



STEWARDS RULING COVER PAGE

HISA Case Number:		Violation Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	
State Tracking Number: (optional)		Hearing Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	
		Ruling Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	
Track Name:		Track HISA ID:	
Issued To:			
HISA ID:			
Name:			
Race:	Horse Name:	Horse HISA ID:	
Fine Amount (\$):		Days to pay fine:	
Points:		Class of Violation:	
Disqualified (DQ'd): Yes No		Purse Amount To Be Repaid (\$):	
Suspension (Either Consecutive Calendar Days or Race Days)			
Consecutive Calendar Days Suspended			
Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy):		Duration (days):	
--- OR ---			
Race Days Suspended (mm/dd/yyyy)			
Day 1:		Day 6:	
Day 2:		Day 7:	
Day 3:		Day 8:	
Day 4:		Day 9:	
Day 5:		Day 10:	
Consecutive Calendar Days Suspended Pursuant to Rule 2283 "Multiple Violations"			
Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy):		Duration (days):	
Other Actions to Be Completed:			
Date to Be Completed (mm/dd/yyyy):			
APPEAL INFORMATION			
Any Stewards ruling finding a violation may be appealed to the IAP pursuant to Rule 2285(c) by filing a written request for appeal with the Board within 10 days of the issuance of the Stewards ruling. Rule 2285(c) specifies the information that must be included in the written request for appeal. An appeal to the Board will not automatically stay the Stewards ruling. A stay must be requested. The Board may issue a stay for good cause shown.			
PAYMENT INFORMATION			
Payment must be received by due date to avoid further penalties. Option 1) Pay online on the HISA Portal (portal.hisapps.org) or Option 2) Send check with a copy of this ruling form to:			
Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority 401 W Main Street, Suite 222 Lexington, Kentucky 40507			



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HISA KENTUCKY STEWARDS RULING

KY. Ruling number: 26-017

Track: Turfway Park

Date: February 21, 2026

Jockey: Rafael M. Hernandez (HISA #P000028695)

After waiving his right to a hearing before the Board of Stewards, Rafael M. Hernandez, who finished second aboard BOLT DIOR in the fourth race at Turfway Park on February 19, 2026, was found to have violated HISA Rule 2280 (b)(2) by striking his mount seven times with the riding crop. Pursuant to HISA Rule 2282 (a)(1), Class 3, Rafael M. Hernandez is hereby fined two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and suspended one Kentucky racing day, March 11, 2026.

Upon receipt of this ruling, it is required within thirty (30) days to pay any and all fines imposed to the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority.

HISA Rule 2280 (b)(2)

HISA Rule 2283 (a)(1)

By Order of the Stewards

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