

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 May 7, 2019 through May 12, 2019.

THURSDAY

5/09/2019

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the office this week to oversee entries, scratches and changes. Entries for Friday and Saturday went well, as the draws took place in the early afternoon. Sunday was another story, however, as the draw was not concluded until 4:00pm. Scratches and changes were held to a minimum. Cal Bred races, as usual, were nowhere to be found. Ward will also be responsible for the minutes this coming week.

FRIDAY

5/10/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st race- #7 Mama's Secretstorm (Vet-unsound) refund of \$319.30

3rd race- #6 Charming Alexis (Vet-injured) refund of \$444.20

4th race- #5 Real Quick (Vet-injured) refund of \$209.80

(2) RIDERS EXCUSED

Omar Santos and Armando Viramontes were excused from their mounts this evening due to illness. Replacement riders were named.

(3) RULINGS**RULING # 109**

JOCKEY EDUARDO 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 5, 2019.

RULING # 110

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-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 5, 2019.

These rulings were issued after Mr. Nicasio failed to appear to address his "crop" violations from this past Sunday.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim deposited in the fifth race by trainer Jesus Uranga for #3 "Foxy Fresh" was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was "off" in the right foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Jerry Wallace.

(5) RIDER REMOVED

Jockey Carlos Huerta was removed from his mount in the sixth race when he stepped on the scales to weigh out and he was eight pounds over his assigned weight (119 lbs). According to the rule regarding maximum overweight, he could not ride the horse as seven pounds over is the maximum. A replacement rider was named.

(6) STEWARDS' INQUIRY-DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the eighth race to review an incident at the start and in the mid stages of the race involving the fifth, sixth and seventh place finishers- #7 "A Mere Felix" (C. Mendez), #5 "Sass Go Blue" (J. Rangel), and #6 "Best Yet" (V. Bednar).

After reviewing video of the race, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify both "A Mere Felix" and "Sass Go Blue" and place them behind "Best Yet". At the start, #5 "Sass Go Blue" shifts away from the #4 "Always Checking" and makes significant contact with #6 "Best Yet". Further down the racetrack, #7 "A Mere Felix" lugged in and placed "Best Yet" in tight quarters, forcing that horse's rider to check. In the unanimous opinion of the Stewards, #5 and #7 were placed behind #6. Jockeys Rangel and Mendez will review video tomorrow.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	429	On Track Handle:	\$84,554.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,742</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$338,696.40
Total:	2,171	Out of State:	<u>\$714,842.31</u>
		Total:	\$1,138,093.21

SATURDAY

5/11/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd race- #7 Alien Radio (Vet-sick) refund of \$785.00
6th race- #4 Persnickety (Stewards'-entered back) refund of \$330.00

(2) RULING

RULING # 111

JOCKEY CARLOS M. HUERTA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT), RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE.

This ruling was issued after the rider offered no excuse for reporting the incorrect riding weight.

(3) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim deposited by trainer Sergio Morfin in the first race for #2 "Pretty Hussar" was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was unsound in the left foreleg while in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Art Sherman.

(4) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #3 "Eachwon Cartel" got loose in the walking ring and injured itself. Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald recommended that the horse be declared. The refund amounted to \$1,181.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	688	On Track Handle:	\$122,454.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,853</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$425,794.70
Total:	2,541	Out of State:	<u>\$875,837.33</u>
		Total:	\$1,424,086.83

SUNDAY

5/12/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st race- #1 Misty Moni (Vet-unsound) refund of \$180.70
2nd race- #1 CJ My Boy (Vet-injured) refund of \$152.00

#5 Papa Caballero (Vet-injured) refund of \$154.50
3rd race- #5 Pointsettia Park (Vet-injured) refund of \$677.90

(2) RULINGS #112-#114

RULING # 112

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1680 (JOCKEYS AND DRIVERS TO REPORT).

This ruling was issued as Mr. Franco said that he overslept and was just trying to make it on time to fulfill his engagement.

RULING # 113

JOCKEY CARLOS M. HUERTA IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1682 (WEIGHING OUT), REPORTED INCORRECT OVERWEIGHT.

The foregoing ruling was issued as Mr. Huerta, being candid, stated that he "took a guess" when calling in to report his riding weight. Unfortunately, he guessed incorrectly.

RULING # 114

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 11, 2019.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Lozano fell on his sword and admitted to a violation of the "crop" rule.

(3) STEWARDS' INQUIRY- NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the second race to review an incident entering the far turn involving the winner, #6 "The Party Factor" (E. Payeras). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to leave the original placings intact. While the winner did drop in at the point of the turn to create tight quarters, it was the Stewards' opinion that the order of finish was not affected by the incident. Mr. Payeras will view the video on Friday.

(4) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the fourth race to review an incident at the start involving the fifth place finisher, #6 "Reason Enuf" (J. Rangel). After reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify "Reason Enuf" from fifth to seventh position. Video showed the horse breaking in sharply, causing significant interference to two horses to its inside, #5 "Coronas N Cards" and #4 "Magic In Me".

(5) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as #4 "Banderita" became fractious while awaiting the start and injured itself, prompting Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be scratched. The refund amounted to \$7,197.45.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	579	On Track Handle:	\$75,045.30
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,653</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$272,869.60
Total:	2,232	Out of State:	<u>\$791,383.46</u>
		Total:	\$1,139,298.36

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 12, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 15 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 7 for soundness, 7 for injury, 1 for sickness. Twelve horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD SUMMARY 2019

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 5/10	SAT 5/11	SUN 5/12	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		1	0	0	1	105
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	2	0	2	4	15
INQUIRIES	D				2	0	2	4	27
REFUNDS		A			3	3	4	10	166
RULINGS			Y		2	1	3	6	114
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	1	0	2	19

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

Tom Ward (Steward)

Scott Chaney (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)