

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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GENERAL DATA

DATES: December 27, 2019 through December 29, 2020. Racing is Friday through Sunday.

POST TIMES: Friday: 7:00pm – Saturday: 6:00pm - Sunday: 5:15pm.

ENTRIES: Seventy-two hours in advance or as specified in the condition book. Scratch time is 9:00am the following day after entries.

WAGERING: \$1 win, place and show wagering on every race; Daily Doubles (early, mid-card and late) on each card. \$1 Rolling Pick Three (starting with race 2); \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$1 Pick Four on the first four and final four races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All beginning with first race. Mid-Card Daily Double starts midway through the card. The Late Daily Double will always occur in the last two races of the race card. The Pick 6 will always occur on the last six races of the race card. In the event that there are not enough horses carded in a race to offer a Superfecta, we will then offer a \$1 Quinella. Place Pick All occurs in the first through final race.

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of December 24, 2019 through December 29, 2019.

Thursday
 12/26/2019

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the office this past Sunday, Monday, and Thursday as entries were taken for the final week of racing of 2019. The races filled well, with eight race cards being offered each evening. Post for Friday was moved up to 5:35 pm as Santa Anita will not race on that day. Changes were minimal, as were scratches. Ward will be writing minutes for this final week.

Friday
 12/27/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race #7 Go Sammy Go (Vet-injured). Refund of \$333.00
 2nd Race #1 Hope Parkway (Entered back). Refund of \$181.00
 4th Race #2 Papa Splash (Vet-unsound). Refund of \$232.00
 #6 E. Bradley Cooper (Vet- unsound). Refund of \$434.00
 7th Race #1 Aint Working (Entered back).
 #4 My Carver (Entered back). Refund of \$299.00

(2) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Jose Dominguez was excused from his mount this evening as he had been named on the horse without his knowledge. A replacement rider was named, and the horse ended up a winner with apprentice Victor Flores in the irons.

(3) JESUS NUNEZ RULING

Ruling #1

PURSUANT TO THE DECISION OF THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SOMETHINGABOUTNICK" IN THE FIRST RACE ON JANUARY 12, 2019 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)* AND SUSPENDED NINETY

(90) DAYS (JANUARY 3RD THROUGH APRIL 1ST, 2020) AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887(a) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) (ZILPATEROL - CLASS II) AND #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF JESUS NUNEZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) JESUS NUNEZ IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

This ruling was issued to reflect the Board's decision in the above referenced case.

(4) MISSING RIDER

Jockey Martin Arriaga, who was scheduled to ride in the fifth and seventh race, came up missing when it was time for riders to "weigh out" for the fifth race. We found out later that he came to the room, stepped on the scale, did not like the number he saw, and left without informing the officials. Replacement riders were named.

(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	547	\$68,525.80
Off track	2,824	\$197,261.50
Out of state	N/A	\$690,030.14
Total	3,371	\$955,817.44

Saturday
12/28/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race #2 Zachian (Vet-injured). Refund of \$208.00
3rd Race #1 Hope Parkway (Vet-sick). Refund of \$222.00
7th Race #1 Fed X Cartel (Entered back).
#5 Kates First Down (Entered back). Refund of \$238.00
8th Race #7 Catching Fire (Vet-unsound). Refund of \$142.00

(2) VIP ABSENT

We will be without the services of our secretary, Ms. Amy Powell, as she is in Florida due to a family emergency. Rulings during her absence will not be published until next Friday.

(3) RULINGS

Ruling #2

JOCKEY MARTIN ARRIAGA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 27, 2019.

This ruling was issued as the rider could not make weight and bailed out the back door.

Ruling #3

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* 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 PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 27, 2019.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Franco admitted to the violation.

(4) FORMAL MEDICATION HEARING

The hearing for the penalty portion of the Methamphetamine case against Trainer Jose Flores took place this afternoon. Present were the Board of Stewards, Mr. Flores, who was without counsel, and Investigator Kevin Kitashima, who presented the case for the Board. Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings.

Mr. Flores' horse Look of Love MV was the winner of the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 17, 2019. The post-race blood and urine samples showed the presence of Methamphetamine, which is a Class I drug substance and in the category A penalty classification. A split sample confirmed the original findings. Mr. Flores has been licensed as trainer in this jurisdiction for over twenty years. His defense centered around the fact that once he was aware of the positive test, he ordered all employees in his barn to be tested for drugs. He also volunteered to test. All samples came back clean except for one. Victor Arias, who was the horse's groom, tested positive for the drug found in the horse's sample- Methamphetamine. The test was confirmed by analysis at Quest Diagnostics. Arias has since been barred from these grounds by management.

Mr. Flores was adamant that he did not give the horse Methamphetamine and is certain that Arias was the responsible party. Equine Medical Director Dr. Rick Arthur stated in the investigative report that the level in both blood and urine were extremely high, leading him to conclude that it was not an accidental positive test- someone purposely gave the horse Methamphetamine. We will examine all testimony and render a decision in the near future.

(5) MEETING WITH THE RIDING COLONY

A meeting with members of the riding colony took place in the Jockey's Room prior to the first race this evening. Aside from the usual admonishments of keeping horses straight, reporting the proper weight, and arriving at the room on time, the riders were informed that the Racing Board is extremely concerned about the large number of fines issued for violations of the "riding crop" rule.

Consequently, we are increasing the penalties imposed for improper use of the "crop". The penalty for a first offense within sixty days will now be one hundred dollars, increased to two hundred dollars for the second offense, and three hundred dollars for the third offense. A fourth offense within a sixty day period will merit a suspension- the number of days to be determined by the severity of the incident. If this does not pick the riders' collective heads up, we don't know what will. Jockey Guild Western Regional Manager, Darrell Haire, has been informed of the change and is in complete agreement with our position.

(6) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim of the horse Running Springs from the fifth race by trainer Jorge Farias was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was unsound in the left foreleg during its time in the test barn. The horse, which was the winner of the race, was returned to the barn of trainer Hector Magallanes.

(7) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	670	\$72,976.70
Off track	1,778	\$228,743.50
Out of state	N/A	\$734,306.63
Total	2,448	\$1,036,026.83

Sunday
12/29/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

3rd Race #1 Two Timing Lucy (Vet- unsound). Refund \$255.00
4th Race #5 PS Bettin On You (Vet-injured). Refund of \$496.00
5th Race #3 BF April Bombshell (Vet-injured). Refund of \$410.00
6th Race #1 San Diego Fire (Vet-sick). Refund of \$571.00

(2) RULINGS

Ruling # 4
JOCKEY MARK A. JASSO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

(\$100.00)* 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 PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 28, 2019.

This ruling was issued as the rider pleaded guilty to the violation.

Ruling # 5

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* 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 PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 28, 2019.

The ruling was issued as Mr. Franco accepted responsibility for a second "crop" violation.

(3) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the fifth race to review an incident at the mid-point of the race involving the third and fourth finishers- #1 El Consentido Cartel (R. Lozano) and #2 Born To Be A Master (J.P. Leon).

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify El Consentido Cartel from third to fourth position. Video showed that the horse swerved out from left handed crop, taking the path of Born To Be A Master and forcing jockey Leon to steady sharply. The incident, in the Stewards' opinion, cost horse and rider the opportunity for a better placing.

(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	545	\$62,876.10
Off track	1,564	\$249,212.60
Out of state	N/A	\$699,874.97
Total	2,109	\$1,011,963.67

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 29, 2019. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 14 horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: 6 for soundness, 4 for injury, 2 for sickness and 2 for bleeding.

Ten horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 12/27	Sat 12/28	Sun 12/29	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R		1	4	4	9	9
Disqualifications	K		0	0	1	1	1
Inquiries		D	0	0	1	1	1
Refunds		A	4	4	4	12	12
Rulings		Y	1	2	2	5	5
Voided Claims		S	0	1	0	1	1

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Scott Chaney, James Dreyer and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward, Steward

Scott Chaney, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward