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Ruling number: 25-0058

Track: Kentucky Downs

Date: August 28, 2025

Exercise Rider: Rafael A. Vega (a.k.a Rafael Alvarez Vega)

After appearing before the Board of Stewards, the exercise rider license issued to Rafael A. Vega (a.k.a Rafael Alvarez Vega) is hereby REVOKED and he is placed on the STOP list for future license consideration. Mr. Vega falsified his license application to obtain a 2025 exercise rider license (failed to reveal his current suspension in another jurisdiction and his multiple criminal charges and convictions). In addition, Vega has been formally ejected by Ellis Park management for his alleged involvement in the theft and unlawful cashing of stolen checks and the theft of horse equipment from multiple trainers at Ellis Park. Rafael A. Vega (a.k.a Rafael Alvarez Vega) is denied the privileges of all facilities under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation.

810 KAR 3:020 Section 15, subsection (1)(b),(c),(d),(g),(h),(q),(x)1.8.,(dd)

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS