

**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 August 2 through August 5, 2018.

**THURSDAY**

08/02/2018

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office during the “dark” days to oversee entries and changes for the upcoming week. The entry process went smoothly, with an eight race card on Friday and nine races scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. Changes were negligible, with a few rider changes and two equipment changes. Ward will also author the minutes for the week.

**FRIDAY**

08/03/2018

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> race - #7 Sagrada Familia (Vet-unsound) refund of \$170.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> race - #6 More Sun (Vet-unsound) refund of \$67.00  
4<sup>th</sup> race - #7 Elusive Mistress (entered back) refund of \$83.00  
5<sup>th</sup> race - #5 Special JB (Vet-sick) refund of \$410.00

(2) **RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Omar Santos was excused from his only mount of the evening due to injury/illness. A replacement rider was named.

(3) **UNEVENTFUL EVENING**

This evening's eight race program was completed without issue or controversy.

(4) **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	783	On Track Handle:	\$107,621.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,876</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$446,569.80
Total:	2,659	Out of State:	<u>\$1,039,997.08</u>
		Total:	\$1,594,188.68

**SATURDAY**

08/04/2018

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> race - #1 Kasune (Vet-injured) refund of \$283.00  
5<sup>th</sup> race - #1 Magic Prize (Vet-unsound) refund of \$333.00  
6<sup>th</sup> race - #5 Miss Race Ya (Vet-unsound) refund of \$242.00

(2) RULING #178

**RULING # 178**

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA 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-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 3, 2018.

This ruling was issued as the rider offered no legitimate excuse for violation of the "crop" rule.

(3) RIDERS EXCUSED DURING PROGRAM

Rodrigo Aceves and Ramon Sanchez were excused from their remaining engagements after riding early in the card. Sanchez complained of pain as he hit his knee leaving the gate, while Aceves said he felt dizzy and could not do justice to his remaining mounts. Replacement riders were announced.

(4) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards reviewed the start of the fourth race as the sixth place finisher, #6 Susan Returns (M. Arana) broke out sharply and interfered with two horses to his outside. The Inquiry sign was not posted as the pari-mutuel payoffs were not affected. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Susan Returns from sixth to eighth position. Video showed the horse breaking out sharply, impeding both #7 Respek and #8 Espejito Jr. It was felt that both horses were cost a position.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	924	On Track Handle:	\$117,196.80
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,924</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$531,014.60
Total:	2,848	Out of State:	<u>\$949,942.27</u>
		Total:	<u>\$1,598,153.67</u>

**SUNDAY**  
08/05/2018

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

3<sup>rd</sup> race - #1 Bellatriz (Vet-sick) refund of \$237.00  
9<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Ditto Head (Trial) see 8-5-2018 5

(2) VIDEO REVIEW

Minor Arana was in the office this afternoon regarding the disqualification of his horse following the fourth race last night. After review and discussion, Mr. Arana, by majority vote – Mr. Dreyer dissenting – left with a warning. The majority felt that there were several factors which took the onus off of the rider.

(3) RULING #179

**RULING # 179**

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP-STRIKING HORSE DURING THE WARM UP PERIOD) PRIOR TO THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 4, 2018.

The foregoing was issued as the rider did not have a plausible excuse for striking his horse during the warm up period.

(4) LATE REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race as #3 Baba Be Gone injured itself when it flipped in the starting gate and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$14,550.00. Apprentice jockey Kellie McDaid was examined by the medical staff and then transported to the hospital for further evaluation. The extent of her injuries are unknown at this time.

(5) REFUND

The Stewards ordered a refund in the ninth race as #3 On Our Way became fractious and injured itself while awaiting the start, prompting Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald to recommend that

the horse be declared. The refund totaled \$7,683.83. The rider, Rodrigo Aceves, did not appear to be injured.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	725	On Track Handle:	\$107,816.70
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,840</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$401,313.10
Total:	2,565	Out of State:	<u>\$1,034,692.33</u>
		Total:	\$1,543,822.13

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 5, 2018. Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 6 for soundness, 3 for injury, and 2 for sickness. Two horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

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**SUMMARY  
2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 08/03	SAT 08/04	SUN 08/05	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	13
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	11
CLAIMS			R		3	3	2	8	217
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	1	0	1	31
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	0	1	55
REFUNDS		A			4	3	3	10	256
RULINGS			Y		0	1	1	2	175
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	34

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

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Tom Ward (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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Paul Atkinson (Steward)