

**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 September 19, 2017 through September 24, 2017.

**Tuesday**

09/19/2017

- (1) DUTY STEWARD  
James Dreyer will be present for routine business and will author the minutes during this reporting period.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT  
The fourth race in the book, three year olds for a \$5,000 claim, was called off with one. 0 Cal-Breds.
- (3) THE DRAW  
Three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races will comprise Friday evening's program.

**Wednesday**

09/20/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES  
One declaration completed Friday's program changes.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT  
The fourth race in the book, maiden three year olds for a \$6.250 tag, was off with two. 2 Cal-Bred.
- (3) THE DRAW  
Again, Saturday evening, three Thoroughbred races will compliment five Quarter Horse events.

**Thursday**

09/21/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES  
Scratch time was completed at 9:00 A.M. again with no changes or declarations on Saturday's program.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT  
The first race in the book, maiden two year olds for a \$16,000 claim, was off with one. 1 Cal-Bred.
- (3) THE DRAW  
This evening's eight race program will feature the \$125,000 Mildred N. Vessels Handicap.

**Friday**  
09/222017

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Sunday's program resulted in no changes.

(2) RULINGS #248, #249

**RULING # 248**

JOCKEY MARTIN ARRIAGA 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 THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2017.

**RULING # 249**

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 NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2017.

The above rulings were issued after both riders were in violation of Rule #1688(b)(6) during the PCQHRA Breeders Futurity Trials.

(3) FILMS

Jockey Jesus Ayala was in to review Sunday's eighth race with the Stewards. His mount broke in quite sharply causing the horse next to him to stumble resulting in his disqualification, (Refer 9/17/17 #4). In the Stewards' opinion the films exonerate Mr. Ayala showing him making an adequate effort to alleviate the situation.

(4) FILMS

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio was in to address his disqualification in the fourth race Sunday evening (Refer 9/17/17 #2). His mount broke in knocking #6 Gusto into #5 Eyes The Favorite. The contact caused Gusto to bounce back into Missmerizing, stumble, and nearly unseat Jockey Cruz Mendez. The film shows Nicasio make a sufficient effort to correct her wayward course prompting the Stewards to hold him blameless.

(5) COMPLAINT #17LA0297

An informal hearing was convened this afternoon to hear the above referenced complaint. Security guard Avina testified he witnessed Mr. Rodriguez light up what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette. When Rodriguez spotted Avina he ducked into the old track kitchen and when he reappeared was free of any smoking material. Avina entered the kitchen and found a partially smoked joint on a shelf. Rodriguez denies it was his, however, nobody was around but Rodriguez and Avina. Rodriguez is on both probation and a testing agreement. A decision will be forthcoming.

(6) COMPLAINT #17LA0299

The above complaint was settled in approximately five minutes when Ms. Ventura explained that she had just received the bill and had the money with her to pay Dr. Hardgrove.

(7) CLAIM VOIDED

The second race claim of Im Your Pulpet by trainer Charles Treece was voided after the mare was placed on the vet's list as unsound by Dr. Nolton Pattio. She was returned to trainer Kelly Castaneda.

(8) STEWARDS REVIEW

The Stewards reviewed the start of the eighth race to determine why #6 Designs By Dynasty was off slowly. Designs By Dynasty created his own problems when he threw his head at the same moment starter Brinson dispatched the field. There was no malfunction of the starting gate which dictated he was a starter.

(9) LATE DECLARATIONS

4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 All Magic (K. Castaneda) Sick, Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$80

6<sup>th</sup> Race #5 One Famous Filly (C. O'Dell) Injured, Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$80

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	540	On Track Handle:	\$102,383.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,801</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$354,579.20
Total:	2,341	Out of State:	<u>\$696,072.32</u>
			\$1,153,034.52

Saturday

09/23/2017

(1) RULING #250

**RULING # 250**

OWNER LOUIS R. TEJEDA JR, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE 17LA0298, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF LOUIS R. TEJEDA JR 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 Mr. Tejeda failed to appear to address charges alleged in complaint 17LA0298.

(2) RULING #251

**RULING # 251**

GROOM MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ IS SUSPENDED FOR FIFTEEN (15) DAYS (SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 2017) FOR VIOLATING PROVISIONS OF RULING #144 DATED JUNE 4, 2017 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ 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.

After evaluating testimony given during the hearing concerning complaint 17LA0297 (Refer 9/22/17 #5) the foregoing ruling was issued.

(3) RULING #252

**RULING # 252**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (A)(TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) TRAINER ANGELA AQUINO, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "GLOBAL AMERICAN" WHO FINISHED FIRST IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 13, 2017 IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843(A), AND (D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) #1843.1(B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), #1844(C)(1) AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-PHENYLBUTAZONE (2.54 UG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVELS).

An informal hearing was conducted this afternoon to address complaint 17LA0284. Ms. Aquino explained that Global American was in the first race on the date in question and that may have had a bearing on the high count. She also stated that Equine Sports Medicine had assigned a new vet to her barn but that has been rectified. She accepted responsibility, however, resulting in the above ruling.

(4) RULING #253

**RULING # 253**

JOCKEY JOHNNY ALLEN 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 FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2017.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Allen accepted responsibility for his overzealousness in the first race.

(5) JOCKEY JUAN SANCHEZ VINDICATED

Initially it appeared that Sanchez had violated Rule #1688(b)(6) but after closer scrutiny, in a majority decision, Steward Baker dissenting, we felt the rule was not violated and Sanchez was exonerated.

(6) OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the seventh race trainer Ricardo Guillen claimed a foul on #5 Hit N Streak (1<sup>st</sup> R. Sanchez. Guillen's horse Summertimes Doll finished second. After examining the replay, the Stewards felt that although Hit N Streak came in slightly, the outcome of the race was not affected and no change was warranted.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #6 Lucky Tommy (K. Castaneda) Injured, Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$475.00  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Perfect Genuis (J. Nunez) Unsound, Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$309.20  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Cajun Diva (C. Hall) Tied Up, Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$7395.63  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Lil Attitued (F. Gonzalez) Unsound, Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$9175.43

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	772	On Track Handle:	\$110,838.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,645</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$398,865.20
Total:	<u>2,417</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$541,530.80</u>
			\$1,051,234.00

**SUNDAY**

09/24/2017

(1) RULING #254, #255

**RULING # 254**

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2017.

**RULING # 255**

JOCKEY JUAN E. SANCHEZ 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 SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2017.

The foregoing rulings were issued after both riders were observed violating Rule #1688 (b)(6).

(2) CLAIM VOIDED

The first race claim of Global American by trainer Lorenzo Campuzano was voided after the mare was placed on the vet's list as unsound by state vet Nolton Pattio. She was returned to trainer Angela Aquino.

(3) RACE #7 ACCIDENT

As the horses approached the finish #3 Smell Perfume appeared to be injured. Upon closer examination she had carried her weight past the finish line before unseating Jockey Rodrigo Aceves. Safety Steward David Nuesch notified us she had broken her right sesamoid and was euthanized. Aceves returned to the Jockey's room under his own power and as of this writing he appeared uninjured.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

5<sup>th</sup> – Race #4 Odeseus (A. Aceves) Tied Up, Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$9,482

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	617	On Track Handle:	\$103,712.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,745</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$318,362.80
Total:	2,362	Out of State:	<u>\$609,985.71</u>
		Total:	\$1,032,061.31

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 24, 2017. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 10 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 4 for soundness, 4 for injury, 1 for sickness and 1 for bleeding. Fourteen 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 09/22	SAT 09/23	SUN 09/24	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	1	1	8
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	23
CLAIMS			R		1	3	2	6	269
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	28
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	0	1	57
REFUNDS		A			2	4	1	7	282
RULINGS			Y		2	4	2	8	251
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	0	1	2	86

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

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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Ron Church (Steward)

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Tom Ward (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Safety Steward)