

# COMPLAINT

CASE NUMBER: **22BM0046**

The CHRB hereby files a complaint against **Fernando E. Coutino** for violation of CHRB Rule **1874 & 1930**.

The person named in this complaint holds a license as a **Groom**, license number **303550-04/2021**. The offense alleged occurred on or about **08/20/2022** and

is as follows:

**CHRB Investigators were notified that Groom Coutino was in the backside barn area of the Humboldt Co. Fair arguing and challenging others. Groom Coutino had been issued an order by the Humboldt County Board of Stewards two days before that he was not allowed on the grounds until he completed a rehabilitation program acceptable to the Winner's Foundation. Inv. N. Longoria and I arrived and observed Groom Coutino arguing and being verbally aggressive to others nearby. Upon contact, Coutino refused to leave the barn area and it became apparent that he was too intoxicated (alcohol) to care for himself. Ferndale Police Department officers met us at the CHRB Investigator's Office where Coutino was accepted into custody for Penal Code 647(f)-Intoxicated/Drunk in Public.**

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 : <b>10/28/2022</b>	Complainant : <b>CHRB Investigator J. Smith</b>
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## NOTICE TO APPEAR

To **Groom Fernando E. Coutino** you are hereby notified to appear before the Board of Stewards at the below listed location, date, and time.

Location: <b>Golden Gate Fields, Board of Stewards</b>	Date: <b>11/12/2022, Saturday</b>	Time: <b>10:30 a.m.</b>
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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 <b>10/28/2022</b>
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DISPOSITION OF CASE

The stewards have taken the following action on CASE NUMBER: **22BM0046**

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