

COMPLAINT

CASE NUMBER: **23LA0082**

The CHRB hereby files a complaint against **Mario Olivarez** for violation of CHRB Rule **1481**. The person named in this complaint holds a license as a **Exercise Rider**, license number **064885 - 09/2025**. The offense alleged occurred on or about **03/26/2023** and

is as follows:

On 03/26/2023, via live TV and Computer, investigators observed Olivarez in the paddock area at the opening adjacent to the track with Trainer Sally Rivera (CHRB #225247–12/2024) and Owner Ricardo Mendez (CHRB #237949 – 04/2023). At the conclusion of the race Mendez initially took hold of the horse as they walked toward the Winner’s Circle photo area. Mendez then handed the horse to Olivarez and Olivarez led the horse to take the photo in the Winner’s Circle. Olivarez’s license status at the time of the incident was terminated. Safety Steward Paul Atkinson and I contacted Olivarez at the Test Barn walking the horse prior to the horse getting a post-race test. Refer to report 23LA0048.

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
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NOTICE TO APPEAR

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

Location: Los Alamitos	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: **23LA0082**

Steward

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