

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 of December 4, 2018 through December 9, 2018.

Tuesday

12/04/2018

(1) **ENTRY DAYS**

Steward Dave Nuesch will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters, overseeing entries, and recording the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Friday's eight race program was completed by 2:00pm today. The card consists of three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races, with a total of fifty-two (52) horses scheduled to start.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The lone California-bred race offered today was called off with only one Cal-bred entry.

Wednesday

12/05/2018

(1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Scratch time for Friday night's program was conducted at 9:00 am, resulting in no changes.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Saturday's nine race program was drawn around 12:30 pm today. The card, consisting of three around-the-turn races, has a total of fifty-seven (57) runners.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The one California-bred race offered today was promptly called off with no Cal-bred entries.

Thursday

12/06/2018

(1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Scratch time for Saturday night's program was conducted at 9:00am, only one equipment change.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Sunday's program, highlighted by the Snowbound Superstar Stakes, going 870 yards, was drawn by 2:00pm today. The card consists of four around-the-turn races, with a mere forty-nine (49) horses scheduled to start on the nine-race card.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The one race offered for California-Breds today was called off with no entries.

Friday

12/07/2018

(1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Scratch time for Sunday night's program was conducted at 9:00 am with just two jockey changes.

(2) BACK IN GOOD STANDING

After receiving a call from Equine Sports Medicine on Tuesday morning that trainer Guillermo Morales once again had met the agreed upon payment terms of the financial complaint from last year (case # 17LA0271), the following ruling was issued restoring him back into good standing with the CHRB.

RULING # 316

TRAINER GUILLERMO MORALES, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #313, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 2, 2018, IS SET ASIDE.

(3) CROP RULING

The following ruling was issued as a result of a crop violation from Sunday night's card.

RULING # 317

JOCKEY CRISTIAN R. ESQUEDA 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 NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 02, 2018.

(4) DECISIONS ACCEPTED

The following two rulings were issued after the proposed decisions, presented by the Board of Stewards, were accepted by the CHRB at the November 29th board meeting.

RULING #318

TRAINER RICARDO GUILLEN, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SOVEREIGN JESS" IN THE EIGHTH RACE ON JUNE 9, 2018 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3000.00)*, SUSPENDED SIXTY (60) DAYS AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b, & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) (CLENBUTEROL- CLASS III) #1843.1(b)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844(e)(6) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION).

FOR CAUSE, THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE SIXTY (60) DAY SUSPENSION ARE STAYED PROVIDED MR. GUILLEN IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS #1843, AND #1887 REGARDING CLASS I, II, OR III DRUG SUBSTANCES DURING THE TERM OF PROBATION. IF MR. GUILLEN VIOLATES A CONDITON OF HIS PROBATION, THE ABOVE REFERENCED THIRTY (30) DAY STAY OF SUSPENSION SHALL BE LIFTED AND THE ACTUAL SUSPENSION SHALL BE IMPOSED AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING. THE THIRTY (30) DAY SUSPENSION SHALL BE SERVED FROM DECEMBER 28, 2018 THROUGH JANUARY 26, 2019.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF RICARDO GUILLEN ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) RICARDO GUILLEN IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

RULING #319

OWNER ERIK FLORES, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SOVEREIGN JESS" IN THE EIGHTH RACE ON JUNE 9, 2018 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3000.00)*, SUSPENDED SIXTY (60) DAYS AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON

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(5) STEWARDS INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the eighth race to review two separate incidents, one at the start and the other in mid-stretch. The first incident, where #6 "Better That Ever" reared at the start, the Stewards unanimously agreed that the runner caused his own problems by "lifting" just as the doors opened, therefore he was deemed a starter. In the second situation, #1 "On Our Way" shifted out bumping with #2 "JD Wagon Boss", resulting in the latter being forced to steady. After speaking to the jockeys involved, and much deliberation, in a majority decision the Stewards ruled that the contact did not cost "JD Wagon Boss" the opportunity at a better placing. Steward Nuesch was the dissenting vote, feeling that the contact warranted a disqualification.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #2 Grandma Gertrude (Tr. M. Pender) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$3,190.00
- 3rd Race #5 I'll Take The Heat (Tr. J. Crotts) – unsound during warm-up – Stewards, per recommendation of Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$14,837.00
- 4th Race #1 Farmboy Payday (Tr. P. Jones) – entered back – Stewards. Refund \$189.00
- 6th Race #1 Feature Ms Bo (Tr. N. Lowe) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$112.00
- 7th Race #2 Secret Second Chance (Tr. J.C. Selvister) – unsound during warm-up – Stewards, per recommendation of Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$6,391.00

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	822	On Track Handle:	\$75,083.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,773</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$250,807.80
Total:	<u>2,595</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$772,032.29</u>
			\$1,097,923.19

Saturday
12/08/2018

(1) CROP RULINGS

The following ruling was issued as a result of a crop violation from last night's race card.

RULING # 320

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS FINED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* 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-FIFTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 7, 2018.

(2) STEWARDS INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the fourth race to review an incident where #2 "Do Me A Favor" continued to drift outward through the entire stretch. After review and deliberation, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #2 from first to seventh position, for causing several horses to her outside to steady, and costing them the opportunity at a better placing.

Original Order: 2-6-4-7-1-5-3

New Order: 6-4-7-1-5-3-2

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS

2nd Race #2 Full Value (Tr. C. Hurtado) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$195.00

6th Race #1 HTR Tequilla Tuesday (Tr. J. Aleman) – broke through starting gate – Stewards
Refund \$11,526.00

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	842	On Track Handle:	\$102,044.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,826</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$282,932.90
Total:	<u>2,668</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$813,156.11</u>
			\$1,198,133.41

Sunday

12/09/2018

(1) VIDEO REVIEW (REF: 12/07/18 (5))

Jockey Cruz Mendez came into our office today to review the incident from Friday night's eighth race, where his mount made contact with the runner to his outside. After reviewing the race, the Stewards unanimously agreed that Mr. Cruz made adequate effort to correct his mount's actions. In addition, they also felt that the other runner played a part in the contact, so no action taken.

(2) VIDEO REVIEW (REF: 12/08/18 (2))

Following the inquiry and disqualification in last night's fourth race, jockey Erasmo Gasca was required to come into the Stewards office today to review the race. Though the runner was placed on the Steward's list as unmanageable, the Board of Stewards unanimously agreed that Mr. Gasca could have made a better effort by reacting quicker, so the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 321

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA WHO RODE "DO ME A FAVOR" IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 8, 2018, IS SUSPENDED THREE RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 16TH, 28TH AND 29TH, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST 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 SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

(3) STEWARDS INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the running of the eighth race to review an incident entering the far turn, where two runners appeared to check abruptly. Film review showed #6 "Run Raging Rhino Run" shifted inward just before entering the far turn. Following a period of deliberation, in a majority decision, the Stewards opted to make no change to the original order of finish, feeling that the affected runners were not cost a better placing. Steward Nuesch was the dissenting vote, feeling that the actions of "Run Raging Rhino Run" warranted a disqualification.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Elusive Mistress (Tr. J. Nunez) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$866.00

2nd Race #1 Rock All Day (Tr. K. Castaneda) – sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$177.00

3rd Race #2 Swiss Chalet (Tr. J. Farias) – sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$58.00

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 445
Off Track Attendance: 1,617
Total: 2,062

On Track Handle: \$88,639.30
Off Track Handle: \$309,197.60
Out of State: \$709,648.45
\$1,107,485.35

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 9, 2018. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 4 for soundness, 2 for injury, 3 for sickness, and 2 for bleeding. Six horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Dave Nuesch.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2018

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 12/07	SAT 12/08	SUN 12/09	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	21
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	20
CLAIMS			R		5	0	1	6	338
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	1	0	1	54
INQUIRIES	D				1	1	1	3	106
REFUNDS		A			5	2	3	10	420
RULINGS			Y		4	1	1	6	321
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	51

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Ron Church, Dave Nuesch, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward Grant Baker were in attendance during this reporting period.

David Nuesch (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Ronald Church (Steward)

Grant Baker (Safety Steward)