

COMPLAINT

CASE NUMBER: **23GG0030**

The CHRB hereby files a complaint against **Julien Hubert Couton** for violation of CHRB Rule **1485(a)(d), 1930; and 1547**. The person named in this complaint holds a license as a **Jockey**, license number **295587 Exp. 02/2025**. The offense alleged occurred on or about **March 3, 2023** and is as follows:

Jockey Julien Couton failed to submit to a urine drug test after his name was selected during a Random Jockey Testing. Jockey Couton is also on a signed test agreement and refused to submit a sample even after being ordered to do so by CHRB officials per the test agreement. Jockey Couton Failed To Appear for the scheduled hearing (4/20/23). (The complaint packet was sent via USPS certified mail to the current address on file with CHRB. USPS tracking reported the packet was signed/received by an individual at the address on 4/4/23). Jockey Couton requested a new hearing; agreeing to 4/28/23, 10:30 a.m.

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 : 04/20/2023	Complainant : CHRB Investigator J. Smith
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NOTICE TO APPEAR

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

Location: Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, CA.	Date: April 28th, 2023 (Friday)	Time: 10:30 a.m.
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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 04/20/2023
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DISPOSITION OF CASE

The stewards have taken the following action on CASE NUMBER: **23GG0030**

Jockey Julien Couton (295587 Exp. 02/2025)

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