



**RUIDOSO  
DOWNS**  
Race Track & Casino

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# 2018 Racing Integrity Initiative

- Racing suffering from poor PR
- Leading trainers convicted of drug abuses
- Lack of confidence among owners that game is fair
- Program trainers perpetuate problem
- Drug testing not enough deterrent
- Security issues increasing
- Inconsistencies across state borders

# 2018 Racing Integrity Initiative

- Establish the rules
  - AARD drafted, with assistance, Trainer Acknowledgment Form requiring signature and agreement to conditions
  - Horses at track 10 days prior to trials, and finalists must remain on site
  - Trial entrant Roll Call performed with ID validation
  - All qualifiers tested
- Target bad actors
  - Banned former assistant trainer to convicted offender (Padgett v. AARD)
  - Ejected trainer for horse welfare abuses
- Bring additional resources to bear
  - Partner with local law enforcement
  - OOCT, vets lists 60 days for positive
  - Integrity Team on site for big racing days (trials, finals)
  - Racing Integrity Liaison (new hire)
  - Develop equine drug-capable K9 unit

# Padgett, et al v. AARD

Defendant further claimed that, as a racetrack owner, it was particularly concerned with their responsibility to patrons and participants to reach for the highest possible standards of performance and compliance, and to maintain a safe, fair and impartial racing enterprise. *See* Letter to James A. Padgett attached to the Complaint. The Defendant's expulsion of Padgett based on a prior association was not arbitrary and it was an exercise of a reasonable business judgment and with legitimate justification. The Amended Complaint's 'threadbare recital' that

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