

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 August 8, 2017 through August 13, 2017.

Tuesday

08/08/2017

- (1) DUTY STEWARD
James Dreyer will be at the helm for morning transactions and will author the minutes during this reporting period.
- (2) STEWARDS MEETING
Due to a Steward's meeting at Del Mar all business today will be conducted telephonically.
- (3) CAL BRED REPORT
The fourth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$5000 claim, was used open having attracted one Cal Bred.
- (4) THE DRAW
Three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races were drawn at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday

08/09/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES
The only changes on Friday's program were two blinker changes.
- (2) CAL BRED REPORT
The sixth race in the book, maidens three and up for a claim of \$12,500, was called off with no entries.
- (3) THE DRAW
Saturday's races were drawn at 2:00 p.m. producing two Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races.

Thursday

08/10/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES
There were no changes or scratches on Saturday's program.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT
The first race in the book, maidens two years old, for \$16,000, was off with two. Both were Cal Bred.

(3) THE DRAW

The highlight Sunday evening will be the Bank of America California Regional Challenge.

Friday

08/11/2017

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time was completed at 9:00 A.M. and resulted in no changes on Sunday's program.

(2) RULING #204

RULING # 204

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL RACING DAYS (AUGUST 19TH AND 20TH, 2017) FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CHRB RULING #194.

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

Due to the failure of a number of safety measures which are in place to avoid this happening Jockey Marciel Ramirez rode one race on Saturday and one on Sunday both in overnight races prompting the above ruling.

(3) RULING #205

RULING # 205

APPRENTICE JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUSPENDED THREE RACING DAYS (AUGUST 18TH, 19TH, AND 20TH, 2017) FOR REPEATED VIOLATIONS 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).

DURING THE SUSPENSION SUBJECT WILL NOT BE AFFORDED THE PRIVILEGE OF COMPETING IN DESIGNATED RACES.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Franco repeatedly violated Rule #1688(b)(6).

(4) RULING #206

RULING #206

GROOM RAFAEL ESPINOZA IS SUSPENDED FOR SIXTY (60) DAYS (AUGUST 12, 2017 THROUGH OCTOBER 10, 2017) AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489(8)(GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) (ENGAGED IN THE USE OF DRUGS – METHAMPHETAMINE) AND #1890(POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND). ADDITIONALLY, RAFAEL ESPINOZA IS REQUIRED TO SIGN A TESTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD AND ENROLL IN WINNERS FOUNDATION.

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

The above ruling was issued after groom Espinoza admitted to using meth but not recently. A field test proved to be contrary to that testimony. At that point he directed a few expletives at investigator Blake and walked out.

(5) GOOD NIGHT

Barring a few crop violations Friday night races went extremely well.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 5th Race #8 VF Strong Buzz (R. Lucas) Sick
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$38.00
- 6th Race #7 Separatists Shadow (R. Zuazo) Colic
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$172
- 7th Race #5 BF Eyes On Foose (M. Arrossa) Entered Back
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$117

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	735	On Track Handle:	\$85,715.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,776</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$360,682.30
Total:	2,511	Out of State:	<u>\$803,609.89</u>
			1,250,007.39

Saturday
08/12/2017

(1) CROP VIOLATIONS

RULING # 207

JOCKEY GARY BOAG 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 THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 11, 2017.

RULING # 208

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 11, 2017.

RULING # 209

JOCKEY OSCAR M. PEINADO 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 11, 2017.

RULING # 210

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES 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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 11, 2017.

The above rulings were issued after the above riders all violated Rule #1688(b)(6) in varying degrees.

(2) FILMS

Jockey Saul Arias was in to review a race run at Del Mar with this Board of Stewards. This was done as a courtesy to Arias and the Del Mar Stewards. A suspension was not on the table.

(3) RULING #211

RULING # 211

GROOM ANTHONY NICOMETO, HAVING APPEARED AS ORDERED,

IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: MR. NICOMETO MUST OBTAIN A LEGITIMATE PRESCRIPTION FOR MARIJUANA AND MUST CONFORM TO ALL CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE. HE IS PROHIBITED FROM USING MARIJUANA WHILE ON THE GROUNDS OF ANY LICNSED RACING ASSOCIATION IN THIS JURISDICTION. UNDER THE PRECEDING CONDITIONS, RULING #299, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACING ASSOCIATION ON OCTOBER 29, 2016, IS SET ASIDE. ANY DEVIATION FROM THE ABOVE STIPULATIONS WILL BE GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION.

Groom Anthony Nicometo finally appeared before the Board for reinstatement. Consolidated in the same ruling are the stipulations under which he must comply to maintain licensure.

(4) NO PROBLEMS

Saturday evening's program was conducted with nothing of significance to note

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #2 Lady Delaney (T. Bazley) Didn't receive Lasix

Dr. Pattio Refund: \$695

2nd Race #3 Aikau (K. Castaneda) Received Double Shot of Lasix

Dr. Pattio Refund: \$721

7th Race #2 Baymax (M. Fales) Entered Back

Stewards Refund: \$165

8th Race #2 All Right Now (M. Fales) Reaction to Lasix

Dr. Pattio Refund: \$1322

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	840	On Track Handle:	\$102,162.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,863</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$407,094.70
Total:	2,703	Out of State:	<u>\$825,535.69</u>
			\$1,334,792.39

SUNDAY

08/13/2017

(1) RULING #212

RULING # 212

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 12, 2017.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Rangel violated Rule #1688(b)(6) during the running of the Merial California Regional Distaff Challenge.

(2) RULING #213

RULING # 213

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683(MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT) IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 12, 2017.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu was unable to get within seven pounds of his mount's assigned weight as dictated by Rule #1683.

(3) CLEAR NIGHT

Sunday night's card was run without incident.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

4th – Race #1 Rons On Fire (F. Meza) No insurance
Stewards Refund \$261

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	671	On Track Handle:	\$101,081.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,792</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$319,184.40
Total:	2,463	Out of State:	<u>\$828,318.76</u>
		Total:	\$1,248,584.56

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 13, 2017. There were no equine deaths to report due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 6 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows 3 for sickness and 3 for medication. Nine horses previously on the Veterinarian’s List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2017**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 08/11	SAT 08/12	SUN 08/13	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	5
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	23
CLAIMS			R		1	4	2	7	234
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	25
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	48
REFUNDS		A			3	4	1	8	246
RULINGS			Y		3	5	2	10	209
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	72

Stewards’ Attendance: Stewards James Dreyer, Ron Church, Tom Ward, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

James Dreyer (Steward)

Ron Church (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)