

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, 2019 through October 6, 2019.

Thursday
10/03/2019

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Scott Chaney was in the office this week to handle entries and scratches. The weekend cards filled well, with a total of 25 races scheduled for the three programs.

Friday
10/04/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1ST Race #1 Chic Clementine (Vet-unsound)
#5 Sharp Image (Vet-injured) No Show Wagering
Refund of \$354.00
2nd Race #6 Little EZ (Vet-unsound)
Refund of \$160.00
6th Race #5 Favorable Separation (entered back)
Refund of \$1,474.00
8th Race #4 Hot Little Kiddy (Stakes)
#10 Cole Man 47 (Stakes)
Refund of \$406.00

(2) RULING

Ruling # 252

PONY RIDER JENNA KATZBERG IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.
RULING #256, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING
ASSOCIATION ON OCTOBER 14, 2018 IS SET ASIDE.

This ruling was issued after we were informed that Ms. Katzberg had made good on a dishonored check written to Los Alamitos.

(3) JOCKEY "CROP" RULINGS

Ruling #253

JOCKEY IRVING LARA 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2019.

Ruling #254

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$350.00)* 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-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2019.

These rulings were issued as neither rider offered an excuse for violation of the "crop" rule.

(4) RIDER EXCUSED

Christian Aragon was excused this evening as he has packed his tack and is moving to Arizona. Replacement riders were named.

(5) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fourth race as #7 CM Boom Shakalaka became extremely fractious in the starting gate after being hooked up in a flipping halter, injured himself and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald. The rider, Cesar Franco, was not injured. There was a refund of \$25,208.00 due to the scratch.

(6) ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the fifth race as jockey Jesus Ayala was unseated from his mount, #1 With Vigor, shortly after the start of the 300 yard event. After reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to declare the race "Official". Video showed that With Vigor made a sharp left hand turn at the gap, blowing through the temporary barrier and unseating the rider. Neither horse nor rider suffered any ill effects from the spill.

(7) JOCKEY OBJECTION- NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the eighth race as jockey Jose Nicasio (8th, #8 Jess Flashee) lodged a claim of foul against Vinnie Bednar (2nd, #9 Chocolatito), alleging interference at the start. After reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. Video showed that Jess Flashee broke slowly, and while the horse was in tight quarters for a couple of strides, it was not the fault of Chocolatito. The fifth place finisher, #7 Red Hawk Cartel, did drift out slightly after the break to create tight quarters, but the incident did not cost Jess Flashee the opportunity for a better placing.

(8) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	702	\$99,772.60
Off track	1,757	\$371,587.50
Out of state	N/A	\$674,505.08
Total	2,459	\$1,145,865.18

Saturday
10/05/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race #2 Impeachment Ace (Vet-injured). Refund of \$222.00
4th Race #4 Storm In The Ocean (Vet-injured). Refund of \$74.00

(2) MEDICATION HEARING

Trainer Kelly Castaneda was in the office yesterday afternoon in response to a complaint filed against him by the Board for a Phenylbutazone finding in his horse Brighton Boy, who worked to be removed from the Veterinarian's List on August 9, 2019. Mr. Castaneda testified that he had instructed his attending veterinarian, Dr. Nicola Hardgrove, to administer the medication outside of 48 hours prior to the work. Dr. Hardgrove's confidential indicated that it was outside of 48 hours. Unfortunately, the test did not clear as there was approximately 1.62 mcg/ml in the sample. The horse was not taken off the list.

Since this was Mr. Castaneda's second violation within a twelve month span, the following ruling was issued.

Ruling #255

TRAINER KELLY CASTANEDA, WHO WORKED THE HORSE "BRIGHTON BOY", AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 9, 2019, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887(a) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1(b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-PHENYLBUTAZONE) AND #1844.1 (SUSPENSION OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION).

(3) JOCKEY RULINGS

Ruling # 256

JOCKEY CARLOS 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 not being able to get within the allowable seven pound overweight in the fifth and sixth races last Saturday night.

Ruling # 257

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA 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 RUNNING OF THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 4, 2019.

The above ruling was issued as the rider did not contest a "crop" violation from last night.

Ruling # 258

JOCKEY JESUS RIOS AYALA IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (OCTOBER 12TH, 13TH AND 18TH 2019) FOR A BLATANT 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 4, 2019.

The preceding ruling was issued as Mr. Ayala threw himself on the mercy of the Board of Stewards and acknowledged a severe violation of the "crop" rule. He received a larger than usual fine from an incident on September 22, 2019 then came back last evening with a violation as bad, or worse, than the previous infraction. He said he got caught up in the moment, but realizes this cannot continue.

(4) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Cesar Franco, who was involved in a starting gate incident Friday evening, was excused due

to soreness. A replacement rider for his only mount of the evening was announced.

(5) CLAIMS VOIDED

Two claims from the third race this evening were voided. #3 Bluegrass Betty, haltered by trainer Chuck Treece, was returned to the barn of trainer Felix Gonzalez as the horse was "off" in the right foreleg during its time in the detention barn. #4 Scott's Best Beth, claimed by Lorenzo Ruiz, was sent back to the barn of Salvador Naranjo as the filly also had a problem in the right foreleg.

(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,032	\$119,885.20
Off track	1,857	\$413,090.70
Out of state	N/A	\$796,887.88
Total	2,889	\$1,329,863.78

Sunday
10/06/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2ND Race #1 Unchanged (Vet-sick). Refund of \$779.00
7th Race #1 Liquid Courage (Vet-unsound). Refund of \$877.00

(2) JOCKEY "CROP" VIOLATIONS

Ruling #259

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES 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-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 5, 2019.

Ruling # 260

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 RUNNING OF THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 5, 2019.

The foregoing rulings were issued as neither rider chose to contest their "crop" violations.

(3) GOOD EVENING

All matters during the racing program were routine.

(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	583	\$92,814.50
Off track	1,677	\$303,765.80
Out of state	N/A	\$749,527.32
Total	2,260	\$1,146,107.62

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 6, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report. During this reporting period, 10 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 4 for injury, and 1 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.

2019

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 10/04	Sat 10/05	Sun 10/06	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		1	0	0	1	5
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	23
Claims	R		1	4	1	6	225
Disqualification	K		0	0	0	0	30
Inquiries		D	2	0	0	2	63
Refunds		A	5	2	2	9	365
Rulings		Y	3	5	2	10	260
Voided Claims		S	0	2	0	2	47

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, Safety Steward