



CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of July 9, 2019 through July 14, 2019.

**Tuesday**  
7/09/2019

(1) **ENTRY DAYS**

Steward Dave Nuesch will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters, overseeing entries, and recording the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Friday's seven race program was completed by 2 pm today. The card consists of two thoroughbred and five quarter horse races, with a total of forty-four (44) horses scheduled to start.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

No California-bred races were used for Friday evening's race card.

**Wednesday**  
7/10/2019

(1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Scratch time for Friday night's program was conducted at 9:00am, four rider changes were made.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Saturday's eight race program was drawn by noon today. The card consists of one thoroughbred race and seven futurity trials.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

Thanks to the trials for the Governor's Cup Futurity, Cal-bred entries were plentiful today. Fifty-three (53) California-bred entrants made up seven of the eight races on Saturday night's card.

**Thursday**

7/11/2019

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Saturday night's program was conducted at 9:00am with two equipment changes.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Sunday's program was drawn by 2:00pm today. The card consists of three around-the-turn races, with fifty-three (53) horses scheduled to start on the eight-race card.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

Trials for the Governor's Cup Derby created three California-Bred races on Sunday's card.

**Friday**

7/12/2019

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Sunday night's program was conducted at 9:00am with just one jockey change.

(2) STEWARD SHUFFLE

Several changes on the Stewards' roster happened this weekend. Steward Dave Nuesch was filling the spot of Ron Church as he has traveled up to Sacramento for the State Fair Meet. Calvin Rainey came in to fill the role of Safety Steward. Additionally, Grant Baker was brought in to replace Scott Chaney, who is away on business for the next two nights.

(3) WILLOUGHBY HEARING

The Board of Stewards, consisting of Grant Baker, David Nuesch, and James Dreyer held a formal hearing in the Stewards' office today to hear the case (#19LA0140) against trainer Scott Willoughby. Present at the hearing were Investigators Tom Blake and Barrett Halcromb, Outrider Michele McGrath and Respondent Scott Willoughby. Court Reporter Michelle Derieg was also on-hand to transcribe the proceedings. The case, presented by Barrett Halcromb, included statements from multiple witnesses that closely mirrored Ms. McGrath's testimony. The Stewards will review the facts of the case and issue a ruling in the coming days.

(4) CROP RULING

The following ruling was issued as a result of a crop violation on last Sunday night's card.

**RULING # 172**

JOCKEY JULIO DE LA TORRE IS FINED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING

BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 7, 2019.

(5) VIDEO REVIEW (REF: 07/07/19 (2))

Following the inquiry and disqualification in last Sunday night's second race, jockey Edgar Payeras was required to come into the Stewards' office today. After reviewing all the angles of the race, the Board of Stewards unanimous agreed that Mr. Payeras could have made a better effort to correct his mount, so the following ruling was issued.

**RULING # 173**

JOCKEY EDGAR PAYERAS, WHO RODE "SHADOW OP" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 7, 2019, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO RACING DAYS (JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2019) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO SECOND POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING). PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

(6) ARVIZU RULING

After Rodolfo Arvizu failed to fulfill his riding commitment last Sunday, the following ruling was issued.

**RULING # 174**

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 7, 2019.

(7) FRANCO RULING

After once again violating the crop rule, jockey Cesar Franco was handed the following ruling.

**RULING # 175**

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup> 2019) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-MULTIPLE OFFENSES WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 7, 2019.

(8) CLEAN NIGHT OF RACING

Tonight's seven race card was conducted with no notable incidents.

(9) CLAIMS, LATE CHANGES, DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#3 Tengs Wonder (Tr. V. Belvoir) – Claimed – goes to trainer R. Trela		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#3 Kenny Benny (Tr. L. Ruiz) – Claimed – goes to trainer J. Nunez		
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#8 Sunbeams Royal Ewin – Jockey change – from R. Arvizu to V. Bednar		
<b>(10) <u>ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE</u></b>			
On Track Attendance:	500	On Track Handle:	\$78,634.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,650</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$293,780.40
Total:	2,150	Out of State:	<u>\$604,068.07</u>
			\$976,482.47

**Saturday**  
7/13/2019

**(1) WILLOUGHBY RULING (REF:7/12/19 (2))**

After deliberating the facts of the case heard yesterday, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

**RULING # 176**

TRAINER SCOTT WILLOUGHBY IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT) AND #1930 (DISOBEDIENCE TO SECURITY OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS).

IN ADDITION, TRAINER WILLOUGHBY SHALL CONTACT THE WINNERS FOUNDATION AND ARRANGE TO ATTEND ANGER MANAGEMENT COUNSELLING AND COMPLETE A COURSE ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS.

**(2) MENDEZ HEARING**

The Stewards held an informal hearing to hear the case (#19LA0138) against Horse Transporter Ricardo Mendez. Ms. Candie Murillo was on-hand to translate. After hearing the facts of the case, and considering the nature of his job, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

**RULING # 177**

TRANSPORTER RICARDO MENDEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489(a)(8)(ENGAGED IN THE USE OF MARIJUANA), #1890(POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND- MARIJUANA) AND #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION). ADDITIONALLY, RICARDO MENDEZ IS REQUIRED TO SIGN A TESTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

IN ADDITION, MR. MENDEZ SHALL MEET WITH THE WINNERS FOUNDATION FOR AN EVALUATION.

**(3) HEARING CONTINUED**

The informal hearing with trainer Danny Montes was continued as the Stewards had questions regarding some of the facts presented that could not immediately be answered. The hearing will now be held on July 26, 2019.

**(4) ARVIZU RULING**

The following ruling was issued as result of Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu not staying within the maximum allowable overweight, resulting in a late rider change.

**RULING # 178**

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT), RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE.

**(5) CROP RULINGS**

The following rulings were issued as a result of crop violations from last night's race card.

**RULING # 179**

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 12, 2019.

**RULING # 180**

JOCKEY IRVING LARA IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 12, 2019.

**RULING # 181**

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 12, 2019.

**(6) ANOTHER GOOD NIGHT OF RACING**

Tonight's eight race card was conducted with no notable incidents.

**(7) CLAIMS, LATE CHANGES, DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #6 Halo Girl (Tr. S. Morfin) – Claimed – goes to trainer J. Mendoza  
#4 As A Rule (Tr. A. Aquino) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$443.00

**(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	883	On Track Handle:	\$142,977.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,880</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$480,687.30
Total:	2,763	Out of State:	<u>\$742,921.94</u>
			\$1,366,586.44

(1) CROP RULINGS

The following two rulings were issued as a result of crop violations from last night's card.

**RULING # 182**

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 13, 2019.

**RULING # 183**

JOCKEY LUIS SANDOVAL RAMIREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 13, 2019.

(2) WIN ONLY

In addition to the two program scratches in tonight's third race, an additional late declaration was made by the Stewards on the advice of the track veterinarian, bringing the field down to only three starters. As a result, not only were both place and show wagering canceled, but all superfecta wagers were also refunded.

(3) CLAIMS, LATE CHANGES, DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Far West (Tr. J. Mendoza) – Claimed – goes to trainer A. Aquino  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 Ron's Answer (Tr. J. Farias) – unsound during warm-up –  
Stewards scratch, per recommendation of Dr. Fitzgerald.  
Refund \$3,450.00  
#3 Conejos (Tr. J. Puentes) – sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$6,477.44  
#5 Gone With It (Tr. J. Uranga) – sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$3,468.00  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Vindicated (Tr. S. Willoughby) – Claimed – goes to trainer K. Watanabe  
#4 JML Stel Lucky – Jockey change—from A. Viramontes to J. Domingues  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Heyy Now (Tr. J. Flores) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$67.90

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	577	On Track Handle:	\$84,819.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,743</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$290,072.90
Total:	2,320	Out of State:	<u>\$850,790.06</u>
			\$1,225,682.06

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on July 14, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 6 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows; 2 for

soundness, 1 for injury, 2 for sickness, and 1 for bleeding. Seven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Dave Nuesch.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

**SUMMARY**

**2019**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 7/12	SAT 7/13	SUN 7/14	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	7	3	10	11
CLAIMS			R		2	1	2	5	149
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	22
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	43
REFUNDS		A			0	1	4	5	247
RULINGS			Y		4	6	2	12	183
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	30

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Grant Baker, Dave Nuesch, James Dreyer, Scott Chaney, and Safety Steward Cal Rainey were in attendance during this reporting period.

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David Nuesch (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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C. Scott Chaney (Steward)

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Calvin Rainey (Safety Steward)