

**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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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of May 21, 2019 through May 26, 2019.

**Tuesday**

5/21/2019

**(1) ENTRIES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for this Friday night.

**Wednesday**

5/22/2019

**(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for Saturday night and changes to Friday's card.

**Thursday**

5/23/2019

**(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for Sunday night and changes to Saturday's card.

**Friday**

5/24/2019

**(1) FILM REVIEW**

Jockey OSCAR ANDRADE came to the office to review his crop use in the seventh race last Sunday. He agreed that he used his crop one extra time before giving his horse the chance to respond. We issued the following ruling:

Ruling #125

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE JR. 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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 19, 2019.

Jockey JESUS AYALA came to the office to review his ride in the sixth race Sunday after which his mount was disqualified for interference. Video revealed that his mount drifted out several paths and then ducked out several more paths. While we could blame the horse for the sharp, second move, we blamed Mr. Ayala for the first drift and issued the following ruling:

Ruling #126

JOCKEY JESUS AYALA, WHO RODE "SHEZ DIVINE" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS

ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 19, 2019, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO RACING DAYS (MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AND JUNE 1<sup>ST</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 THIRD 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.

Jockey CESAR FRANCO did not come to the office regarding his crop use during Sunday's eighth race. We nevertheless reviewed the video but ultimately determined that his behavior did not constitute a violation.

Jockey JONATHAN ROMAN came to the office to review two races from Sunday's card. During the fourth race, his mount broke in sharply and made hard contact with the horse to his inside. While we believed that he made an effort to correct his mount, we also believed that he could have made a stronger one. Warning. We also examined his crop use during the seventh race. He readily admitted to the obvious violation and was issued the following ruling:

Ruling #127

JOCKEY JONATHON ROMAN 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-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 19, 2019.

(2) CHAVARRIA RULING

After receiving evidence from Equine Sports Medicine that owner RAMON CHAVARRIA had paid his alleged debt, we issued the following ruling:

Ruling #124

OWNER RAMON CHAVARRIA, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY-EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE) IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #352, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON DECEMBER 18, 2016, IS SET ASIDE.

(3) INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the eighth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident involving the second place finisher #2 My Friend Cindy (O. Andrade) and the fourth and fifth place finishers, #4 Mr Captain America and #5 La Candidata, respectively. Video revealed that shortly after the break, #2 drifted out and made hard contact with #4, forcing that horse into minor contact with #5. After reviewing the video and speaking with all three riders, we unanimously voted to disqualify #2 and place her last.

Original order of finish: 6-(2)-1-4-5  
Corrected order of finish: 6-1-4-5-(2)

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race #6 Wyoming Chief – Claimed – G. Farias, trainer  
#6 Wyoming Chief – CLAIM VOIDED – returns to G. Greiner, trainer  
Refund \$0.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #7 Irish and Lucky – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$188.00  
4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00  
5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Prima Cartel – Stewards' scratch, entered back. Refund \$160.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Bigger Than Big – Stewards’ scratch, entered back. Refund \$132.00  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #3 AR Royal Blue – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
 #5 La Candidata – Claimed – J. Gomez, trainer. Refund \$258.00

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

|                       |              |                   |                     |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| On Track Attendance:  | 525          | On Track Handle:  | \$96,465.80         |
| Off Track Attendance: | <u>1,798</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$403,132.60        |
| Total:                | 2,323        | Out of State:     | <u>\$854,790.60</u> |
|                       |              |                   | \$1,354,389.00      |

**Saturday**  
 5/25/2019

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey OSCAR ANDRADE JR came to the office as directed to review both his ride and his crop use in the eighth race last night. Video revealed that he used his crop four times in succession without giving his horse the chance to respond. It also revealed that he did little to correct his mount’s outward drift. His mount was disqualified and placed last for interference. He offered little in defense, but recognized that he has only been riding for six months and is still learning. We unanimously issued the following two rulings:

Ruling #130

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE JR 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-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 24, 2019.

Ruling #129

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE JR. WHO RODE “MY FRIEND CINDY” IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 24, 2019, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE RACING DAYS (JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> 2019) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE AFTER THE START, RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO FIFTH 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.

Jockey RAMON SANCHEZ was issued the following ruling when he weighed out more than seven pounds overweight for one of his mounts last Sunday:

Ruling #128

JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT), RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE TRACK ON MAY 19, 2019.

(2) INQUIRY/NON-STARTER

We initially announced a Stewards’ Review into the start of #6 Sokudo (R. Guce), however, after reviewing said start, we posted the inquiry sign. Video revealed that #6 Sokudo pushed the starting gate doors open prior to the start, the assistant starter initially grabs the horse and pulls it towards him, and the field is dispatched. All of this action resulted in #6 Sokudo rearing in the air and losing about 4 lengths. The majority, therefore, voted to declare the horse a non-starter. Steward Ward dissented because the horse caused its own problems.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Wit and Wisdom – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
 #6 Proudtobesicilian – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
 #1 Chatterman – Claimed – J. Uranga, trainer. Refund \$417.00

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Devils Informer – Claimed – J. Wallace, trainer  
#2 Devils Informer – CLAIM VOIDED – returns to R. Lucas, trainer  
Refund \$41,937.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 Diamonds N Czechs – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
#4 Remember to Walk – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
#6 Smooth Hawk – should be listed as a gelding. Refund \$279.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #7 R Valiant Hero – Claimed – J. Clark, trainer. Refund \$0.00
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Improvise – Claimed – C. Hurtado, trainer. Refund \$0.00
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

|                       |              |                   |                     |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| On Track Attendance:  | 763          | On Track Handle:  | \$96,650.10         |
| Off Track Attendance: | <u>1,688</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$337,888.50        |
| Total:                | 2,451        | Out of State:     | <u>\$628,759.07</u> |
|                       |              |                   | \$1,063,297.67      |

**Sunday**  
5/26/2019

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey JUAN PABLO LEON came to the office as directed to review his crop use in the sixth race yesterday. He agreed that he violated the rule and was issued the following ruling:

Ruling #131

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 25, 2019.

Jockey CESAR FRANCO came to the office as directed to review his crop use in the sixth race yesterday. He agreed that he violated the rule and was issued the following ruling:

Ruling #132

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 25, 2019.

(2) OBJECTION/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the eighth race, the rider of the fourth place finisher #6 Unwavering Patriot (A. Viramontes) claimed foul against the third place finisher #7 Bolt for Gold (C. Mendez). The jockey claimed the rider of #7 struck his horse with his riding crop and drifted over causing him to steady. Video did not substantiate this claim and it was quickly dismissed; the race was made official.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Lucky Cotton – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
#2 Reign On – Claimed – D. Azcarate, trainer  
#4 Gutsy Streak – Claimed – J. Wallace, trainer  
#4 Gutsy Streak – CLAIM VOIDED – returns to S. Morfin, trainer  
Refund \$131.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #5 Marina Rose – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
#6 Jewel of California – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
#4 Lil' A.J. – Rider change – R. Guce for C. Aragon (sick)  
#2 Louder California – Claimed – L. Bradvica, trainer  
#2 Louder California – CLAIM VOIDED – returns to E. January, trainer  
Refund \$533.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #4 Where's Bubba – Rider change – M. Arana for C. Aragon  
#5 The Chadinator – Claimed -- S. Morfin, trainer

#5 The Chadinator – CLAIM VOIDED – returns to J. Wallace, trainer  
 Refund \$0.00  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Swiss Cheese – Claimed – O. Heredia, trainer. Refund \$0.00  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Hack – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$207.00  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Banderita – Rider change – A. Viramontes for J. Rangel (sick). Refund \$0.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Vanessuky – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$175.00  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 CM Whatta About Me – Stewards' scratch, stake. Refund \$255.00

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

|                       |              |                   |                     |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| On Track Attendance:  | 527          | On Track Handle:  | \$71,528.00         |
| Off Track Attendance: | <u>1,699</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$304,021.00        |
| Total:                | 2,226        | Out of State:     | <u>\$824,714.28</u> |
|                       |              |                   | \$1,200,263.28      |

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 26, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 22 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 10 for soundness, 6 for injury, 2 for sickness, 2 for bleeding, and 2 for shock wave therapy. Fifteen horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward C. Scott Chaney.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
**SUMMARY**  
**2019**

|                   | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI<br>5/24 | SAT<br>5/25 | SUN<br>5/26 | WEEK<br>TOTAL | MEET<br>TOTAL |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| ACCIDENTS         | D   |     |     |     | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0             | 2             |
| CAL-BRED RACES    |     | A   |     |     | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0             |
| CLAIMS            |     |     | R   |     | 1           | 3           | 2           | 6             | 115           |
| DISQUALIFICATIONS |     |     |     | K   | 1           | 0           | 0           | 1             | 19            |
| INQUIRIES         | D   |     |     |     | 1           | 1           | 1           | 3             | 33            |
| REFUNDS           |     | A   |     |     | 4           | 3           | 5           | 12            | 190           |
| RULINGS           |     |     | Y   |     | 4           | 3           | 2           | 9             | 132           |
| VOIDED CLAIMS     |     |     |     | S   | 1           | 1           | 3           | 5             | 27            |

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)