

COMPLAINT

CASE NUMBER: **22SA0005**

The CHRB hereby files a complaint against **Richard Baltas** for violation of CHRB Rule **1588(a)(14), 1866(h), 1844(d)(5), and 1592**. The person named in this complaint holds a license as a **Trainer**, license number **232550 - 5/2022**. The offense alleged occurred on or about **January 3, 2022** and is as follows:

The official blood sample #NC44402 taken on January 3, 2022 at Santa Anita Park was reported by Ben Moeller, PhD of UC Davis Laboratories to contain Methocarbamol (Robaxin) (100.4 ng/mL). The sample was obtained from the horse "LOOKIN AT SWEETIE" who worked on January 3, 2022. The trainer of record is Richard Baltas (232550 - 05/2022). A split sample was conducted by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory which confirmed the violation. The violation is a Class 4 drug with a Penalty Category C. The horse "LOOKIN AT SWEETIE" raced in the 3rd race at Santa Anita Park on 1/21/2022, but was ineligible to start due to the positive test result.

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 19420, 19440, and CHRB Rules, the stewards are empowered to impose penalties for violation of any provision of the CHRB Rules. Such penalties may consist of suspension of any license, fines, and exclusion from all racing enclosures under the jurisdiction of the Board or by any combination of these penalties.

Date : 3/4/2022	Complainant : CHRB
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NOTICE TO APPEAR

To **Richard Baltas** you are hereby notified to appear before the Board of Stewards at the below listed location, date, and time.

Location: Santa Anita Park	Date:	Time:
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You are entitled to reasonable notice of the hearing and reasonable time to prepare for the hearing. If you need additional time to prepare for the hearing, you must contact the Board of Stewards within 72 hours of receipt of this notice. All requests for a continuance must be in writing. You should be prepared to justify your request for additional time. Granting or denial of a request for additional time is within the sound discretion of the stewards. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the GOVERNING PROCEDURES FOR HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and Notice to Appear.

Investigator	Date
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DISPOSITION OF CASE

The stewards have taken the following action on CASE NUMBER:

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