

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
 LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**GENERAL DATA**

**DATES:** December 26, 2018 through December 17, 2019. Racing is Friday through Sunday.

**POST TIMES:** Friday: 7:00pm – Saturday: 6:00pm - Sunday: 5:15pm

**ENTRIES:** Seventy-two hours in advance or as specified in the condition book. Scratch time is 9:00am the following day after entries.

**WAGERING:** \$1 win, place and show wagering on every race; Daily Doubles (early, mid-card and late) on each card. \$1 Rolling Pick Threes (starting with race 2); \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$1 Pick Four on the first four and final four races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All beginning with first race.

Mid-Card Daily Double starts midway through the card. The Late Daily Double will always occur in the last two races of the race card. The Pick 6 will always occur on the last six races of the race card. In the event that there are not enough horses carded in a race to offer a Superfecta, we will then offer a \$1 Quinella. Place Pick All occurs in the first through final race.

**OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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 DAVID NUESCH..... Safety Steward

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JASON HART.....	Identifier
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BECKY FITZGERALD, DVM.....	Track Veterinarian
GARY BECK, DVM.....	C.H.R.B. Veterinarian

**TRACK OFFICIALS**

FRANK SHERREN.....	Facility Manager
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DENNIS MOORE.....	Track Surface Consultant
RAMIRO CASTILLO.....	Jockey's Room Custodian
PEGASUS.....	Video Communications
LOS ALAMITOS FOODSERVICES, INC	Food and Beverage
SCOTT MARTINEZ.....	Track Photographer
PLUSMIC USA.....	Photo Finish

Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of December 24, 2018 through December 30, 2018.

**Monday**

12/24/2018

(1) **ENTRIES**

Safety Steward David Nuesch was present to oversee entries for opening night this Friday.

**Wednesday**

12/26/2018

(1) **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee scratches for Friday and entries for Saturday.

**Thursday**

12/27/2018

(1) **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee scratches for Saturday and entries for Sunday.

**Friday**

12/28/2018

(1) **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS came to the office to review his ride in the fifth race from closing day. There was some feeling that he allowed his horse to run up into a tight spot causing some contact with his rivals. Warning.

Jockey JESUS AYALA came to the office to review his crop use in the ninth race on closing day. He admitted to the violation and accepted the following ruling:

**RULING # 1**

JOCKEY JESUS AYALA 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 RUNNING OF THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 16, 2018.

(2) AVILA HEARING

We held an informal hearing regarding case #18LA0288 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against groom VICTOR AVILA. Evidence revealed that Mr. Avila possessed marijuana in the stable area and tested positive for the substance. His tack room, while not a CHRB violation, was also extremely dirty and cluttered. He admitted to the possession and use. We therefore issued the following ruling:

**RULING #2**

GROOM VICTOR AVILA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489(8)(ENGAGED IN THE USE OF MARIJUANA) AND #1890(POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND-MARIJUANA). ADDITIONALLY, VICTOR AVILA IS REQUIRED TO SIGN A TESTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

(3) OBJECTION/NO CHANGE

Jockey FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS aboard the sixth place finisher #1 Street Punk lodged a claim of foul against the winner #2 Madame Jeanette (C. Aragon) for interference going into the turn. Video revealed that #1 was too close to the inside rail and a half of a length from the lead which prevented him from making the turn successfully. Furthermore, while the eventual winner did drift in slightly, #2 was beaten open lengths for fifth. We therefore unanimously voted to make no change.

(4) INQUIRY/DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the eighth race to examine two incidents shortly after the start. The first incident occurred when #3 Freaky Business (E. Garcia) broke in sharply, making hard contact with #2 Sepertist Dash (J. Rios-Ayala) causing that horse to steady. The second incident occurred 50 yards later when #1 Firey Colt (J. Roman) drifted out in front of #2 Sepertist Dash while not clear causing #2 to steady sharply for several strides. After speaking with the riders involved, we unanimously voted to disqualify both offenders and place them behind #2:

Original Order of Finish: 5-4-9-(1)-(3)-2  
Corrected Order of Finish: 5-4-9-2-(1)-(3)

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Mr. Esken – Late Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald.  
Refund \$3,238.00  
5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00  
6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00  
7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00  
8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	631	On Track Handle:	\$86,858.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,799</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$255,243.20
Total:	2,430	Out of State:	<u>\$692,000.53</u>
			\$1,034,102.53

**Saturday**  
12/29/2018

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey SAMUEL MENDEZ came to the office to review his crop use in the fifth race last night. He acknowledged using it more than three times in succession without giving his horse the chance to respond and accepted the following ruling:

**RULING # 7**

JOCKEY SAMUEL 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 28, 2018.

Jockey JUAN PABLO LEON did not appear this evening as directed to review his crop use in the fifth race last night. We reviewed the race, confirmed that he had violated the rule and issued the following ruling:

**RULING # 6**

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 28, 2018.

Jockey JONATHAN ROMAN appeared this evening to discuss his ride in the eighth race last night after which his horse was disqualified for drifting out while not clear of a rival. He said the horse was trying to drift out the entire race although he didn't realize that he had actually moved out the two paths that caused the interference. While we appreciated the fact that he had his horse's head turned in, we still believed that he could have kept his horse straight. We therefore issued the following ruling:

**RULING #4**

JOCKEY JONATHON ROMAN, WHO RODE "FIREY COLT" IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 28, 2018, IS SUSPENDED TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2019) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO FOURTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUES 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.

Jockey EDDIE GARCIA failed to appear as directed to discuss the start of the eighth race last night. His horse broke in sharply and after viewing the video, we unanimously believed that he was too slow to correct that action. We therefore issued the following penalty:

**RULING #5**

JOCKEY EDDIE GARCIA, WHO RODE "FREAKY BUSSINES" IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 28, 2018, IS SUSPENDED TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2019) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FOURTH TO FIFTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUES 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.

**(2) VELASQUEZ DISMISSAL**

We dismissed Equine Sports Medicine LRO, Inc.'s financial complaint (case #18LA0285) against owner JORDANA VELASQUEZ when the complainant (and respondent) failed to appear in support of its claim.

**(3) GONZALEZ HEARING**

Trainer FELIX GONZALEZ appeared for an informal hearing into case number 18LA0282 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB on behalf of the examining veterinarian who alleged that Mr. Gonzalez, on several occasions failed to have an attendant with his runners for Lasix and the times that he did have an attendant, the person had no idea which horse was running. Mr. Gonzalez explained that he was short on help, but that he would rectify the situation. He also received the following ruling:

**RULING # 3**

TRAINER FELIX GONZALEZ IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1845 (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION (2)(a)&(b)- FAILURE TO HAVE AN ATTENDANT PRESENT FOR LASIX ADMINISTRATION).

**(4) HURTADO MEETING**

CHRB Investigators and Los Alamitos Security brought groom CESAR HERTADO into the office this evening. Mr. Hurtado was refusing to be tested despite having signed a testing agreement pursuant to a previous ruling. He was also exhibiting signs of being under the influence. Los Alamitos Security was in the process of removing him from the premises. The CHRB asked us to suspend Mr. Hurtado's license pending a hearing on January 11. We agreed and will issue the ruling tomorrow.

**(5) INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the seventh race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident nearing the finish where fourth place finisher #3 First to Separate (J. Ayala) checked sharply between horses. Video revealed that the winner #4 Blane drifted in several paths causing his rival's running room to disappear. After speaking with the riders involved, we unanimously voted to disqualify #4 and place him fourth.

Original order of finish:               **(4)**-1-5-3-7-6  
Corrected order of finish:           1-5-3-**(4)**-7-6

**(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#3 Nana's Rule – Claimed – J. Avalos, trainer. Refund \$0.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#2 Luv is All U Need – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck Refund \$411.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 Silver Summer – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald #3 Unobtainable – Claimed – E. January, trainer #3 Unobtainable – Claim VOIDED – returns to A. Aquino, trainer Refund \$171.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 Autism is Here – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald #2 Alpenhorn – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald No Show Wagering #5 Go Cash Stevie B – Claimed – M. Arrossa, trainer. Refund \$286.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 Alacarrera – Stewards' scratch, entered back. Refund \$109.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Bail Czech – Rider change – A. Zepeda for R. Arvizu (no show) Refund \$0.00

**(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	652	On Track Handle:	\$70,220.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,848</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$297,072.70
Total:	2,500	Out of State:	<u>\$769,829.58</u>
			\$1,137,122.58

**Sunday**  
12/30/2018

**(1) FILM REVIEW**

Jockey RODOLFO ARVIZU was issued the following ruling when he failed to appear for his mount in the last race last night:

**RULING #9**

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 29, 2018.

Jockey JAIRO RANGEL came to the office as directed to review his ride in the seventh race last night after which his mount was disqualified for drifting in as the field neared the wire. Last

night he explained that he thought he was clear, whereas today he stated that the horse had the wrong bit which prevented him from controlling him properly. We issued the following ruling:

**RULING #10**

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL, WHO RODE "BLANE" IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE DECEMBER 29, 2018, IS SUSPENDED TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2019) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO FORTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUES 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.

(2) **HURTADO RULING**

We issued the suspension described yesterday:

**RULING #8**

GROOM CESAR HURTADO, HAVING FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS SET FORTH IN RULING LAQL #215 (REFUSAL TO TEST AFTER SIGNING A TEST AGREEMENT AND FOR NOT SHOWING PROOF OF ATTENDING RECOVERY MEETINGS), IS SUSPENDED UNTIL ADJUDICATION OF COMPLAINT #18LA0302, SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD ON JANUARY 11, 2019.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF CESAR HURTADO 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.

(3) **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#2 Dark and Beau – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck
	#4 Papa Caballero – Claimed – K. Castaneda, trainer. Refund \$77.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#2 Four Gaels – Claimed – G. Farias, trainer. Refund \$0.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 Diamonds N Czechs – Rider change – R. Lezano for E. Garcia (sick)
	Refund \$0.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00

(4) **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	501	On Track Handle:	\$81,531.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,708</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$331,756.60
Total:	2,209	Out of State:	<u>\$771,532.57</u>
			\$1,184,820.87

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 30, 2018. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, eight horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 4 for soundness, 1 for injury, 3 for sickness. Three horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Scott Chaney.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY  
2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 12/28	SAT 12/29	SUN 12/30	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	0
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		0	2	2	4	4
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	2	1	0	3	3
INQUIRIES	D				2	1	0	3	3
REFUNDS		A			1	5	1	7	7
RULINGS			Y		2	5	3	10	10
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	1	0	1	1

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Scott Chaney, James Dreyer, Tom Ward and Safety Steward Dave Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

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Scott Chaney (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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Tom Ward (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Safety Steward)