



STEWARDS RULING COVER PAGE

HISA Case Number:	Violation Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	09/13/2026
State Tracking Number: (optional) 26-094	Hearing Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	09/16/2026
	Ruling Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	09/18/2026
Track Name: Churchill Downs	Track HISA ID:	L000000069
Issued To:		
HISA ID: P000004957		
Name: Rafael Bejarano		
Race: 7	Horse Name: Creative Minister	Horse HISA ID: H000005154
Fine Amount (\$): 1,000.00	Days to pay fine:	30
Points: 3	Class of Violation:	3
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: 10/03/2026	Day 6:	
Day 2: 10/04/2026	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: 26-094

Track: Churchill Downs

Date: September 18, 2026

Jockey: Rafael Bejarano (HISA #P000004957)

After waiving his right to a hearing before the Board of Stewards, Rafael Bejarano who finished third aboard CREATIVE MINISTER in the seventh race at Churchill Downs on September 13, 2026, was found to have violated HISA Rule 2280 (b)(2) by striking his mount seven times with the riding crop (2nd offense in 180 days). Pursuant to HISA Rule 2282 (c)(1), Class 3, Rafael Bejarano is hereby fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and suspended two Kentucky racing days, October 3 and October 4, 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 (c)(1)

By Order of the Stewards