

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 July 9, 2020 through July 12, 2020.

Thursday
07/09/2020

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the office for entries this week, and will be writing minutes for the coming week. The cards filled relatively well, thanks to trials on Saturday and Sunday. The bright spot for the week was the California Bred races which filled – the first of the year. There were five trials for the Governor's Cup Futurity and two trials for the Governor's Cup Derby.

Friday
07/10/2020

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race - #4 Del Mar Journey (Vet-sick)
 #8 Our Maneki Cat (Vet-unsound) Refund \$334.30
2nd Race - #2 Rockin My Mojo (Vet-unsound)
 #5 Circle The Red (Vet-unsound) Refund \$423.74

Note: these scratches prompted the cancelation of Show wagering.

(2) RIDERS EXCUSED

Eduard Rojas was excused this evening due to illness, while Eddie Garcia was taken off his mounts due to an injury. Replacement riders were named.

(3) RULING #152

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OWNER IVAN GOMEZ, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #LAQL143, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2012, IS SET ASIDE.

This ruling was issued as we received documentation that a 2012 veterinary bill had been paid in full. We do not know why it took Mr. Gomez so long to pay the bill, but an educated guess would lead us to believe that he has a horse he wants to run.

(4) RULING #153

RULING #153

JOCKEY CARLOS M. HUERTA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) * FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACECOURSE ON JULY 5, 2020.

*California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532 states that all fines shall be paid to the paymaster of purses within seven (7) days of imposition [07/17/20] or the license of the person upon whom the fine was imposed shall be suspended.

The above ruling was issued as the rider, whose weight issues have been well chronicled in the minutes, could not make his assigned weight. We understand he will be taking time off to get his weight under control.

(5) RULING #154

RULING #154

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL, IS SUSPENDED FOR FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (JULY 19th, 24th, 25th AND 26th, 2020) 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 PAST 60 DAYS) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 5, 2020.

The above ruling was published as Mr. Rangel was observed violating the "crop" rule. This is his fifth violation in 60 days.

(6) FORMAL MEDICATION HEARING

Trainer Santos Perez was in the office this afternoon in response to a complaint filed against him by Board investigators. His horse CAPTAIN N. BARRON, the winner of the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 7, 2019, tested positive for the Class III drug Gabapentin. A ruling disqualifying the horse was issued on January 30, 2020.

Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards, Board Investigator Kevin Kitashima, and trainer Santos Perez, who was not represented by counsel. Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings.

Mr. Perez, whose last sanction for a medication violation was in 2014 for a Bute overage, testified that to the best of his knowledge the horse did not receive the drug which was found in its system. Neither he nor the owner, who is also the horse's groom, take the medication; he does not have the drug in his barn, and his veterinarians do not carry Gabapentin on their vehicles.

After testimony and the admission of documentary evidence the hearing was closed. We will review evidence and issue a proposed decision shortly.

(7) REFUND

There were two refunds which occurred prior to the third race this evening. The first involved #4 Maz Kanata, who unseated the rider, Barrington Harvey, and ran off of the racetrack. The refund from this scratch amounted to \$8,311.92. The second refund was a late veterinarian-recommended scratch. Dr. Becky Fitzgerald recommended that #6 Lovely Linda be declared as it exhibited soundness issues during the warm up period. This refund came to a total of \$24,738.30.

(8) LATE DECLARATION

Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald reported that #4 Other World was showing signs of colic and recommended that the horse be declared from the eighth race. The refund amounted to \$1,273.95

(9) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,363.877.24
Total	0	\$1,363,877.24

07/11/2020

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd race - #3 "Tomasino" (Vet-injured) Refund \$173.00
3rd race - #5 "One Sweet Venom" (Vet-sick) Refund \$74.20

(2) RIDERS EXCUSED

Eduard F. Rojas and Edgar Payeras were excused from their mounts this evening. Rojas was still feeling ill and Payeras was having electrolyte issues. Replacement riders were named.

(3) RULING #155

Ruling #155

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* 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 PAST 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 10, 2020.

*California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532 states that all fines shall be paid to the paymaster of purses within seven (7) days of imposition (07/18/20) or the license of the person upon whom the fine was imposed shall be suspended.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Leon opted not to defend his "crop" rule violation.

(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,460,861.19
Total	0	\$1,460,861.19

Sunday
07/12/2020

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race #4 Monchichi (Vet-injured)
#6 Talia (Vet-unsound) Refund \$448.85
No "Show" wagering in this race
4th Race #3 Happier Together (Vet-injured) Refund of \$301.50
5th Race #2 Morning Blurs (Vet-sick) Refund of \$212.14

(2) RIDERS EXCUSED

Jockeys Eduard Rojas, Austin Solis and Edgar Payeras were excused from their mounts this evening due to illness. Replacement riders were named.

(3) RULING #156

Ruling #156

GROOM HUGO CRUZ, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR TO ANSWER COMPLAINT #20LA0109 IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

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

This ruling was issued as Mr. Cruz did not appear in response to a complaint filed against him.

(4) JOCKEY "CROP" RULINGS

Ruling #157

JOCKEY ARMANDO R. CERVANTES IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* 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 PAST 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 11, 2020.

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Ruling #158

JOCKEY ARMANDO VIRAMONTES IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* 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 PAST 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 11, 2020.

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Ruling #159

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* 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 PAST 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 11, 2020.

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Ruling #160

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* 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 PAST 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 11, 2020.

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The preceding rulings were issued for violations of the "crop" rule.

(5) RULING #161

Ruling #161

JOCKEY BARRINGTON HARVEY, WHO RODE "RUN FACTOR" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 11, 2020, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JULY 19th, 24th, AND 25th, 2020) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE. 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.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Harvey had viewed the second race from last evening, during which he caused interference on the run down the backstretch. Mr. Harvey maintained that his mount was

clear when he crossed over. Not true. He also said that his horse was "getting out". Not evident in video as the horse was easy to guide down into the path of the horse to his inside. There was no need for an inquiry as Mr. Harvey finished behind the horse and rider he bothered.

(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,250,322.66
Total	0	\$1,250,322.66

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on July 12, 2020. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 17 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 7 for soundness, 4 for injury, 5 for sickness, and 1 for shock wave therapy. Three horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 07/10	Sat 07/11	Sun 07/12	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	5	2	7	7
Claims	R		6	1	1	8	189
Disqualifications	K		0	0	0	0	26
Inquiries		D	0	0	0	0	43
Refunds		A	4	2	3	9	274
Rulings		Y	3	1	6	10	161
Voided Claims		S	0	1	0	1	28

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Richard Williams, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward, Steward

Richard Williams, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward