

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 October 1, 2020 through October 4, 2020.

Thursday
10/01/2020

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the office this week for entries, scratches, and changes. Entries went fairly well, as there were stakes or trials on all three nights. The Friday and Saturday cards were set in stone by mid-afternoon, while Sunday's card went to press around 5:30 p.m. Minimal scratches and changes took place.

Friday
10/02/2020

(1) EARLY DECLARATION

1st Race #6 Overkoter (Vet-Injured) Refund \$349.80
3rd Race #1 Move Over Rover (Vet-Unsound)
#3 Hit It Quit It NR (Vet-Sick) Refund \$148.20
4th Race #3 Coalinga Hills (Vet-Sick) Refund \$292.50
5th Race #5 El Noa Noa Cartel (Stewards – entered back) Refund \$57.80
6th Race #6 Fool This Kid (Vet-Injured) Refund \$148.80
8th Race #5 Runforyourlife (Stakes)
#8 You Can Run (Stakes) Refund \$125.30

(2) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Brandon Boulanger was excused from his mounts tonight and tomorrow as he called after scratch time on Thursday to inform us that he was named on a horse at Santa Anita on Sunday and would have to quarantine on Friday and Saturday in order to ride there. As such, he is precluded from fulfilling his mounts at this venue. He was informed that a ruling would be issued for his failure to ride here. The ruling will be issued tomorrow.

(3) JOCKEY OBJECTION - DISQUALIFICATION

The objection sign was posted after the first race as Eduard F. Rojas (2nd, #4 Malibu Magic) lodged a claim of foul against Barrington Harvey (1st, #1 Sound Checkers) for interference entering the far turn.

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify "Sound Checkers" from first to second position. Video showed the horse dropping in at the point of the turn, placing Rojas and his mount in very tight quarters, forcing him to check sharply. Malibu Magic dropped back after the incident, and then closed resolutely to finish slightly more than a length behind the winner. The incident, in the Stewards' opinion, cost jockey Rojas and his mount the "win".

(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$961,542.69
Total	0	\$1,074,903.69

Saturday
10/03/2020

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race #1 Bonmont (Vet-Unsound) Refund \$85.60
- 3rd Race #3 Pennsylvania Ave (Vet-Unsound)
#5 Call From Above (Vet-Unsound) Refund \$189.85
- 5th Race #4 Precious Corona (Stewards – entered back) Refund \$368.15
- 6th Race #1 Kenny Benny (Vet-Injured)
#3 Seeking Peace (Vet-Unsound) Refund \$195.05

Note: There was no "Show" wagering due to only four wagering interests.

(2) NEW "CROP" RULE OVERVIEW

Last night's racing program, the first conducted under the provisions of the new "crop" rule was, in the Stewards' view, a resounding success. Less than a handful of riders violated the new provisions, and there was nothing blatant regarding the violations. We plan to warn riders for minor infractions for a short period of time as we transition into a new territory.

(3) RULING

Ruling #219

JOCKEY BARRINGTON HARVEY, WHO RODE "SOUND CHECKERS" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 2, 2020, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (OCTOBER 10TH, 11TH AND 16TH, 2020) FOR ALTERING COURSE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO SECOND 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 IN CALIFORNIA.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Harvey had viewed the first race from last evening, following which his mount was disqualified for interference. Mr. Harvey felt that he had left sufficient room along the inside rail, but the video did not support his contention.

(4) RULING

Ruling #220

JOCKEY BARRINGTON HARVEY, WHO RODE "SOUND CHECKERS" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 2, 2020, IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (B)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP-STRIKING HIS MOUNT AFTER THE FINISH).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Harvey viewed the pan shot runout from the first race on Friday. As his mount loped into the first turn while gearing down after the finish, the rider struck the horse solidly on its right shoulder with a right hand crop motion. When asked to explain his actions, Harvey said the horse was trying to bear out and he was attempting to straighten him. He also said that there was a horse to his outside and he was trying to protect that rider. The video gave absolutely no credence to his excuses.

(5) RULING

Ruling #218

JOCKEY BRANDON C. BOULANGER 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 OCTOBER 2, 2020.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Boulanger blew off his commitments at this venue to quarantine for three days in order to ride at Santa Anita this coming Sunday. There will be another ruling issued for his Saturday transgression.

(6) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the first race as #2 "Son Of A Queen" flipped while being schooled in the starting gate during warm up and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$27,782.85.

(7) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,081,188.65
Total	0	\$1,252,414.65

Sunday
10/04/2020

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race #6 Asem (Vet-Injured) Refund \$334.80

8th Race #5 Well Kiss My Wagon (Vet-Unsound) Refund \$1,470.45

(2) RIDERS EXCUSED

Juan Sanchez and Jonathan Roman were excused from their mounts this evening. Mr. Sanchez was still suffering the effects of a starting gate incident on Saturday, while Mr. Roman was sick. Replacement riders were named.

(3) RULING

Ruling #221

JOCKEY BRANDON C. BOULANGER 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 OCTOBER 3, 2020.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Boulanger did not fulfill his engagement here on Saturday evening.

(4) CLAIM VOID

A claim deposited in the fourth race by trainer Valentin Zamudio for #4 "R. Flash" was voided as the horse was "off" in the right foreleg during its time in the Detention Barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Christopher O'Dell.

(5) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as #4 "Favorite Del Cartel" became fractious while behind the starting gate, unseated the rider and ran off into the stable area. The refund from the late scratch amounted to \$8,589.75. The rider, Erasmo Gasca, was not injured.

(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$918,619.91
Total	0	\$1,035,628.11

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 4, 2020. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 16 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 8 for soundness, 6 for injury, and 2 for sickness. Five horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

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SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 10/02	Sat 10/03	Sun 10/04	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	8
Claims	R		0	1	3	4	232
Disqualifications	K		1	0	0	1	28
Inquiries		D	1	0	0	1	31
Refunds		A	6	5	3	14	360
Rulings		Y	0	3	1	4	221
Voided Claims		S	0	0	1	1	33

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