suspension End Date: 09/14/2025

### Narrative:

Owner/Assistant Trainer Mario Roberto Lopez, DOB: 02/12/1995, RCI ID: 2272497, appeared before the Board of Stewards on August 5, 2025, for hearing in the matter Hidden Ownership. Mario Lopez "Waived" his right to legal counsel in this matter. Stewards reviewed all testimony and facts of the case. Mr. Lopez failed to prove the validity of the sales of horses Runaway Rooster and Sassy Seniorita or any bills associated with said horses. Through information obtained from Health Certificates and Digital Papers, the Stewards determined that Mr. Lopez was in fact substituting for a person who is ineligible for license in Delaware. The Board of Stewards determine that those actions to be detrimental to horse racing. Mario Roberto Lopez is fined \$1500 and suspended 30 calendar days August 16, 2025, through September 14, 2025. Runaway Rooster and Sassy Seniorita are "Ineligible" to race at Delaware Park for the remainder of the Delaware Park race meet in 2025. All Horse Transfers must be approved by the Stewards.

Mario Roberto Lopez is "Denied" all access to the grounds under the jurisdiction of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission during his suspension.

**Failure to pay the assessed fine by the due date may result in a suspension of license.**

**Monetary fines not paid within the parameters of the official ruling are subject to penalty and interest charges at the rate of 1.5% per month compounded monthly.**

  
Joelyn Rigione

  
Robert Colton

  
William Troilo