

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 16, 2018 through October 21, 2018.

Tuesday

10/16/2018

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward Ron Church is responsible for the morning duties and the minute entries during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the condition book, for California-Bred maidens, three year olds and upward, claiming \$16,000, at 350 yards. The race was called off with two entries.

(3) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Friday's eight race program was completed at 1:30pm consisting of four Quarter Horse and four Thoroughbred races. Fifty-seven (57) horses are scheduled to start.

Wednesday

10/17/2018

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Friday's program was supervised at 9:00am. One rider change and one declaration were the only changes.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Saturday's nine race program was completed at 1:00pm consisting of seven Quarter Horse, one Thoroughbred and one mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred race. Highlighting the evenings program are four trials for the Los Alamitos Super Derby. Sixty-eight (68) horses are scheduled to start.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the condition book, for California-Bred maidens, three year olds, claiming \$12,500 at 300 yards. The race was called off with two entries.

Thursday

10/18/18

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Two rider changes made up scratch time for Saturday's program which was completed at 9:00am.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Anticipating a full program of futurity trials for the Golden State Million Futurity, no Cal-Bred race was offered for Sunday, October 21, 2018.

(3) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Entries for Sunday were filled and the draw completed near noon. The ten race program was made up of ten divisions of the Golden State Futurity Trials which had a total of seventy-eight (78) entries. The ten fastest times will advance to the finals of the Grade 1 Golden State Futurity to be run on Sunday, November 4, 2018.

Friday

10/19/2018

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Sunday was supervised at 9:00am, resulting in one blinker change.

(2) GROOM FABIAN HERRERA-WARNING

Fabian Herrera was in the Steward's office as requested to explain his failure to comply with Ruling #152 issued at Los Alamitos June 30, 2018. Mr. Herrera stated that he was having transportation problems hindering his ability to keep his meetings with the Winners Foundation. Mr. Herrera was cautioned that any further absence would not be tolerated and more stringent penalties would be imposed.

(3) GROOM JUAN AYALA HEARING- RULING #257

An informal hearing was conducted to address Case #18LA0221. At issue was Groom Juan Ayala's possession of drug contraband while outside of his tack room at barn #10. Mr. Ayala admitted to smoking marijuana on a daily basis. He was urine tested and tested positive for marijuana and methamphetamine. Mr. Ayala admitted his guilt and agreed to the conditions of the following ruling.

RULING #257

GROOM JUAN AYALA IS FINED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* AND SUSPENDED FOR FIFTEEN (15) DAYS (OCTOBER 22, 2018 THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2018) AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR 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 MARIJUANA) AND #1890(A)(POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND –MARIJUANA). ADDITIONALLY, JUAN AYALA 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 JUAN AYALA 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.

(4) TRAINER ROMAN FIGUEROA COMPLAINT (#18LA0208)-RULING #258

RULING # 258

TRAINER ROMAN FIGUEROA, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "PRIZE IN EXCESS", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 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 (C)(1)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – PHENYLBUTAZONE (6.99 UG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (2.0 UG/ML).

The above ruling was issued after trainer Roman Figueroa was given an informal hearing in response to a high "Phenylbutazone" complaint. Mr. Figueroa waived his right to representation and the complaint was presented by CHRB Investigator Dennis Drulias. Mr. Figueroa was unable to account for the (6.99 ug/ml) test result and testified that all of his medication is handled by his veterinarian.

(5) RULING #259

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PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530(CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES OR REGULATIONS), JOCKEY EDGAR OROZCO IS FINED FIFTY

DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE MORNING OUTFRIDER – GALLOPING A HORSE WHILE THE EMERGENCY LIGHTS WERE ON.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Edgar Orozco failed to respond to the morning Outrider's warning not to gallop while the emergency lights were on. It was explained to Mr. Orozco the safety concerns his actions could have caused. He agreed with our decision and stated that he would be more observant in the future.

(6) VOIDED CLAIM

A claim deposited by Trainer Keith Craigmyle for the horse "Complete Discreet" in today's fourth race was declared void by the Stewards after Official Veterinarian Gary Beck determined the filly was unsound in the left front and placed her on the vet's list. "Complete Discreet" was returned to the barn of Andrew Lerner.

(7) TRAINER OBJECTION-EIGHTH RACE-NO CHANGE

Following the running of the eighth race, the trainer of the third place finisher #5 "Energetic", Scott Willoughby, lodged an objection against the place horse #6 "Beach Bum Foose" (Jockey Cruz Mendez). Willoughby alleged interference at the start. After talking to the riders and reviewing the replays, the Stewards dismissed the claim of foul. Replays showed contact between the two horses at the start, but nothing that would rise to a level requiring a disqualification.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS - CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Two Timing Lucy (Tr. J. Wallace) – injured-Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$276.00
5th Race #4 Only Monty (Tr. J. Glenn) – claimed by Tr. C. O'Dell
#6 Moonflash Pilot (Tr. L. Diaz) – claimed by Tr. J. Fuentes

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	576	On Track Handle:	\$83,219.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,780</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$383,144.80
Total:	2,356	Out of State:	<u>\$801,164.71</u>
			\$1,267,529.01

Saturday
10/20/2018

(1) TRAINER REVIEWS RACE (REFERENCE 10-19-2018)

Scott Willoughby, who is part owner and the trainer of "Energetic", was in to review Friday's eighth race. The horse finished third and Mr. Willoughby felt the second place finisher bothered his horse and should have been disqualified. The Stewards did not agree that his horse was cost a chance at a better placing and gave Mr. Willoughby our reasons. He still disagreed with our explanation and left unsatisfied with our decision.

(2) POST TIME DELAY

Prior to the fifth race, the truck that pulls the starting gate had an engine malfunction that caused a ten minute delay while a replacement truck was put into service.

(3) QUIET EVENING

The evening's racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS-CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Where's Bubba (Tr. K. Craigmyle) – sick- Dr. Beck. Refund \$392.00
2nd Race #2 Gutsy Streak (Tr. S. Morfin) – claimed by Tr. J. Avalos
9th Race #2 Fire Soul (Tr. J. Gomez) – unsound- Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$80.00

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	939	On Track Handle:	\$105,074.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,788</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$380,365.40
Total:	2,727	Out of State:	<u>\$883,858.05</u>
			\$1,369,297.95

(1) LEONARDO GONZALEZ-RULING #260

RULING # 260

JOCKEY LEONARDO R. GONZALEZ 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 LAST SIXTY DAYS) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 19, 2018.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Gonzalez contacted the Stewards by phone and pled guilty as charged.

(2) CRUZ MENDEZ- RULING #261

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JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 20, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Mendez met with the Stewards regarding his use of the crop during the sixth race on Saturday October 20, 2018. Mr. Cruz acknowledged he lost count and used the crop four consecutive times approaching the finish.

(3) JAIRO RANGEL-RULING #262

RULING # 262

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL 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.

The foregoing ruling was issued after jockey Rangel failed to appear at the Steward's office as requested.

(4) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockeys Ramon Sanchez and Jesus Ayala were in the office this evening to review Saturday's fourth race. Both were cautioned to make a stronger effort to prevent interference.

(5) INQUIRY-ACCIDENT-NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the fifth race to review the circumstances which resulted in jockey Cesar Franco being unseated from his mount, #2 "Capitol Grille". After viewing the video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. Review showed that the horse completely lost its action approaching the 1/8 pole and fell, sending Franco hard to the track. Franco was quickly attended to by the ambulance crew and found to be uninjured. The horse also walked off of the track and was returned to her barn. Her injuries are unknown at this time.

(6) JOCKEY REMOVED

After the accident in the fifth race, the Stewards felt the need to remove jockey Franco from his last mount due to safety concerns for him and his fellow riders. A replacement rider was named.

(7) STEWARDS-INQUIRY- NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident at the start involving #5 "Sage Franklin" (2nd- J. Roman), #4 "Always Dreaming" (6th- C. Huerta) and #3 "Terrific First Down" (7th- E. Nicasio). After speaking with the riders involved and viewing video of the race the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. Video replays show #5 broke inward and made contact with the #4 horse, causing that rival to shift in and make contact with #3 who broke slow. In the Steward's opinion no one was cost a better placing and therefore no disqualification was warranted.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS - CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 2nd Race #5 El Saucito (Tr. F. Gonzalez) – Flipped in Starting Gate- Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$27,771.00
- 3rd Race #8 Forever A Legacy (Jockey R. Hernandez) – Sick – Replaced by Vinnie Bednar
- 4th Race #7 Commando Dynasty (Tr. J. Flores) – Unmanageable – Stewards List
Must work prior to next start
- 5th Race #1 My Mystery Lover (Tr. J. Gomez)-Flipped in Saddling Paddock-Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$1,539.00
- 9th Race #1 Ms KO (Tr. R. Guillen)- Stake Scratch- Stewards. Refund \$112.00

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	657	On Track Handle:	\$116,518.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,628</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$360,952.70
Total:	2,285	Out of State:	<u>\$1,009,834.12</u>
			\$1,487,305.72

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 21, 2018. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 8 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 3 for soundness, 3 for injury, 1 for sickness, and 1 for bleeding. Two horses previously on the Veterinarian’s List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Ron Church.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

SUMMARY 2018

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 10/19	SAT 10/20	SUN 10/21	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	1	1	16
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	20
CLAIMS			R		2	1	0	3	286
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	46
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	2	3	83
REFUNDS		A			1	2	3	6	347
RULINGS			Y		3	0	3	6	262
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	0	0	1	45

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

Ron Church (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)

Paul Atkinson (Safety Steward)