

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR MEET

### AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE

#### To the California Horse Racing Board

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#### GENERAL DATA:

Mailing

Address: Los Alamitos Racing Association  
4961 Katella Avenue  
Los Alamitos, California 90720  
Telephone number of association: (714) 820-2800

Dates: Thursday, September 7, 2016 through Sunday, September 24, 2017.  
Twelve racing days. Total number of days racing per week: four, Thursday through Sunday.

Races: Eight races weekdays, nine races on weekends unless otherwise designated.

Post time: 2:00 p.m. on weekdays and weekends.

Scratch time: Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the day after entries, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races will be prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> race or two hours before post time, whichever is longer.

Wagering: Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Pick Threes; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$0.50 Pick Four on final four races; \$0.50 Pick Five on races 1-5; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races.

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**WEEK 1 - Thursday, September 7, 2017 through Sunday, September 10, 2017.**

**MONDAY**09/04/17<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES**

Steward Tom Ward was present to oversee entries for opening day.

**TUESDAY**09/05/17<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES**

Steward Tom Ward was present to oversee entries for Friday.

**WEDNESDAY**09/06/17<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Tom Ward was present to oversee entries for Saturday and scratches for tomorrow.

**THURSDAY**09/07/17<sup>1</sup>**DESIGNATED RACES**

We published the list of designated races which included all races with a purse of \$100,000 or more.

09/07/17<sup>2</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JAMIE THERIOT came to the office to review his ride at Del Mar in the first race on Monday during which he may have violated the crop rule. Before viewing the video, he agreed that he used his crop four times in succession without giving his horse the chance to respond. We issued the following ruling:

**LAFL #001**

Jockey JAMIE THERIOT 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 in the last sixty days), during the first race at Del Mar Race Track on September 4, 2017.

Apprentice jockey RUBEN FUENTES came to the office to review his ride in the third race from Monday at Del Mar. We felt, and video confirmed, that he guided his horse for an opening at the same time as a rival. Mr. Fuentes' mount arrived a split second after his rival and was a head back so we believed that he should have taken hold of his mount rather than his course of continuing to persevere. He agreed. Warning.

Jockey COREY NAKATANI's agent Matt Nakatani came to the office to represent his jockey with respect to a possible crop violation. Video revealed that he used his crop four times in succession without giving his mount the chance to respond during the eighth race. He agreed with our analysis and therefore we issued the following ruling (our first for a fifth violation in sixty days):

**LAFL #002**

Jockey COREY NAKATANI is suspended ONE (1) racing day (September 14, 2017) for repeated violations 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 in the last sixty days), during the eighth race at Del Mar Race Track on September 4, 2017.

During the suspension subject will not be afforded the privilege of competing in Designated Races.

09/07/17<sup>3</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#5 Triconomics – Rider change – E. Maldonado for M. Garica (injured) Refund \$0.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#4 My Farmer – Claimed – G. Popaprodromou, trainer. Refund \$0.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#11 Second Gear – Stewards' scratch, also eligible

#12 Sooner Boomer – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible  
Refund \$208.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Passion for Papa – Claimed – S. Knapp, trainer. Refund \$0.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Our Nation – Claimed – A. Aquino, trainer. Refund \$0.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Dare to Enter – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande  
#5 Primo Touch – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande  
#7 Taranis – Veterinarian scratch, sick - Dr. Grande. Refund \$ 944.00

09/07/17<sup>4</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	844	\$219,558.20
Off Track	2,908	\$749,585.70
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,359,250.59
Total	3,752	\$3,328,394.49

**FRIDAY**09/08/17<sup>1</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey EDGAR PAYERAS came to the office for his apprentice certificate. He has been exercising horses in Southern California and is slated to ride his first race this afternoon in the fourth race. We explained our rules, policies and expectations and issued the certificate.

Jockey SASHA RISENHOOVER came to the office to review her crop use during the 9<sup>th</sup> race on Monday at Del Mar. After review, it was clear that she used her crop four times in succession without giving her horse a chance to respond. After an explanation, she understood our rule and accepted the following penalty:

**LAFI #003**

Jockey SASHA RISENHOOVER is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* 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 in the last sixty days), during the NINTH race at Del Mar Race Track on September 4, 2017.

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA called in advance of his intended hearing and agreed with our assessment that he violated the crop rule. We therefore issued the following penalty:

**LAFI #004**

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA 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 in the last sixty days), during the FIFTH race at Los Alamitos Race Track on September 7, 2017.

09/08/17<sup>2</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Silic’s Angel – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead  
#4 Twenty One Coil St – Veterinarian scratch, sick -- Dr. Grande  
No Show Wagering. Refund \$712.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 Bardstown – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande. Refund \$202.00

4<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Foxy Lover – Rider change – E. Maldonado for M. Garcia (injured)  
Refund \$0.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Apollo Ten – Claimed – P. Harrington, trainer. Refund \$0.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Divine Spark – Rider change – E. Roman for M. Garcia. Refund \$0.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race #11 Of Note – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible  
 #12 Warrior Vixen -- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible  
 #6 Silken Road – pulled up, walked off  
 Refund \$821.00

09/08/17<sup>3</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	851	\$241,706.70
Off Track	3,312	\$957,435.60
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,878,757.25
Total	4,163	\$4,077,899.55

**SATURDAY**

09/09/17<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey FELIPE MARTINEZ came to the office to review his crop use in the sixth race yesterday. He used his crop twice, paused and used it two more times in succession. The majority believed that the pause was sufficient to give the horse a chance to respond, whereas Steward Chaney did not and voted for a penalty.

Jockey ISRAEL O’CAMPO showed up late to film review in order to review his effort leaving the gate in the seventh race on Wednesday. In our opinion, his horse broke out sharply and he was far too slow in correcting it. He said that he couldn’t have done any better. We respectfully explained that in order to avoid suspension days, he would have to figure out how to correct more quickly.

**LAFL #006**

Jockey ISRAEL OCAMPO, is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers - film review) late to the Stewards’ office as ordered on September 9, 2017.

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**METZ RULING**

Trainer JEFF METZ was issued the following ruling when he failed to show up in the paddock to saddle his runner yesterday:

**LAFL #005**

Trainer JEFF METZ, who was scheduled to saddle BOLD AT NIGHT in the fifth race on September 8, 2017, at Los Alamitos Race Track is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer – failure to appear to saddle).

09/09/17<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Very Thankful – Claimed – A. Aquino, trainer  
 #1 Very Thankful – Claim VOIDED – returns to K. Castaneda, trainer  
 Refund \$0.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Discreetly Leah – Rider change – E. Maldonado for M. Pedroza (sick)  
 #3 Discreetly Leah – injured, euthanized (report generated) - Refund \$0.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 Lucky J Lane – Rider change – S. Elliott for E. Maldonado (injured)  
 Refund \$0.00

4<sup>th</sup> Race #4 A Pretty Hansen – Rider change – S. Elliott for E. Maldonado. Refund \$0.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Fanderal Dancer – Late Veterinarian’s scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead  
 #3 Que Chistoso – Claimed – R. Hess, Sr., trainer. Refund \$7,102.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Gryffindor – Rider change – S. Gonzalez for E. Maldonado. Refund \$0.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Freedom Journey – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande  
 #6 Chalon – Rider change – S. Gonzalez for M. Garcia (injured)

#7 Auntjenn – Rider change – E. Roman for E. Maldonado  
Refund \$222.00

9<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Nova – Rider change – B. Pena for E. Maldonado  
#8 Rodeler – Rider change – S. Elliott for M. Pedroza. Refund \$0.00

09/09/17<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,180	\$630,114.60
Off Track	5,541	\$1,754,196.40
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,826,655.03
Total	7,721	\$6,210,966.03

**SUNDAY**

09/10/17<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey EDUARD ROJAS-FERNANDEZ came to the office to review his ride in the sixth race yesterday. Specifically we wanted to review his crop use leaving the gate and his aggressiveness leaving the gate. Video revealed that he used his crop more than 3 times in succession without giving his horse the chance to respond. He claimed that the strikes were flags. He was incorrect. We also cautioned him against being so aggressive leaving the gate when his horse breaks poorly. He drove his mount between horses with marginal room when he should have taken hold. Warning. For his crop use, we issued the following ruling:

**LAFI #008**

Jockey EDUARD ROJAS FERNANDEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* 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 in the last sixty days), during the SIXTH race at Los Alamitos Race Track on September 8, 2017.

Jockey SANTIAGO GONZALEZ came to the office to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday. Specifically, we were concerned with his effort approaching the finish. He stopped riding his mount about a sixteenth from the finish, relaxed his hands and stood up. It was our concern that this action cost his mount second place. He explained that she didn't feel sound when she switched leads and throughout the last part of the race. We felt that had that been the case, he shouldn't have used his crop after she switched leads and that he should have pulled her up rather than finish the race, gallop out and ride her back to the finish. We therefore issued the following ruling:

**LAFI #007**

Jockey SANTIAGO GONZALEZ who rode CHALON in the eighth race on September 9, 2017 at Los Alamitos Race Track, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 16, 17 and 21, 2017) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer and Jockey – failure to ride his mount to the finish, costing him a better finish position). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Jockey OMAR SANTOS came to the office to review his ride leaving the gate during the first race yesterday. His mount broke out and we didn't see any real effort to correct that action. He explained that his filly has a very light mouth and that if he grabs too hard she throws her head up in the air. We explained that while that may be true, it doesn't relieve him from not making an effort. Warning.

09/10/17<sup>2</sup>

**GUTIERREZ HEARING**

Trainer JORGE GUTIERREZ came to the office for formal hearing into case number 17DM0021 which was a complaint filed by the CHR against the trainer alleging a double NSAID positive.

His runner received phenylbutazone by the trainer's private veterinarian but also showed the presence of another legal NSAID, banamine. Both NSAIDs were under the legal limit hence no overage infraction, solely the infraction for the presence of two NSAIDS. Mr. Gutierrez really had no explanation for the overage other than some sort of mistake. After closing the record, we issued the following ruling:

**LAFB #009**

Trainer JORGE GUTIERREZ, who started the horse STOLE MY 'ART, eighth place finisher in the second race at Del Mar Race Track on July 23, 2017 if fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances – two (2) NSAID'S – Phenylbutazone (2.0 µg/ml) and Flunixin (7.4 ng/ml)).

9/10/17<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY/STARTER**

During the running of the seventh race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine the start (or lack thereof) of #4 John and Montana (S. Elliott). Video revealed that when the gates opened, #4 simply stood there and refused to leave the gate. Unanimously he was declared a starter.

9/10/17<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Taylorealswift – Rider change – J. Ochoa for E. Maldonado (injured)  
Refund \$0.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Cash Driven – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Grande. Refund \$315.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #11 Ps Bettin On You – Stewards' scratch, entered back  
#12 Kenji's Savior – Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
#8 Rockin My Mojo – Claimed – C. Treece, trainer  
#8 Rockin My Mojo – Claim VOIDED – returns to B. Heap, trainer.  
Refund \$216.00

4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Spacerika – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Grande  
SR into start of #6 Justabeen (no inquiry). Refund \$182.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Flash Henry – Rider change – S. Elliott for E. Maldonado. Refund \$255.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Rock All Day – Claimed – A. Aquino, trainer  
#7 Rocky's Rainbow – Claimed -- G. Vallejo, trainer  
#7 Rocky's Rainbow – Claim VOIDED – returns to R. Lucas, trainer. Refund \$0.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Camino de Estrella – Rider change – I. Ocampo (+2) for R. Bejarano (sick)  
#8 Thorpe d'Oro – Rider change – F. Martinez for E. Maldonado. Refund \$0.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Karma King – Rider change – V. Bednar for E. Maldonado  
#5 Americanize – Rider change – S. Elliott for R. Bejarano. Refund \$0.00

9<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Carrie's Prospect – Rider change – I. Ocampo for E. Maldonado  
#10 Goodlooknbroad – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead. Refund \$1,078.00

09/10/17<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,590	\$499,489.40
Off Track	5,383	\$1,748,155.20
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,946,329.04
Total	6,973	\$6,193,973.64

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 09/04/17 TO 09/10/17**

Horses on Vet List	18
Horses off Vet List	19
Shock Wave Therapy	13
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 9/7	Fri 9/8	Sat 9/9	Sun 9/10	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	1	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	1	1	6	6
Claims	3	1	1	1	6	6
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	1	1
Refunds	2	3	2	5	12	12
Rulings	2	2	2	3	9	9
Voided Claims	0	0	1	2	3	3

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Steward

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**DESIGNATED RACES**

In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), Stakes races with a purse of \$100,000 or more shall be recognized as Designated Races for the Los Angeles County Fair Meet, meeting from September 7, 2017 through September 24, 2017.

Jockeys under suspension will be permitted to ride in such races, unless it is specified in the ruling that they are not afforded that privilege.

BY ORDER OF THE  
BOARD OF STEWARDS

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

\*Additional races may be considered.

Rule #1766 Designated Races:

- (f) A day in which a suspended jockey participates in more than one designated race in California shall not count as a suspension day.
- (g) A day in which a jockey participates in one or more designated races in another Jurisdiction while under suspension in California shall not count as a suspension day.

September 7, 2017