



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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SANTA ANITA PARK**

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WEEK 13 – FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2019, THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019.

**MONDAY
3/18/19¹**

SAFETY STEWARD ROTATION

Normally Safety Steward Ron Church is assigned to Santa Anita, but with the lack of racing the regular Stewards have been rotated in as Safety Stewards. Grant Baker was available this morning to oversee any track safety issues that might arise. Judge Baker participated the written section of the trainer's test that involved the application submitted by Jeff Mullins, Jr. He reported there were a combined number of 127 workouts today. Owners Nick Hines and Mike Behrens met with Steward Baker to discuss a disgruntled partnership they were involved in with a third party. They were advised of different options that might be administered.

**TUESDAY
03/19/19¹**

SAFETY STEWARD ROTATION

Kim Sawyer filled the position of Safety Steward this morning to oversee any track safety issues that might occur, While observing training, conversations were held with Dr. Robert O'Neill (Stronach Group), Dr. Rick Arthur (CHRB Equine Medical Director) and Dennis Moore (track maintenance consultant). A telephone call from Gary Baze (Arizona Steward) was answered, his inquiry pertained to questions about the CHRB claiming rules. Also the barn area was walked and observed, there was conversation with several of the trainers about the current race status at Santa Anita.

**WEDNESDAY
03/20/19¹**

SAFETY STEWARD ROTATION

Luis Jauregui was available to serve as Safety Steward this morning to oversee any track safety issues and to address other Safety Steward duties. He also received a phone call

from the Arizona Stewards requesting his opinion pertaining to CHRB rules. A visit was made to the CHRB Investigator's office to converse the current issues involving the CHRB.

THURSDAY
03/21/19¹

ON DUTY SAFETY STEWARD

As directed Ron Church returned to the position of Safety Steward this morning and attended to his normal duties.

FRIDAY
03/22/19¹

ON DUTY SAFETY STEWARD

Ron Church again was available as Safety Steward this morning to oversee any track safety issues and other routine matters.

SATURDAY
03/23/19¹

CLEARANCE LETTERS

Three clearance letters were formulated for MIKE SMITH, JOE TALAMO and FLAVIEN PRAT for them to present in Dubai before they ride.

03/23/19²

GARCIA VISIT

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA met with the Stewards and presented a clearance letter from his doctor allowing him to work horses and ride races.

03/23/19³

SECURITY VIOLATIONS

Three exercise riders all employed by trainer Neil Drysdale appeared in the Steward's office to discuss the security notices issued to them. Four of Mr. Drysdale's riders had previously been warned twice to "not" wait in the tunnel to the training track before the allotted time to gallop. There was much discussion, and outrider Juan Garcia was available by telephone to testify about the incident. Decision to follow.

Exercise rider MAX CORRALES was also in for the same violation, decision to follow.

03/23/19⁴

RODRIGUEZ RULING

The following ruling was issued after MR. RODRIGUEZ appeared to explain to the Stewards why he had five parking violations. Santa Anita Security does "not" involve the Stewards with parking violations until the licensee has more than one. Mr. Rodriguez had no valid explanation for his misconduct and the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #056

Jockey NORMAN RODRIGUEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (cases not covered by rules and regulations – stable area parking regulations).

03/23/19⁵

GALLAGHER RULING

Via a telephone conversation with trainer PATRICK GALLAGHER, who had received three parking violations wherein he acknowledged his guilt? His explanation was, he parked in the designated space for the race track Chaplin to transport carrots he purchases for the horses in his stable. His penalty is listed in the ruling below.

LATS RULING #057

Trainer PATRICK GALLAGHER is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – stable area parking regulations).

03/23/19⁶

CERON HEARING CASE #19SA0062

The CHRB filed a complaint against groom ESWAN CERON for alleged violation of CHRB rules #1489(a)(8)(Grounds for Denial of A Refusal of License), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1890(a) (Possession of Contraband).

On January 30, 2019 Santa Anita Security after having been notified Mr. Ceron was acting strange in the stable area then also witnessed his actions and determined he was under the influence of a controlled substance. When searched, a glass pipe and a clear plastic bag that contained a white powdery substance was confiscated. Mr. Ceron admitted the substance was "Crystal" Methamphetamine. Mr. Ceron failed to appear for the scheduled hearing, a ruling will be issued tomorrow.

SUNDAY

03/24/19¹

CERON RULING (ref: 03-23-19⁶)

The following ruling was issued following MR. CERON'S absence for the hearing.

LATS RULING #058

Groom ESWIN CERON, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(a)(8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1890(a) (Possession of Contraband - methamphetamine) 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 ESWIN CERON are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. CERON is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

03/24/19²

CORRALES RULING (ref: 03-23-19³)

The following ruling was issued after MR. CORRALES was informed of the penalty decision post hearing.

LATS RULING #059

Exercise Rider MAX CORRALES is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to adhere to Santa Anita Park protocols) on March 19, 2019 at Santa Anita Park.

03/24/19³

COVARRUBIAS RULING (ref 03-23-19³)

The following ruling was issued after MR. COVARRUBIAS was informed of the penalty following the informal hearing.

LATS RULING #060

Exercise Rider ALEJANDRO COVARRUBIAS, is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to adhere to Santa Anita Park protocols) on March 17, 2019 at Santa Anita Park.

03/24/19⁴

FUENTES RULING (ref: 03-23-19³)

The following ruling was issued after MR. FUENTES was informed of the penalty.

LATS RULING #061

Exercise Rider ADAN PEREZ FUENTES, is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to adhere to Santa Anita Park protocols) on March 17, 2019 at Santa Anita Park.

03/24/19⁵

FLORES RULING (ref: 03-23-19³)

The following ruling was issued after MR. FLORES was informed of his penalty.

LATS RULING #062

Exercise Rider JOSE FLORES, is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to adhere to Santa Anita Park protocols) on March 17, 2019 at Santa Anita Park.

03/24/19⁶

SECURITY VIOLATION

Exercise rider TONY GUTIERREZ met with the Stewards to discuss his citation that involved waiting in the tunnel before the training track was opened for gallopers (following the fifteen minute time allotment for workers only). Outrider Juan Garcia via telephone stated all the violators he cited had previously been warned at least twice. Mr. Gutierrez reluctantly accepted the following ruling.

LATS RULING #063

Exercise Rider ANTONIO LOPEZ GUTIERREZ, is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to adhere to Santa Anita Park protocols) on March 19, 2019 at Santa Anita Park.

03/24/19⁷

CLEARANCE LETTER

Another clearance letter was created for jockey JOEL ROSARIO to also ride in Dubai.

03/24/19⁸

SPAWR FORMAL HEARING CASE #19SA0064

A complaint was filed by the CHRB against trainer Bill Spawr for violation of CHRB rules #1843 (a)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1844(c)(1) (Authorized Medication), #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) and #1843.1 (b) (Prohibited Drug Substances).

Present before the BOS were trainer Bill Spawr, Investigator Mike Barker, Investigator Jennifer Tolman from northern California sat in as an observer and court reporter Michelle Derieg documented the proceedings.

On February 1, 2019 at Santa Anita Park the Spawr trainee “MATRICULATE” who finished first in the second race was post race tested by UC Davis and was found to contain the class four substance Naproxen, (unauthorized drug, no level permitted). This is a category “C” penalty.

In his testimony Mr. Spawr speculated that it was possible that this medication was given to the wrong horse. The entered trainee was stabled next to a horse that was on the medication.

All documents were entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

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.

SANTA ANITA PARK - VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 3/18/19 - 3/24/19

Horses on Vet List	3
Horses off Vet List	10
Shock Wave Therapy	9
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Thurs 3/21	Fri 3/22	Sat 3/23	Sun 3/24	Week	Meet
Accidents	X	X	X	X	X	6
Cal-Bred Races	X	X	X	X	X	44
Claims	X	X	X	X	X	141
Disqualifications	X	X	X	X	X	1
Inquiries	X	X	X	X	X	21
Refunds	X	X	X	X	X	301
Rulings	X	X	2	6	8	63
Voided Claims	X	X	X	X	X	30

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Ron Church, Safety Steward