

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 November 27, 2018 through December 2, 2018.

Tuesday

11/27/2018

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The sixth race in the condition book, for California-Bred maiden three year olds and upward, claiming \$5,000, at 300 yards. The race was called off with three entries.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Friday's eight race program was completed at 1:00pm consisting of four trial races for the Southern California Derby and four Thoroughbred races. Fifty-eight (58) horses are scheduled to start.

Wednesday

11/28/2018

(1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Scratch time was completed at 9:00am with no changes to Friday's program.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The sixth race in the condition book, for California-Bred maidens, three year olds, claiming \$12,500 at 330 yards. The race was called off with two entries.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Saturday's nine race program was completed at 3:00pm consisting of four Quarter Horse, four Thoroughbred and one mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred race. Sixty-one (61) horses are scheduled to start.

Thursday

11/29/18

(1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Scratch time was conducted at 9:00am with no changes to Saturday's program.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the condition book, for California-Bred maidens, two year olds, claiming \$5,000 at 300 yards. The race was called off with no entries.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Today's entries were taken for Sunday December 2nd and completed at 1:30pm consisting of six

Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred races. The program is highlighted by the rescheduled \$100,000 AQHA DISTAFF CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP, for fillies and mares at a distance of 400 yards. Sixty-nine (69) horses are scheduled to start.

Friday

11/30/2018

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratches were completed at 9:00am resulting in two equipment changes.

(2) RODRIGUEZ RULING #304

RULING # 304

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) TRAINER YANET RODRIGUEZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE OMDURMAN, FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 26, 2018, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b, AND d)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1(B) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (f)(4)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – DEXAMETHASONE (38 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (5PG/ML)).

The ruling listed above was issued after Ms. Rodriguez waived her right to a formal hearing and requested the matter be heard informally. Ms. Rodriguez did not dispute the charges and although unsure as to the actual cause of the medication violation, she surmised after talking with her veterinarian that the horse received an injection of enzymes which they felt possibly contributed to the high level.

(3) FRANCO RULING #305

Jockey Cesar Franco failed to appear or call for a film review of the sixth race on Sunday, November 25th. In question was Mr. Franco's violation of CHRB Rule #1688 (b) (6). After film review verified the violation of the crop rule and taking into consideration Mr. Franco's history of violations, a unanimous decision was made and the Stewards issued the following ruling.

RULING # 305

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH, 2018) 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-MULTIPLE OFFENSES WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2018.

(4) CROP RULINGS #306-#310

The following five rulings were issued after the riders gave little thought to the crop rule during the running of the trial races to the Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity.

RULING # 306

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 FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2018.

RULING # 307

JOCKEY JONATHON ROMAN 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 FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2018.

RULING # 308

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO 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 THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2018.

RULING # 309

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE, JR 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-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2018.

RULING # 310

JOCKEY SAUL RAMIREZ, JR 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 SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2018.

(5) **CLAIM VOIDED**

The third race claim of "Palace Paynter" by Trainer Jesus Nunez was voided after Official Veterinarian Dr. Beck informed the Stewards the three year old filly bled and placed her on the Veterinarian's List. The filly was returned to the barn of Trainer Reed Saldana.

(6) **RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Francisco Orduna-Rojas was excused from his last mount of the evening due to illness. A replacement rider was named.

(7) **PROBLEM FREE**

The evening's eight race program was conducted without any noteworthy events.

(8) **LATE DECLARATIONS - CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 2nd Race #2 Garrulous Gal (Tr. C. Treece) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$907.00
- 3rd Race #2 Papa's Lady (Tr. K. Castaneda) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$83.00
- 4th Race #3 Bella Raquella (Tr. J. Nunez) – Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$299.00
- #4 Gypsy's Rule (Tr. F. Gonzalez) – Claimed by Tr. R. Saldana
- #6 Saddle Club (Tr. K. Castaneda) – Claimed by Tr. J. Nunez
- 5th Race #5 Vintage Lines (Tr. M. Casselman) – Stake – Stewards. Refund \$99.00

(9) **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	712	On Track Handle:	\$79,940.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,809</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$263,199.40
Total:	2,521	Out of State:	<u>\$864,099.04</u>
			\$1,207,239.24

Saturday
12/01/2018

(1) **NARANJO RULING #311**

RULING # 311

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) TRAINER SALVADOR NARANJO, WHO STARTED THE HORSE JUSTAMITCH, SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 27, 2018, IS FINED FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b, AND d)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1(b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844

(f)(4)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – DEXAMETHASONE (74 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (5PG/ML)).

The Stewards conducted an informal telephonic hearing for trainer Salvador Naranjo, who was the subject of complaint #18LA0258 alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a, b, and d), #1843.1 (b), #1844 (f) (4) and #1887. When the horse “Justamitch” tested positive for Dexamethasone (class IV) following the second race on October 27, 2018.

Mr. Naranjo testified that he is the trainer of record for “Justamitch”, but only trains the horse at his ranch in northern California. When the horse is entered to race, his owner, Mr. Mariscal, transports the horse to Los Alamitos and Mr. Naranjo only comes to saddle the horse. Mr. Naranjo also stated that he did not treat the horse with any medication and could not account for the high test results. After hearing all testimony and taking into consideration Mr. Naranjo’s medication history, the above ruling was issued.

(2) MARISCAL RULING #312

RULING # 312

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) OWNER RAUL MARISCAL, WHO STARTED THE HORSE JUSTAMITCH, SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 27, 2018, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b, AND d)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1(b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (f)(4)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – DEXAMETHASONE (74 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (5PG/ML)).

The ruling listed above was issued after Mr. Mariscal waived his rights to a formal hearing. Mr. Mariscal testified that he shipped the horse “Justamitch” from his trainer’s ranch in northern California. Mr. Mariscal acknowledged the horse received the medication; however, he was at a loss as to why the horse’s test failed to clear since he has used the medication on a number of occasions with the same clearance time and never had a positive test.

Obviously the horse either received the medication too close to the race without sufficient time for the drug to clear the horse’s system, or the horse retained or metabolized the drug at a slower rate. The Stewards imposed the minimum penalty listed in the CHRB guidelines, as this is Mr. Mariscal’s first offense.

(3) OBJECTION-FOURTH RACE-NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the objection sign at the request of jockey Edgar Payeras, rider of the #5 “Blazinghotprospect” who finished last, against #2 “Kamilche Gold” (2nd–Kellie McDaid). Payeras felt he was carried wide around the turn of the 4 ½ furlong race. After review of the tapes, the Stewards dismissed the objection. Tapes showed that McDaid’s horse was drifting out and carries Payeras’ mount out, however we felt the incident did not cost #5 a better placing.

(4) INQUIRY-SIXTH RACE-DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the sixth race for a review of an incident approaching the 1/8 pole of the 300 yard Quarter Horse race involving #7 “Katella Dolly” (3rd – Luis Valenzuela), #6 “Cupids Affair” (6th-Alberto Zepeda) and #5 “Express Payment” (4th- Jesus Ayala). After a thorough review, the Stewards in a majority decision voted to disqualify #7 “Katella Dolly” from third to sixth for drifting in and impeding #6 “Cupids Affair” and #5 “Express Payment”. Mr. Dreyer was of the opinion that #5 drifted out and contributed to the problems of #6 “Cupids Affair”.

Original Order of Finish- 3-1-(7)-5-4-6-2

Official Order of Finish- 3-1-5-4-6-(7)-2

(5) NO SHOW WAGERING-NINTH RACE

The ninth race was programed with seven separate wagering interests and after two early scratches and a subsequent scratch of the #2 “Be Quick” (flipped in gate) reducing the field size to four separate wagering interests, show wagering was canceled per California Horse Racing Board #1954-Parimutuel Pools.

(6) DECLARATIONS-CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #3 Proud Dream (Tr. J. Mendoza) – Owner suspended (New Mexico)-Stewards Refund \$308.00
- #6 Derby Tango (Tr. R. Gomez) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$267.00
- #8 Gone Skyward (Tr. Dean Pederson) – Claimed by Tr. K. Castaneda
- 3rd Race #3 Astutely (Tr. J. Enriquez) – Claimed by Tr. S. Morfin
- 4th Race #1 Cioppino Pasadino (Tr. E. Freeman) – Claimed by Tr. R. DeLeon
- #7 Stella’s Princess (Tr. J. Nunez) – Claimed by Tr. C. Treece
- 5th Race #4 Ladies Man (Tr. R. Lucas) – Unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$97.00
- #5 Jen’s Journey (Tr. E. January) – Claimed by Tr. C. Treece
- 6th Race #2 Joys Favorite (Tr. J. Cooper) – claimed by Tr. Y. Rodriguez
- 7th Race #1 Treacherous (Tr. S. Willoughby) – Claimed by Tr. J. Farias
- #2 La Romerita (Tr. J. Gomez) – Claimed by Tr. J. Nunez
- #3 Flash and Return (Jockey- R. Aceves) – Ill- Replaced by J. Roman
- 9th Race # 2 Be Quiet (Tr. J. Farias) – Flipped in gate – Stewards. Refund \$38,405.00
- #5 Be Quick S. Morfin) – Entered Back – Stewards. Refund \$118.00
- #6 Alamode (Tr. J.Cooper) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$9300

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	880	On Track Handle:	\$94,460.60
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,919</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$291,810.80
Total:	<u>2,799</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$894,377.90</u>
			\$1,280,649.30

Sunday
12/02/2018

(1) FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey Kellie McDaid met with the Stewards for a review of the fourth race from Saturday, December 1. Ms. McDaid was cautioned about allowing her mount to drift when entering the stretch, as she did in the race in question. The incident did not warrant a sanction, but a stern warning was issued.

(2) MORALES- RULING #313

RULING # 313

TRAINER GUILLERMO MORALES, HAVING FAILED TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF RULING LAQL #263, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 23, 2018, IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- \$6,146.37 TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF GUILLERMO MORALES ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE). GUILLERMO MORALES IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION. SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 3, 2018.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Morales failed to abide by his financial agreement with Equine Sports Medicine.

(3) VALENZUELA-RULINGS #314 AND #315

RULING #314

JOCKEY LUIS A. VALENZUELA WHO RODE “KATELLA DOLLY” IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 1, 2018, IS SUSPENDED THREE RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 9, 14 AND 15, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, RESULTING 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 SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

RULING # 315

JOCKEY LUIS A. VALENZUELA 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 60 DAYS), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 01, 2018.

The foregoing rulings were issued after Mr. Valenzuela telephoned the Stewards and acknowledged being at fault for failing to straighten his mount's course. Mr. Valenzuela also plead guilty to violating California Horse Racing Board Rule #1866 (b)(6).

(4) **NO SHOW WAGERING-SECOND RACE**

Show wagering was canceled when the six horse field was scratched down to four separate wagering interests. California Horse Racing Board Rule #1954-Parimutuel Pools.

(5) **RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Julio De La Torre was excused from his mounts when he failed to provide a doctors release clearing him to return. Replacement riders were named.

(6) **STEWARDS INQUIRY-NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the seventh race to review an incident at the start. #4 "Bestest" was equipped with a flipping halter and as the field was being dispatched, the two year old filly threw her head at the start causing the stall doors to open late. In a unanimous decision, the Stewards declared #4 "Bestest" a starter.

(7) **STEWARDS INQUIRY-DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the eighth race to review an incident at the start involving #2 "High Flier" (6th- E. Gomez), #3 "Vindicated" (8th- V. Bednar), #4 "Slim Shadey" (9th- E. Gasca) and #5 "I M Brazilian" (7th- J. Ayala). After a thorough review, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #2 "High Flier" from sixth and placed him ninth behind #4 "Slim Shadey". Tape replays showed that #2 "High Flier" angled out at the start and made contact with #3 who was forced out into #4 who had to check and lose any possibility of a better placing.

(8) **DECLARATIONS - CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

2 nd Race	#5 Rockin My Mojo (Tr. J. Avalos) – Sick- Dr. Beck. Refund \$610.00.
	#6 Marina Rose (Tr. E. Baze) – Injured – Dr. Beck. Refund \$400.00
3 rd Race	#4 Adroit (Tr. A. Aquino) – Claimed by C. Treece
4 th Race	#9 An Act of Aggression (Tr. D. Givens) – Claimed by Tr. Y. Rodriguez
6 th Race	#1 Sheza Classic Red (Tr. M. Skeen)- Claimed by Tr. M. Fales
	#5 Stilts (Tr. J. Gomez) – Claimed by Tr. P. Visscher
	#9 R Valiant Hero (Tr. C. O'Dell) – Claimed by Tr. J. Farias
9 th Race	#9 One Hot Habit (Tr. P. Jones) – Stakes – Stewards. Refund \$3,646.05

(9) **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	550	On Track Handle:	\$88,116.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,744</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$379,789.20
Total:	2,294	Out of State:	<u>\$901,304.66</u>
			\$1,369,210.56

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 2, 2018. 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:

2 for soundness, 6 for injury, 1 for sickness, and 1 for bleeding. Twelve 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 11/30	SAT 12/01	SUN 12/02	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	21
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	20
CLAIMS			R		2	7	4	13	332
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	1	1	2	53
INQUIRIES	D				0	2	2	4	103
REFUNDS		A			4	6	3	13	410
RULINGS			Y		7	2	3	12	315
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	0	0	1	51

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

Ron Church (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)