

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of October 18, 2016 through October 23, 2016.

TUESDAY

10/18/2016

(1) **STEWARD ON DUTY**

Steward Randy Winick will attend to all office matters and record the minutes of this period.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Entries for Friday were completed by 1:00 p.m. for Saturday evening and, the resulting card will consist of six Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred events.

(3) **CAL- BRED REPORT**

The first race in the condition book for Friday, California Bred maiden claiming \$6,250 at three hundred yards, filled open with seven total, three of which are California breds.

WEDNESDAY

10/19/2016

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time was at the usual 9:00 A.M. and the only transaction was to switch two riders in the third race.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

A nine race program was drawn at 1:00 P.M. for Saturday evening, and the resulting card will consist of six Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred events.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The California Bred offering for Saturday evening, maiden claiming for \$2,500 at 330 yards, was called off with only one entry.

THURSDAY

10/20/2016

(1) **SCRATCH TIME**

The only changes requested at the 9:00 A.M. scratch deadline were one jockey and one equipment change.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Sunday's entries were drawn 1:30 p.m., and the resulting nine race program will be composed of five Quarter Horse and Four Thoroughbred races.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the book for Saturday, Cal-Bred maidens three years old and upward, \$12,500 claiming at 330 yards, didn't attract a single entry and was therefore called off.

FRIDAY

10/21/2016

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

At the 9:00 A.M. scratch deadline it was a bit busier than most mornings. There were four rider adjustments, two first time gelding's reported and an equipment change.

(2) JOCKEY REVIEW

Jockey Marcial Ramirez was in to review an incident from the previous week concerning his effort to keep his horse straight and to stop whipping in the same direction that his horse is moving toward. Jockey Carlos Huerta was in to review his ride in the first race from the previous Sunday where he was disqualified from seventh to eighth place for an incident just after the start. The film review shows #8 break inward making some contact with #7 who in turn came in on the #6 horse and pinching that one with #5 to his inside. The entire action was started by Mr. Huerta's mount #8, however his horse was pointed in somewhat when he broke and it appears Carlos did a good job by reacting and taking a hold of the outside rein to straighten him. Even though a disqualification was warranted by his mount starting the incident, we held Jockey Carlos Huerta blameless. Jockey Oscar Peinado was in to review the fourth race from Sunday evening for a possible whip incident. After a thorough review of this race the stewards were inconclusive as to whether he actually did hit his mount more than three times. We told Oscar to be careful that he was pretty close to a violation. Several other jockey's were in for whip violations which will be posted in tomorrow's minutes.

(3) ADDITIONAL DAY SUSPENSION

Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu will receive an additional day suspension for participation in more than one designated race on Sunday evening, which was for the "Golden State Futurity Trials". Mr. Arvizu elected to ride three horses that evening and by rule of his suspension on 10/09/16, he was only allowed to ride one designated race while set down. The following ruling reflects this additional day of suspension.

RULING # 285

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU HAVING PARTICIPATED IN MORE THAN ONE DESIGNATED RACE WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION, SHALL SERVE ONE ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION DAY (SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016) IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE TERMS OF L.A.Q.H. RULING #280 DATED OCTOBER 9, 2016.

(3) JOSE FLORES HEARING – CASE # 16LA0304

Trainer Jose Flores appeared as requested to address a complaint for a positive test finding from the second race on September 16, 2016 in which his horse "Ima Chicks Dream" finished first. The medication coverage was for the anti-inflammatory medication Dexamethasone. The reading was extremely high, (695 pg/ml) with an allowable level of (5.0 pq/ml). The hearing was informal for this class 4, penalty class C prohibited substance. In addition to the stewards, present were CHRB investigator Kevin Kitashima and the respondent Jose Flores. Investigator Kitashima read the account of the complaint and then Mr. Flores responded without the aid of counsel.

The discussion revolved around how Mr. Flores achieved such a high reading. Jose described his process when he ran horses, which included using Azium (Dexamethasone) and Naquasone, as part of his pre race medication protocol. He would give each runner a pack of each after entries, 72 hours before competition. It is something he usually does with all of his runners pre race. Mr. Flores thinks that the only way this could have happened is either a mistake by his vet, or by his groom. The stewards will deliberate on this matter and a decision will be coming forth.

(4) BREAKDOWN – RACING DELAY

Just as the field for the fifth race was finishing its 300 yard journey, #2 "Corona Ela" appeared to take a bad step in her hind quarters and stumbled about 20 yards before the finish line. This unseated the rider, Jesus Ayala, who was not injured. The filly continued on for another 1/16 of a

mile and ran into the outside rail on the clubhouse turn and fell. Track Veterinarian Dr. Rebecca Fitzgerald attended to the fallen filly and tried to right her, but to no avail. Eventually the filly was put on the ambulance and taken to her stable. The cause of the injury was not identified as of this writing, but more will follow in the safety report. All told twenty eight minutes was lost until the next race could be run.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race -#5 Sunset Sandy – Claimed (M. Melton)

4th Race - #1 Aquire Me – Claimed (D. Givens)

8th Race -#4 Secondswitch – (R. Orozco) – Jockey M. Arana replaced C. DeAlba - Sick

(6) HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE

On Track Attendance:	571	On Track Handle:	\$106,935.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,805</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$385,024.80
Total:	2,376	Out of State:	<u>\$587,904.20</u>
		Total:	\$1,079,864.50

SATURDAY

10/22/2016

(1) JOCKEY CROP VIOLATION

The following rulings reflect violations of the crop rule from Sunday evening, October 16. Five jockeys all told were non compliant that evening, which included, Tony Guymon, Jonathan Roman, Minor Arana, Eduardo Nicasio, and Martin Ariaga.

RULING # 286

JOCKEY TONY GUYMON IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR A 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 OCTOBER 21, 2016.

RULING # 287

JOCKEY JONATHAN ROMAN 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 PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE TWELFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 16, 2016.

RULING # 288

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA 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 PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE ELEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 16, 2016.

RULING # 289

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO 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 PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE TWELFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 16, 2016.

RULING # 290

JOCKEY MARTIN ARRIAGA IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* FOR A 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-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE TWELFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 16, 2016.

(2) ACEVES RULING

The following ruling for Jockey Rodrigo Aceves is from an incident on Sunday evening, October 16, when he hit his mount improperly in the post parade with his crop.

RULING # 291

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* 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 OCTOBER 16, 2016.

(3) **MARQUEZ RULING**

Jockey Carlos Marquez received the following ruling due to his being absent for fulfilling his riding engagement in the first race on October 15, 2016. His excuse was that he rode the last race at Santa Anita earlier in the day and was stuck in traffic. He was advised that this is no excuse and he must schedule his engagements more accurately or elect to take off one of them at scratch time. He is obligated to be here when named on a mount.

RULING #292

JOCKEY CARLOS MARQUEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 15, 2016.

(4) **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1st Race -#7 Lana Cadrina – Claimed (O. Givens)
- 2nd Race -#9 T12 The Spirit – (Tr. F. Vallejo) – Veterinarian – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$451.00
- 3rd Race - #1 Triunfo – (Tr J. Crotts) – veterinarian – Sick – Dr. Beck
Refund: \$1,376.25
- #4 Stretch – Claimed (J. Avalos)
- #6 Maximum Maximum – Claimed (Tr. F. Meza)
- 6th Race - #1 Dreamingwithattitude –Claimed (Tr. R. Orozco) – Voided, Ambulance, Veterinarian, Injured
- #3 Reina De Colima – (Tr. C. Treece) – Veterinarian – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$316.00
- 7th Race - #2 Dashing Out To Win – (V. Zamudio) Veterinarian- Colic - Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$169.00
- #1 Fancys Sweet Jess – Claimed (J. Nunez)
- #6 Aguila Alta – Claimed (J. Hernandez Jr.)

(4) **HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE**

On Track Attendance:	1,308	On Track Handle:	\$98,678.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,954</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$272,224.10
Total:	3,262	Out of State:	<u>\$557,340.88</u>
		Total:	\$928,243.18

SUNDAY

10/23/2016

(1) **FLORES DECISION – REF. (10/21/16 (4))**

The following ruling was issued to Trainer Jose Flores for a very high dexamethasone post race positive test. After deliberation it was determined that he should receive the maximum \$1,000.00 fine suggested in this category.

RULING # 293

TRAINER JOSE FLORES WHO STARTED THE HORSE IMA CHICKS DREAM IN THE SECOND RACE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2016, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A,B&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS & OTHER SUBSTANCES). #1843.1 (B) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1887 (A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1844 (F4) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – DEXAMETHASONE (CLASS IV) – IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL OF 5.0 PG/ML (659

PG/ML)).

(2) JOCKEY WHIP VIOLATIONS

The following rulings were levied against Jockey's Oscar Peinado 3rd offense, Jonathan Roman 3rd offense, Marcial Ramirez 1st offense, and Martin Arriaga 5th offense in the previous sixty days.

RULING # 294

JOCKEY OSCAR M. PEINADO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* 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 NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 22, 2016.

RULING # 295

JOCKEY JONATHAN ROMAN IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 22, 2016.

RULING # 296

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ 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 PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 22, 2016.

RULING # 297

JOCKEY MARTIN ARRIAGA IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (OCTOBER 30; NOVEMBER 4, 5, 2016) 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-FIFTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 22, 2016.

(3) INQUIRY – FOURTH RACE - NO CHANGE

Shortly after the completion of the 300 yard Q.H. fourth race the Inquiry sign was lit to review an incident at the start. Immediately after the doors opened, #3 "Costly Dasher" (6th – J. Canales) angled inward into #2 "Equalgo" (4th – R. Aceves) who broke slightly slow. After coming inward, #3 made contact with #2 and tipped himself off of that horse rather jarringly causing Jockey Canales to be totally shifted off to the left side of his mount with both legs and his entire body on that side of the horse. Jesus quickly regained his purchase, but then lost his footing on the right side of the horse and almost came off again, but did finally get righted with one foot dangling out of the right iron. After a thorough review it was decided that his mount caused his own problem and there would be no change to the original order of finish. It should be noted that Mr. Canales did an amazing job to stay with his horse, and lucky that nothing serious happened.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

4th Race - #6 Ok Pancho – (Tr. S. Rivera) - Jockey G. Boag replaced E. Garcia – Sick

5th Race - #2 Eddie Could Go – Claimed (Tr. C. Treece)

#3 Voluntary – Claimed (Tr. D. Givens)

6th Race - #1 Frenito Class – (Tr. S. Perez) – Veterinarian – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald

Refund: \$ 98.00

9th Race - #6 Jess Klas – (Tr. R. Guillen) – Jockey J. Suarez replaced A. Luna- Sick

(5) HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE

On Track Attendance:	541	On Track Handle:	\$100,638.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,829</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$352,210.30
Total:	2,370	Out of State:	<u>\$699,003.29</u>

Total: \$1,151,851.69

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 23, 2016. Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period nine horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: three for soundness, two for injury, three for sickness, and one for medication. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward: Randy Winick.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2016**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 10/21	SAT 10/22	SUN 10/23	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				2	0	0	2	38
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R		2	5	2	9	449
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	57
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	1	1	118
REFUNDS		A			1	4	1	6	526
RULINGS			Y		1	8	5	14	298
VOIDED CLAIMS					0	1	0	1	79

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

Randy Winick (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)

