

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week June 21 through June 24, 2018.

THURSDAY

06/21/2018

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office this past Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to micro-manage the entry procedure and scratches. Entries were rather hard to come by, as the Friday card was not finalized until 2:30. P.M. The Saturday card was drawn at approximately 2:00 o'clock but – lo and behold- we filled a Cal Bred race! The Ivan Ashment Stakes went with eight state bred fillies and mares. The Sunday card was even later; as it was completed at around 4:00 P.M. Changes were held to a minimum, with rider and weight changes being the only issues. Ward will also compile the minutes for the week.

FRIDAY

06/22/2018

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

7th race - #2 Chicks Favorite (medicated on race day)
 #5 Jess A Cowboy (medicated on race day) refund of \$1,823.00

(2) **RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Efrain Hernandez was excused from his mounts this evening due to illness. Replacement riders were named.

(3) **RULING #135**

RULING # 135

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS) FOR NOT APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, AS INSTRUCTED.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Ramirez failed to meet with the Stewards to discuss a possible "crop" violation.

(4) **RULING #136**

RULING # 136

JOCKEY EDGAR PAYERAS IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 17, 2018.

The above ruling was issued as Mr. Payeras was once again riding at Santa Anita and did not make it in time to fulfill his engagement at this venue.

(5) RULING #137

RULING # 137

TRAINER JESUS ENRIQUEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION – DID NOT DECLARE THE HORSE WOULD RUN SHOD RESULTING IN LATE DECLARATION) ON JUNE 17, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the trainer accepted responsibility for failing to declare “shoes on” for his runner on June 17, 2018.

(6) RULING #138

RULING #138

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO, WHO RODE “ZOOMILICIOUS FIRE” IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE JUNE 17, 2018, IS SUSPENDED FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (JUNE 30TH, JULY 1ST, 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO SIXTH 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 THIS SUSPENSION SHALL PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the fifth race from June 17, after his mount was disqualified for interference. Mr. Nicasio offered no excuses, only an apology for his mistake.

(7) RULING #139

RULING #139

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO, WHO RODE “LD IS BACK” IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE JUNE 17, 2018, IS SUSPENDED SIX (6) RACING DAYS (JULY 13TH, 14TH, 15TH, 20TH, 21ST AND 22ND, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO FOURTH 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 THIS SUSPENSION SHALL PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Nicasio again viewed video of a race – 9th – in which his mount was disqualified. This is Mr. Nicasio’s fourth set of days in a short period of time. Consequently, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766(Designated Races) he will not be afforded the opportunity to ride any designated races – either stakes, trials or finals – during his five and six day suspensions.

He is a nice young man, but at this point he just doesn’t seem to have the focus that it takes to be a top notch rider. If these sets of days don’t get his attention, we don’t know what our next step will be.

(8) RULING #140

RULING #140

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU, WHO RODE “JESS HAWK” IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE JUNE 17, 2018, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JUNE 29TH, 30TH, AND JULY 1ST, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT

COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO THIRD POSITION. THIS CONSTITUES 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 THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

This ruling was issued after the rider chose not to represent himself regarding possible sanctions for a disqualification last week. It probably would not have mattered as the case was virtually open and shut.

(9) RULING #141

RULING # 141

TRAINER JAMES GLENN, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "DECEIVER", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 19, 2018, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B & D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (F)(1)(13)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – BETAMETHASONE (70 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (10PG/ML) AND TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE (143PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (100PG/ML)

This ruling was issued after Mr. Glenn pleaded guilty to the charges. He was candid, stating that his veterinarian had injected the horse with the medications found in the post- race test. He said that they relied on information for clearance times for injections into the joint, but these were intramuscular injections, which take longer to clear. His record and candidness resulted in the minimum penalty.

(10) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the first race as #5 My Girl Sunny unseated the rider shortly after entering the track and ran off. The refund amounted to \$2,200.00

(11) RIDER OBJECTION

The objection sign was posted after the fifth race as jockey Edgar Orozco(3rd, #1 Lancaster Invasion) lodged a claim of foul against jockey Marcial Ramirez(2nd, #4 Tarzanita) for interference entering the stretch. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to reject the claim for interference. Video showed that Orozco ran up into a spot where there was insufficient room, creating contact which resulted in his having to check.

(12) LATE DECLARATIONS – WIN WAGERING ONLY

The seventh race, already reduced to four runners due to two earlier medication scratches, was further depleted as #1 French Fury and #4 That's A Good Reason broke thru the stall doors of the starting gate, unseated the riders and ran off. Dr. Fitzgerald recommended the scratches. With only two left in the field, Win was the only straight pool left. The total refund, including early scratches amounted to \$17,521.00.

(13) STEWARDS INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted after the eighth race to review an incident nearing the finish involving the fourth and sixth place finishers, #4 West Coast Favorite(4th, E. Gomez) and #5 New Hot Look(6th, C. Huerta). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the race the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify West Coast Favorite from fourth to sixth position. Video showed the horse drifting out to make contact with New Hot Look and, in the opinion of the Stewards, cost that horse a better finish position.

(14) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	669	On Track Handle:	\$111,920.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,834</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$381,202.80
Total:	2,503	Out of State:	<u>\$737,399.52</u>
		Total:	\$1,230,522.62

SATURDAY

06/23/2018

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

5th race - #1 Better Than Ever (Vet-sick) refund of \$218.00

(2) RIDER DELAYED

Rodolfo Arvizu, who was off riding in the hinterlands yesterday, missed his plane connection and consequently did not fulfill his engagements in the third and fourth races this evening. Replacement riders were named. Subsequently, he did make it in time to ride the eighth race, although he tacked 130 lbs. He was taken off of his mount in the ninth race as the trainer, Elena Andrade, did not want to accept the significant overweight – at least seven pounds. A replacement rider was named.

(3) RULING #142

RULING # 142

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 22, 2018.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Arana did not make the effort to represent himself with respect to a "crop" violation.

(4) JOCKEY OBJECTION - DISQUALIFICATION

The objection sign was posted after the second race as jockey Juan Sanchez(5th, #1 Towards The Light) lodged an objection against jockey Marcial Ramirez(4th, #5 Calibraska) for interference nearing the finish. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Calibraska from fourth to fifth position. Video showed the horse drifting in, placing Sanchez and his mount in tight quarters along the rail and forcing him to check. It was our opinion that the incident cost Sanchez and his mount the opportunity for a better placing.

(5) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the fourth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident at mid-stretch involving the third and seventh place finishers, #3 Im Living You Larry(E. Gomez) and #4 Vincitore(C. DeAlba). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the race, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Im Living You Larry from third to seventh position. Video showed the horse coming out to bump Vincitore and place that horse on heels. The incident, in the Stewards' opinion, cost DeAlba and his mount the opportunity for a better placing.

(6) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #2 Sheza Painted Chick flipped in the saddling paddock and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	756	On Track Handle:	\$124,942.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,842</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$412,396.30
Total:	2,598	Out of State:	<u>\$861,447.11</u>
		Total:	\$1,398,785.41

SUNDAY

06/24/2018

(1) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Omar Santos was excused from his mounts this evening due to illness. Replacement riders were named.

(2) RULING #143

RULING #143

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ, WHO RODE "CALIBRASKA" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE JUNE 23, 2018, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JULY 1ST, 6TH, AND 7TH, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FOURTH TO FIFTH 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 THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the second race from Saturday evening, after which his mount was disqualified for interference in the stretch. Mr. Ramirez was contrite, stating that he did not realize he had a rider inside of him.

(3) RULING #144

RULING #144

JOCKEY EULICES GOMEZ, WHO RODE "IM LIVING YOU LARRY" IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE JUNE 23, 2018, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JULY 1ST, 6TH, AND 7TH, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO SEVENTH 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 THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

This ruling was issued as the rider admitted his guilt in the incident. He said that he thought the horse was going to lug in, but instead it stepped out to cause interference.

(4) RULING #145

RULING # 145

JOCKEY ARMANDO VIRAMONTES 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 23, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the rider admitted that he violated the "crop" rule.

(5) RULING #146

RULING # 146

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JULY 1ST, 6TH, AND 7TH, 2018) FOR A BLATANT 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) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 23, 2018.

*THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Franco had viewed the eighth race from Saturday evening, during which he was observed blatantly violating the "crop" rule. We counted over twenty consecutive strikes from the one eighth pole to the finish. He had no plausible excuse.

(6) RULING #147

RULING # 147

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU 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 JUNE 23, 2018.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Arvizu missed his mounts in the third and fourth races due to a missed plane connection.

(7) RULING #148

RULING # 148

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 IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 23, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued as the rider was scheduled to ride the eighth race at a published weight of 122 lbs. The lightest he could do was 129 lbs. and the trainer of the horse, Elena Andrade, did not want to use him with that amount of overweight. A replacement rider was named.

(8) RULING #149

RULING # 149

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS) FOR NOT APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, AS INSTRUCTED.

This ruling was issued as the rider failed to appear in the office to explain his failure to fulfill two mounts early in the card and his failure to make weight in the ninth race.

(9) RIDER CHANGE

Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu was replaced by Jairo Rangel after Arvizu weighed 127 lbs and was unable to get within the seven pound limit on Come N Catch Me.

(10) LATE DECLARATION

The Stewards were forced to scratch Stel Eagle Friends out of the seventh race after it was discovered that the program had him listed as a colt and in reality he was a gelding. This was after all parties involved directly with the colt had done everything they were responsible for correctly. Steward Tom Ward dissented on the decision to scratch Stel Eagle Friends.

(11) LATE DECLARATIONS

7th Race #6 Stel Eagle Friends (V. Zamudio) Wrong sex listed in program Stewards Refund
\$1283.95

(12) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	825	On Track Handle:	\$135,395.10
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,772</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$405,884.60
Total:	2,597	Out of State:	<u>\$1,063,860.23</u>
		Total:	\$1,605,139.93

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on June 24, 2018. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 5 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 1 for injury, 1 for sickness, 2 for bleeding, and 1 for shock wave therapy. Three horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 06/22	SAT 06/23	SUN 06/24	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	9
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	1	0	1	1
CLAIMS			R		0	2	1	3	171
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	2	0	3	23
INQUIRIES	D				1	2	0	3	39
REFUNDS		A			5	2	1	8	201
RULINGS			Y		7	1	7	15	145
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	31

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

Tom Ward (Steward)

Ron Church (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)