

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 December 11, 2018 through December 16, 2018.

Tuesday

12/11/2018

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward James Dreyer will be responsible for the final week of the meet and will record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maiden two year olds for a \$10,000 claim, was off with four (4) Cal-Breds.

(3) THE DRAW

Friday's eight race program will feature the \$162,850 Southern California Derby.

Wednesday

12/12/2018

(1) SCRATCHES

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

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the book, maiden three year olds for a \$12,500 claim, was off with one (1) Cal-Bred.

(3) THE DRAW

Saturday's nine race program will be highlighted by the \$600,000 Champion of Champions. Sixty-three (63) horses passed the entry box for tonight's races.

Thursday

12/13/2018

(1) SCRATCHES

One rider change completed Saturday's program corrections.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$2,500 tag, failed to generate any interest.

(3) THE DRAW

The \$1,878,425 Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity will be featured this evening. Both this race and the Champion of Champions were drawn on Wednesday in order to accommodate the media.

Friday
12/14/2018

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Sunday's races resulted in two rider changes.

(2) RULING #322

RULING # 322

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), JOCKEY LUIS A. VALENZUELA, HAVING PARTICIPATED IN A DESIGNATED RACE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION (AZ) WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION, SHALL SERVE ONE ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION DAY (DECEMBER 30, 2018) IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE TERMS OF L.A.Q.H. RULING #314, DATED DECEMBER 2, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Luis A. Valenzuela rode a designated stakes at Turf Paradise in Arizona while under suspension in California.

(3) RULINGS #323

RULING # 323

JOCKEY JONATHON ROMAN IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(1) (USE OF RIDING CROP-WHIPPING OVER THE HEAD) DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 9, 2018.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Roman was observed hitting his mount between the ears during Sunday's fourth race.

(4) RULING #324

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JOCKEY MINOR ARANA, WHO RODE "RUN RAGING RHINO RUN" IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 9, 2018, IS SUSPENDED TWO (2) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 28TH AND 29TH, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. 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.

After reviewing Sunday's eighth race with Jockey Arana, the above ruling was issued. His mount dropped in a bit sharply approaching the turn causing two horses to steady. The Stewards felt Mr. Arana could have done a better job correcting his mount resulting in the suspension.

(5) RULING #325

RULING # 325

TRAINER MICHAEL CASSELMAN, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "MOON ME BLUE" IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 26, 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 RULE #1843 (a, b, AND d)(MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), #1844 (f)(1) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-BETAMETHASONE (127 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL - 10 PG/ML).

Following an informal hearing with trainer Mike Casselman, the foregoing ruling was issued. As with most of the overages, nobody seems to know how it could have occurred. There was no deviation from the gelding's normal regimen.

(6) GOOD EVENING

Friday evening's program was presented with nothing notable to comment on.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #4 Your Ron (Tr. M. Stortz) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$16,935.00

3rd Race #6 I'm Ready To Roll (Tr. G. Vallejo) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$537.00

4th Race #7 Favorite Elise (Tr. M. Casselman) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$1,256.00

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	694	On Track Handle:	\$80,685.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,746</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$278,305.70
Total:	2,440	Out of State:	<u>\$801,561.57</u>
			\$1,160,552.27

Saturday
12/15/2018

(1) RULING #326

RULING # 326

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)* 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 – THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 14, 2018.

In his eagerness to win the Southern California Derby, it seems Jockey Eduardo Nicasio forgot the restrictions placed on him by Rule #1688(b)(6), resulting in the foregoing ruling.

(2) RULING #327

RULING # 327

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 30TH, 2018 AND JANUARY 4TH, AND 5TH, 2019) 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 FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 14, 2018.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Erasmo Gasca appears to show total disregard for Rule #1688 (b)(6), his sixth recent violation.

(3) BLUE SKIES

Saturday evening was incident free. The Champion of Champions was very competitive with the majority of the field within one length of the winner.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #7 Trappiza (Tr. M. Pender) – Sick - Dr. Beck. Refund \$1833.00

3rd Race #3 Adroit (Tr. C. Treece) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$298.00

#5 Shaula (Tr. J. Avalos) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$554.00

4th Race #1 Lion Command (Tr. R. Rosales) – Enter Back– Stewards. Refund \$327.00

5th Race #4 Hes Knot Unusual (Tr. S. Morfin) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$499.00

6th Race #1 Fly N Away (Tr. M. Fales) – Sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$142.00

#2 Lady Briar Rose (Tr. B. Vickery) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$211.00

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,387	On Track Handle:	\$177,696.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,821</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$360,753.90
Total:	3,208	Out of State:	<u>\$951,737.24</u>
			\$1,490,187.24

Sunday
12/16/2018

(1) RULINGS #328, #329, #330

RULING # 328

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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 15, 2018.

RULING # 329

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO 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 NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 15, 2018.

RULING # 330

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)* 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- THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 15, 2018.

The foregoing rulings were issued after the riders in question were all found to be in violation of Rule #1688 (b)(6).

(2) RULING #331

RULING # 331

OWNER JESSICA CARRASCO, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #188, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 17, 2018, IS SET ASIDE.

After a brief hearing with all involved parties, Los Alamitos Ruling #188 dated August 17, 2018 was set aside and owner Jessica Carrasco was restored to good standing.

(3) SWAN SONG

The Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity was won by the favorite, although the entire field had an un-interfered with opportunity to outrun the victor. And so the curtain comes down on the 2018 Los Alamitos Quarter Horse meet.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

5th Race #2 Uptown Street (Tr. R. Bean) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$165.00

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	887	On Track Handle:	\$178,752.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,657</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$414,976.40
Total:	2,544	Out of State:	<u>\$1,003,968.42</u>
			\$1,597,697.02

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 16, 2018. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 14 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 4 for injury, 4 for sickness and 1 for bleeding. Four horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 12/14	SAT 12/15	SUN 12/16	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	21
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	20
CLAIMS			R		0	5	2	7	345
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	54
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	106
REFUNDS		A			3	7	1	11	431
RULINGS			Y		4	2	4	10	331
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	51

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

James Dreyer (Steward)

Ron Church (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)

Luis Jauregui (Safety Steward)