

COMPLAINT

CASE NUMBER: **22LA0224**

The CHRB hereby files a complaint against **Nicola Hardgrove, DVM** for violation of CHRB Rule **1842, 1581.1**.

The person named in this complaint holds a license as a **Veterinarian**, license number **292463 - 01/2025**. The offense alleged occurred on or about **October 20, 2022** and

is as follows:

On October 20, 2022, Dr. Hardgrove submitted her veterinary report (per Rule 1842) for October 19, and incorrectly listed "Pre-Entry Examinations" for two horses: MY SWEET MARY (TB) and GRATIAN (QH). Both horses are trained by Patricia Visccher and were entered to race on October 22, 2022. Per Rule 1581.1, a trainer's attending veterinarian is required to examine a horse to evaluate its fitness to race prior to entry. Dr. Hardgrove is not trainer Visscher's attending veterinarian. (Pre-Entry Examinations were also reported by Visscher's actual attending veterinarian, Dr. A. Troncatty.)

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 : November 8, 2022	Complainant : CHRB - Timothy Grande, DVM
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NOTICE TO APPEAR

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

Location: Los Alamitos	Date: January 3, 2023	Time: 9:00 AM
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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: **22LA0224**

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